

# Easy English Times

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## November/December Learning Activities

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

1. What is the name of the small ship that left England in September 1620? (p. 1)
2. What is the date of the first anniversary of the end of World War I? (p. 1)
3. What new law in California will make it possible for undocumented students to receive state financial aid to attend public colleges? (p. 2)
4. Koi fish are ornamental varieties of domesticated common \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 3)
5. The dictionary defines a pet peeve as something or someone who most \_\_\_\_\_ you. (p. 3)
6. When will the last American troops leave Iraq? (p. 4)
7. When did protests against Gaddafi's rule start?. (p. 4)
8. Wall Street refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ of New York City." (p. 4)
9. What is the date of the best known D-Day? (p. 5)
10. What is the name of one of the most popular Christmas carols of all time? (p. 6)

### II. More careful reading--find these answers:

#### A. From "Remembering the first Thanksgiving and my first Thanksgiving in the USA" page 1

1. Where did the first celebration between the natives and English colonists occur?
2. How did the native people help the Pilgrims?
3. When did Leticia Ramirez celebrate her first Thanksgiving in the USA?

#### B. From "Occupy Wall Street movement spreads" page 4

1. How many cities in the United States have had demonstrations?
2. Name one thing that the people are protesting about.
3. The slogan "We are the 99%" refers to the \_\_\_\_\_ between the top 1% of the population and the rest of the citizens of the United States.

#### C. From "Organizations for veterans and D-Day" page 5

1. Name one of the organizations that provides support and fellowship for veterans.
2. What is the abbreviation for post-traumatic stress disorder?.
3. The allied troops landed on the beaches of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

#### D. From "DVD review, *The Perfect Game*" page 7

1. In 1957 the newly formed baseball team from Monterrey, Mexico won the \_\_\_\_\_ of Little League baseball.
2. What baseball team is Angel Macias a fan of?
3. According to the film producer, the film has three themes and a lot of \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. Writing Suggestions:

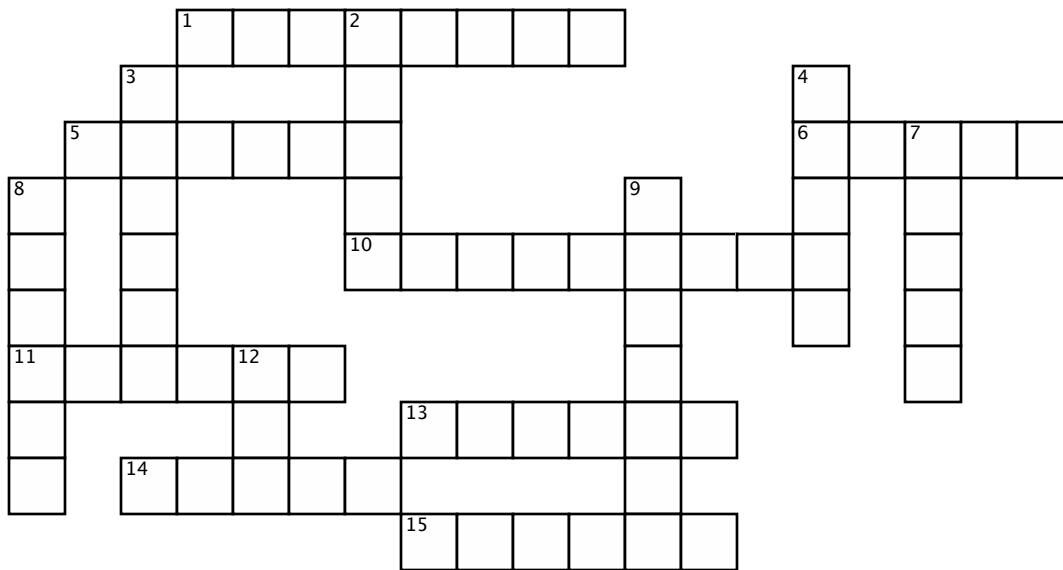
For the January issue, please send stories about the winter season in your state, Chinese New Year (starts 1/23) or Martin Luther King Jr. Also send stories about music, special gifts, your culture and traditions, books, movies, sports, your life, your country, your hometown, your job, or the place where you live now. **The deadline for the January issue is December 16.**

**Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: annoy, coach, comfort, den, greedy, lessen, links, ponds, regime, score, shadow, sleepover, slogan, smooth, sympathy**

# Crossword Puzzle

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All words are from Vocabulary Help



### Across

1. Good friends know how to listen to each other with \_\_\_\_\_. They are kind and show that they understand the other person's feelings.
5. Does playing sports or doing exercise help \_\_\_\_\_ your stress? Does the stress you feel become smaller in importance?
6. In the film, "The Perfect Game", the boys have a good \_\_\_\_\_. This person is in charge of training the team.
10. As part of the protest, some 500 parents and their children participated in a \_\_\_\_\_ in a park in New York City. They spent the night.
11. In the Occupy Wall Street movement, some people are protesting about \_\_\_\_\_ and corrupt corporations. They don't like corporations that try to get more money than their fair share.
13. The Swedish proverb says, "Worry often gives a small thing a big \_\_\_\_\_." The dark shape is larger than whatever is standing between it and the light.
14. The old newsreels form \_\_\_\_\_ with the present-day action of the movie. They make connections between what actually happened and the movie account.
15. The English proverb says that sailors need rough seas to become skillful at sailing. They won't learn very much when the seas are \_\_\_\_\_.

### Down

2. You can find small areas of water in parks. You can also find \_\_\_\_\_ on farms and ranches.
3. The Gaddafi \_\_\_\_\_ in Libya has ended. Gaddafi's government and system of ruling is over.
4. A perfect game is when the opposing team does not \_\_\_\_\_. They do not make any points.
7. Do you have any pet peeves? Are there things that people do that \_\_\_\_\_ you? They make you feel a little angry or impatient.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ for the participants in the 'occupy' movement is, "We are the 99%." People can easily remember this short phrase.
9. Do you have any special \_\_\_\_\_ foods? These are foods that make you feel less worried or unhappy.
12. The Korean proverb says that you can't catch the cubs without entering the tiger's \_\_\_\_\_. You have to go into the home of the tiger.