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Learning Activities

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

1. This year the Nobel Peace Prize award went to _____ . (p. 1)
2. What is the date when President John F. Kennedy was shot? _____ (p. 1)
3. How many parts are there to the national U.S. Citizenship exam interview? _____ (p. 2)
4. It has been a White House tradition to " _____ " a Thanksgiving turkey. (p. 3)
5. Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on _____ . (p. 4)
6. Native American Heritage Day is a day to _____ to Native Americans. (p. 4)
7. Caroline Kennedy was confirmed as the new ambassador to _____ . (p. 5)
8. On the Great American Smokeout Day, smokers are encouraged to _____ . (p. 6)
9. For seven weeks, the students and their pen pals _____ once a week. (p. 8)
10. The Boston Red Sox _____ the St. Louis Cardinals in game 6 of the series. (p. 8)

II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the phrases on the left.

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| ___ 1. We figure out that the hyena has killed the zebra. | a. to stop doing something |
| ___ 2. Schools of fluorescent fish light up the sea. | b. to learn |
| ___ 3. 'Cold turkey' means you give up a habit all at once. | c. to understand, solve |
| ___ 4. You have to see the movie to find out what happens. | d. to brighten |

III. Write the names of their countries of origin.

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| 1. Sandra Fernandez, Maria Josefa Guzman _____ | 4. Monica Gurung _____ |
| 2. Evelyn Tai _____ | 5. Emad Younan _____ |
| 3. Alberto Toscano, Jessica Godoy Barragan, Celestina Perez, Irma Moran _____ | 6. Anait Parsegova _____ |
| | 7. Cecilia Cruz _____ |

IV. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Malala was a strong candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize" (pages 1 and 6)

1. How old was Malala when Taliban gunmen shot her? _____
2. Malala says that you must fight others through _____, _____ and _____.

B. From "50th anniversary of assassination of President John F. Kennedy" (pages 1 and 5)

1. Who was formally charged with the murders of police officer Tippit and JFK? _____
2. Hundreds of thousands of people lined up to view Kennedy's _____.

C. From "Holidays" (page 4)

1. What is the name of the Jewish holiday that is celebrated in late Nov. & Dec.? _____ And what is the name of the week-long secular holiday honoring African-American heritage? _____
2. 'Las Posadas' depict Joseph and Mary's _____ on the eve of her confinement.

V. Peace quotes Which is your favorite quote from Mother Teresa? (page 5)

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

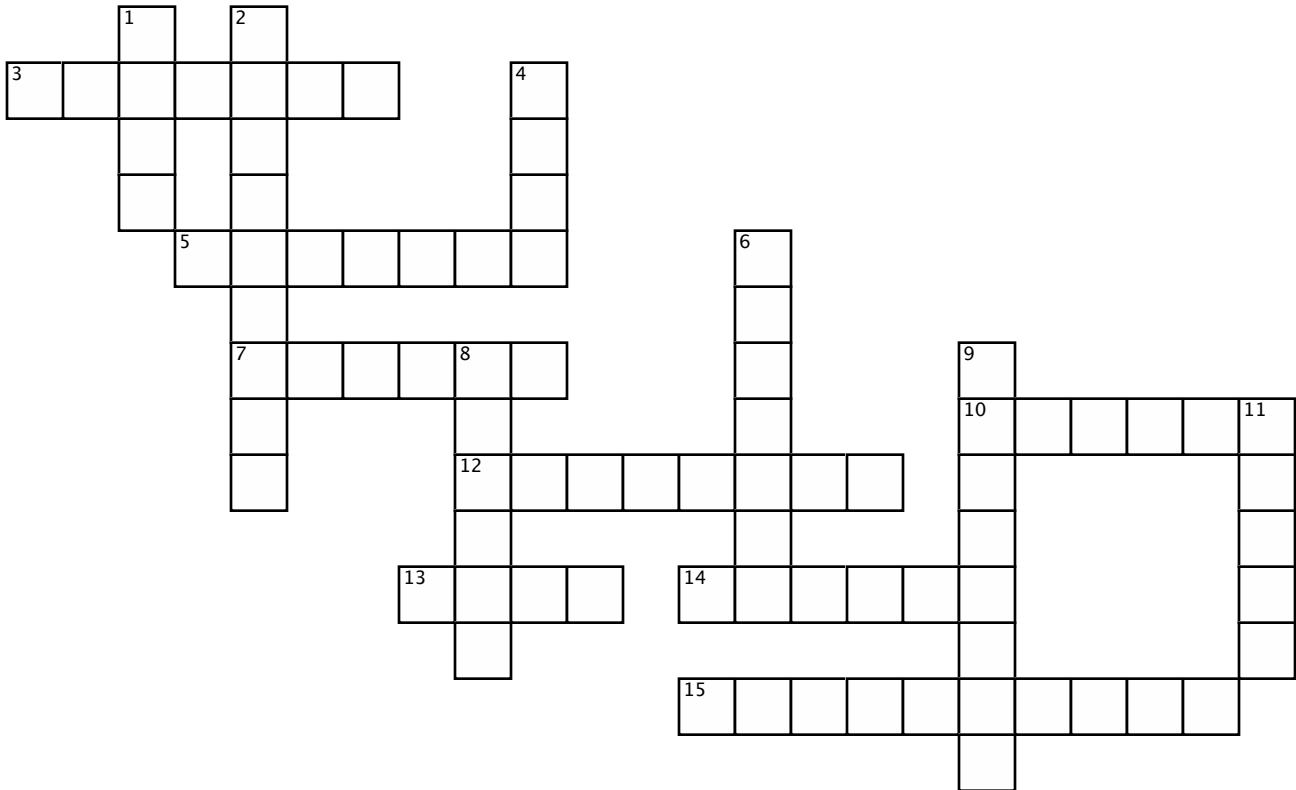
VII. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the January 2014 issue is December 20, 2013.

Send us stories with your New Years resolutions. Or follow up with some of the stories in this issue by writing about peace, pen pals, hobbies, and favorite places. Other topics include your job, favorite sports, films, or books, etc.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: adrift, advise, bold, cruelty, flashback, helplessly, outgoing, quiz, selfish, shocked, slogan, tarp, thrive, trust, wandered

Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle *November/December 2013*

All words are from VOCABULARY HELP



Across

3. Malala says, "You must not treat others with _____." You must not cause others physical and mental pain.
5. The assassination of President Kennedy _____ the country. It caused strong emotion.
7. Rose asked her uncle to _____ her. She asked him to speak with authority and give advice.
10. Pi and the tiger are _____ in the ocean for many days. They are without power and float helplessly.
12. Are you _____? Are you friendly and active in seeking the company of others.
13. A heavy sheet of cloth that is waterproof is called a _____.
14. Maya Angelou says that her mission in life is to _____. She wants to be strong and healthy.
15. Pi watches _____ as the ship sinks. He watches and is unable to do anything to help save his family.

Down

1. A _____ is a brief test, especially on a single subject.
2. The movement in time from the present to the past is called a _____. The story in "Life of Pi" uses these.
4. Are you courageous and willing to take risks? Are you _____?
6. We try to teach our children not to be _____. We want them to learn to share and be concerned with others.
8. "I am Malala" is the _____ of a United Nations petition which demands that all children worldwide be in school. It is a phrase that expresses the main message.
9. Rose and her uncle _____ around the used car lot. They went from place to place without a clear pattern.
11. An American proverb says that you should have confidence in yourself. The proverb says, "_____ yourself."