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May 2015 Learning Activities

I. A quick look at the contents--find the answers.

1. The message on the red shirts at the winter conference was "Adult Education _____." (p. 1)
2. The Task Force on New Americans just released a report on _____ immigrants into American society. (p. 1)
3. In "Never too late to learn" Jeffrey George says "It's hard for an old dog to _____." (p. 2)
4. Hospice supports people who want to _____. (p. 4)
5. What is on your 'bucket list'? What do you want to do before you _____? (p. 4)
6. 'Duty, honor, pride' --these words come to life in the stories of the nearly two million women who have served in _____ of our nation. (p. 5)
7. Decoration Day observances date back to the _____. (p. 5)
- 8 You plan your will while you are living, but it only takes effect after _____. (p. 5)
9. On May 10, 1869 the Union and Central Pacific Railroads _____ their rails. (p. 7)
10. You can hear the music for the song "I've Been Working on the Railroad" on _____. (p. 7)

II. Exercise based on phrases found in VOCABULARY HELP: Find the meanings of these phrases. Optional; Write two or three original sentences using some of the phrases. Show them to your teacher.

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| 1. cross off _____ (p. 4) | 4. last minute _____ (p. 6) |
| 2. on call _____ (p. 4) | 5. keep track of _____ (p. 7) |
| 3. grow up _____ (p. 5) | |

III. More careful reading--find these answers

A. From "Students and teachers 'Wear Red for Adult Ed'" (pages 1 and 8)

1. The image on the shirt was of a _____.
2. It is important for adults to have the opportunity to get a better life through _____.

B. From "Death and dying in America" (page 4)

1. Dame Cicely Saunders talked about the concept of _____ hospice care.
2. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross said, "We live in a very particular _____ - _____ society."

C. From "Wills: What they are and why you may want one" (page 5)

1. Wills can always be _____ while you are living.
2. To be a valid will that the courts will follow, wills must follow _____.

D. From "American history - the first Transcontinental Railroad" (page 7)

1. Who drove in the final ceremonial spike on May 10, 1869? _____
2. Constructing the railroad was _____ work and performed almost entirely _____.

IV. What is your favorite photograph in this issue of Easy English Times? Why?

V. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the June 2015 issue is May 19. Send us stories about important men in your life. Tell us about your graduation, your wedding, your pets, your home country or city, your special talents and interests, favorite films, books, sports, etc.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: approach, ashamed, capable, clergy, cobweb, cure, debts, fist, habit, hire, might, newcomers, pickle, plea, praise, property, schedule, stages, stump, tough, tracks, weary

