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Learning Activities

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

1. Yo-Yo Ma brought his _____ to the Laredo sister cities last month. (p. 1)
2. The Department of Justice is responsible for the enforcement of the _____. (p. 1)
3. On Sept. 20, 2017 Hurricane Maria devastated _____. (p. 1)
4. Parents are _____ to get their children vaccinated. (p. 2)
5. Tongue-twisters are a good way to practice and improve _____ and _____. (p. 2)
6. Voice of America today is the largest U.S. international _____. (p. 2)
7. The Cinco de Mayo battle ended in a _____ for the _____ army. (p. 3)
8. Chinese workers contributed to the building of the transcontinental _____. (p. 3)
9. The observance of Decoration Day (now Memorial Day) dates back to the _____ War. (p. 3)
10. Community Gardens can be found in _____ areas and even in big _____. (p. 5)
11. One goal of seed libraries is to encourage people to _____ some of their own _____. (p. 5)
12. Tiger Woods has been called "the _____ name in _____." (p. 7)
13. The Kentucky Derby is called "The _____ Two Minutes in _____." (p. 7)
14. The Indy 500 is held over _____ weekend in late _____. (p. 7)
15. Before you buy a used car, you should _____ the car. (p. 8)
16. Guide dogs have to pass _____ tests in order to be placed with _____ persons. (p. 8)

II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the two or three-word phrases on the left.

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| ___ 1. They set the straw figures on fire . | a. (of a supply of something) to be used up |
| ___ 2. The supermarkets were running short . | b. causing (something) to stop operating |
| ___ 3. Water was the first product to run out . | c. caused to burn |
| ___ 4. Winds of 155 mph were knocking out power... | d. becoming depleted, diminished in quantity |

III. More careful reading--find these answers.

A. From "Famous cellist plays music on the border" and Yo-Yo Ma (pages 1 and 7)

1. Yo-Yo Ma said, "In culture, we build _____, not _____."
2. He was born in _____ to _____ parents living in Paris. He began to study cello at age ____.

B. From "The Department of Justice" (pages 1 & 7)

1. What do these initials stand for? FBI _____ ATF _____
2. The current Attorney General is _____.

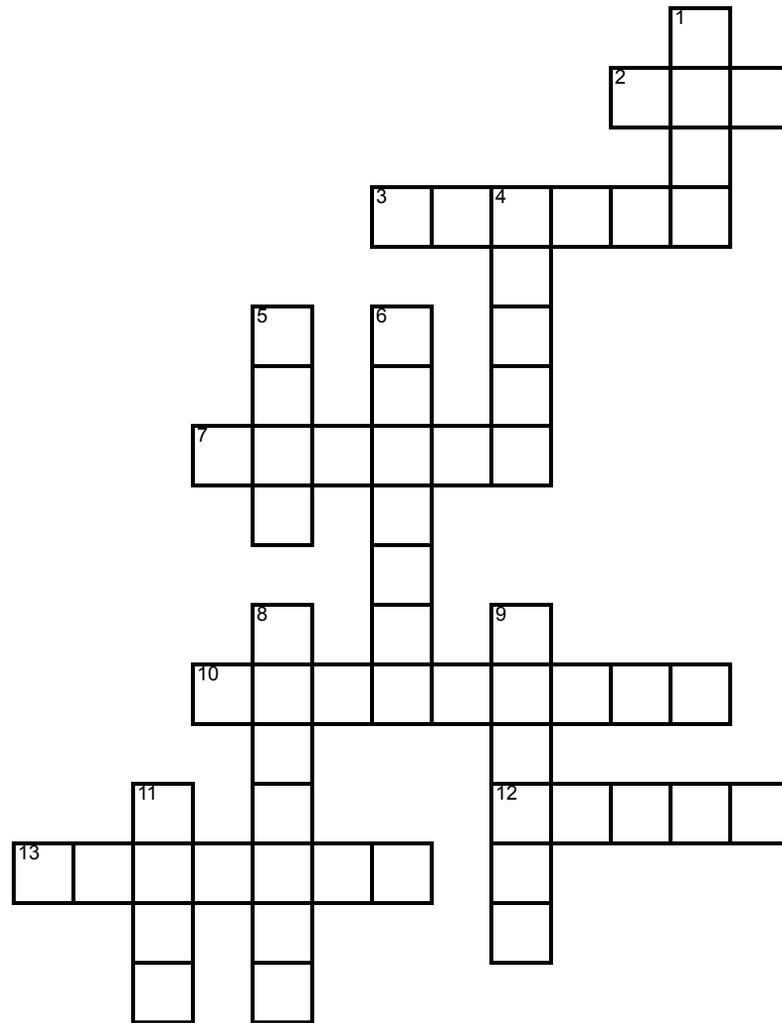
IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the June 2019 issue is May 17. Send stories about your father, grandfather or other important men in your life. Also tell us about obstacles you have had in your life or any other topic of general interest.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: afford, bet, blazing, cellist, litter, funny, greased, greedy, headlines, hire, sank, tasks, weed

See our website for the Answer Key and a vocabulary matching exercise.

Crossword Puzzle - May 2019

All words are from VOCABULARY HELP.



Across

- 2 People ____ on dogs at the racetrack. They put money on the dogs.
- 3 They could not ____ the expensive tuition. They didn't have enough money.
- 7 When a person has a selfish desire for something, especially wealth or power, she is _____.
- 10 The headings at the top of articles in a newspaper are called _____.
- 12 What _____ do you enjoy doing in the garden? Which jobs do you like?
- 13 The sun was shining fiercely. It was _____.

Down

- 1 A wild plant growing where it is not wanted is a _____.
- 4 They sometimes do _____ things. They do things that make me laugh.
- 5 To employ someone for wages is to ____ them.
- 6 It was difficult to climb the pole because it was _____.
- 8 A person who plays the cello is a _____.
- 9 The group of animals born to an animal at one time is a _____.
- 11 The ship _____. It went down to the bottom of the sea.