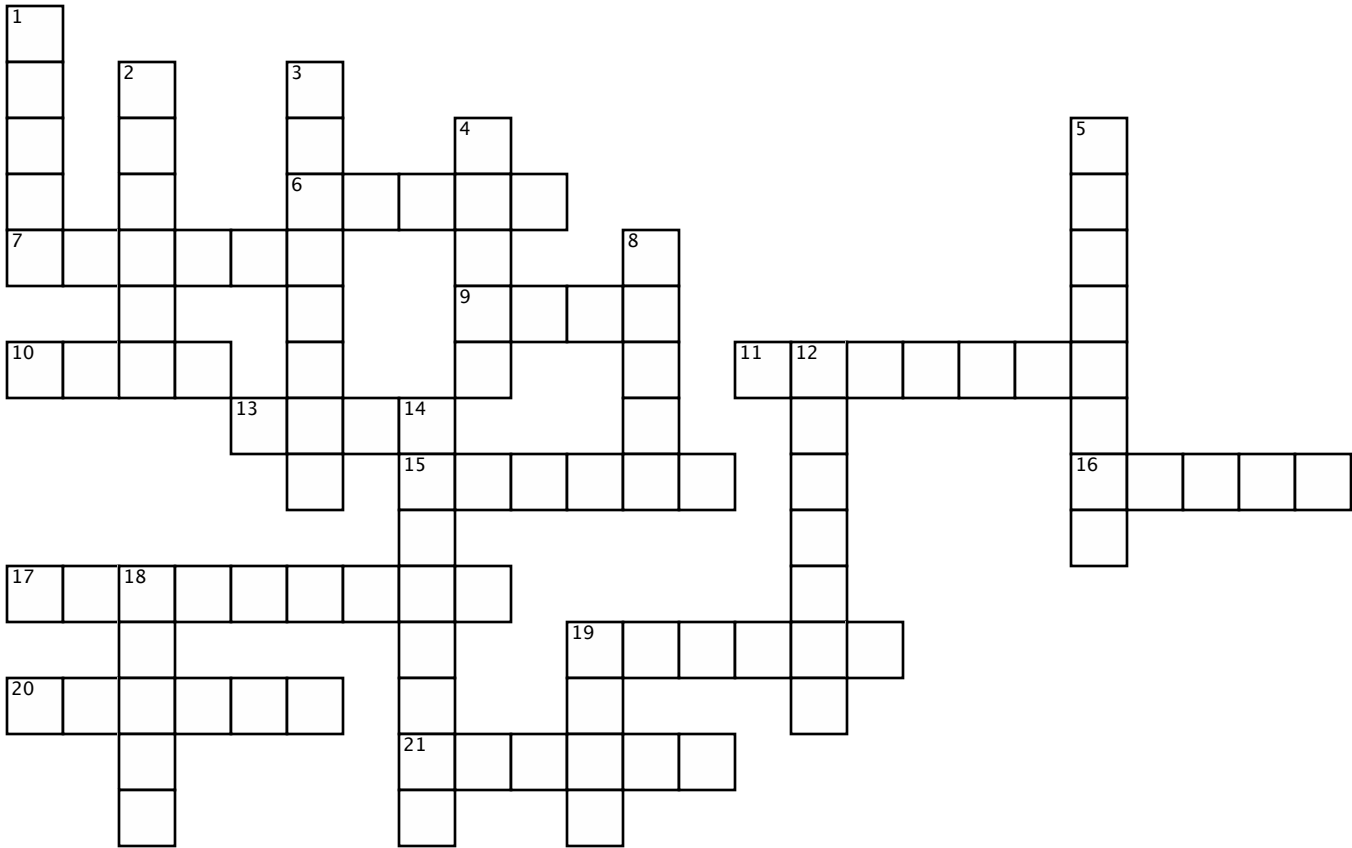
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All words are from VOCABULARY HELP



Across

6. A _____ is something you do often or regularly.
7. A cucumber that has been cured in vinegar and spices is a _____.
9. Another way to say 'employ' is to say _____.
10. A closed hand is called a _____.
11. The campaign is in the _____ hands of the students. They have the ability and competence to handle the campaign.
13. Kubler-Ross makes a _____ for home care as opposed to treatment in a hospital. She makes an urgent request for this.
15. When you express admiration and respect for someone or something, you express _____.
16. A _____ problem or task is difficult to solve or do.
17. The Task Force on New Americans looked at all _____, all recent arrivals.
19. The fine net that a spider makes for catching insects is a _____.
20. Steps, levels or periods in the development or progress of something are called _____.
21. Ministers, priests, rabbis and mullahs can be referred to as _____.

Down

1. The part of a tree that is left in the ground after it has been cut or has fallen down is the _____.
2. The metal rails used for railroads are the train _____.
3. A list of planned events is called a _____.
4. You cannot predict when you _____ die. You can't foretell when you will possibly die.
5. Your _____ consists of physical objects that you own, such as land and buildings.
8. The sums of money that you owe are called _____.
12. When you feel guilt you feel _____.
14. Hospice care is often a team _____ . It is dealt with in a particular way.
18. In medieval times, hospice referred to a place of shelter and rest for _____ and ill travelers. It was a place of rest for people who were very tired and sick.
19. The healing of a disease is known as a _____.