

# Easy English Times

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## November-December 2014 Learning Activities

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

1. The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to two \_\_\_\_\_ activists. (p. 1)
2. Members of the Republican Party will have a \_\_\_\_\_ in the U.S. Senate and will continue to have a majority in the \_\_\_\_\_ when they take office on Jan. 3, 2015. (p. 1)
3. The cities of Ashland, Oregon and Guanajuato, Mexico \_\_\_\_\_ a love of birds. (p. 1)
4. The Disappearing Trades exhibit features \_\_\_\_\_ of traditional Mexican jobs. (p. 2)
5. Transmission of Ebola is by \_\_\_\_\_ with infected blood or body fluids of sick patients. (p. 2)
6. World AIDS Day is important in reminding people that HIV has not \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 2)
7. Letters that children write to Santa Claus normally contain a \_\_\_\_\_ of toys. (p. 3)
8. Aidee Garcia writes that a jumil is an \_\_\_\_\_ that is rich in protein. (p. 5)
9. Native American Heritage Day is the \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 6)
10. The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii brought America into \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 7)

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

#### A. From "Sister Cities share a love of birds" (pages 1 and 8)

1. Ashland and Guanajuato are connected by \_\_\_\_\_ birds.
2. Some of our smallest birds, including \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, migrate thousands of miles.

#### B. From "Disappearing Trades in Mexico exhibit opens" (page 2,)

1. Jorge Santana is a \_\_\_\_\_ university professor and a \_\_\_\_\_ photographer.
2. You can see his exhibit in the Mexican Consul Gallery in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### C. From "Ebola outbreak" (page 2)

1. The World Health Organization estimated that \_\_\_\_\_ people have been infected with Ebola in West Africa.
2. A few people, who returned to the US after caring for Ebola patients in Africa have been in \_\_\_\_\_.

#### D. From "DVD review -- *Moscow on the Hudson*" (page 8)

1. In this film Robin Williams plays the role of a \_\_\_\_\_ player with the orchestra of a \_\_\_\_\_ circus.
2. The circus people go shopping at Bloomingdale's \_\_\_\_\_ in New York City.

### III. Read the quotations on pages 1, 6, and 8. Copy your favorite quotation here.

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

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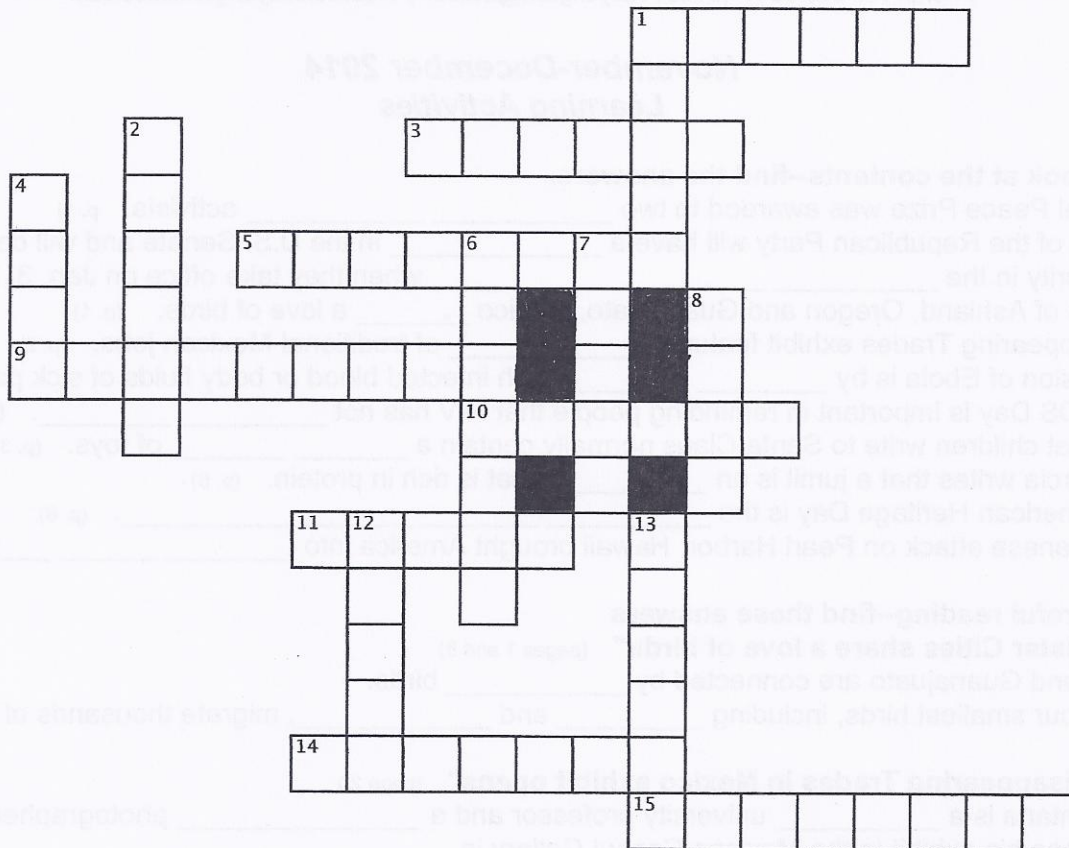
**V. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the January 2015 issue is December 19.** Send us stories about your New Years resolutions and favorite winter activities. Other topics include your hometown or country, your best friend, vacations, hidden talents, hobbies, pets, favorite sports, your citizenship experience, or any other subject of general interest.

**Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order:** aware, clear, dated, deadly, decline, defect, holy, homesick, lumber, mugged, pier, recovered, refunded, saddles, slogan, sneak,

# Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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All words are from  
VOCABULARY HELP...



### Across

1. "Remember Pearl Harbor" was a popular \_\_\_\_\_ in the early 1940s. It was a saying that expressed a message during World War II.
3. To be \_\_\_\_\_ is to be attacked by someone who has the intention of robbing you.
5. Do you feel \_\_\_\_\_ during the holidays? Do you feel sad because you are away from your family?
9. Some people have \_\_\_\_\_ from Ebola. They have regained good health.
10. Ebola is a rare but \_\_\_\_\_ disease. It is so dangerous as to cause death.
11. The couple \_\_\_\_\_ for a year before deciding to get married. They went out together as a couple.
14. Migratory birds are in \_\_\_\_\_ because of the threats they face. There are fewer of them.
15. She got her money \_\_\_\_\_ when she returned the coat that didn't fit.

### Down

1. The bombing of Pearl Harbor was a \_\_\_\_\_ attack. The Japanese military tried not to be seen.
2. Russian people had to \_\_\_\_\_ if they wanted to leave their country during the time of the Iron Curtain.
4. Danny Tran first met sea otters on a \_\_\_\_\_ at Seaside Beach. They were on a long structure that extended over the water.
6. A handicraft trade that is disappearing in Mexico is making \_\_\_\_\_. Few people know how to make the leather seats used for riding horses.
7. Birds can lose their habitat when people \_\_\_\_\_ the land for agriculture, when they remove trees, shrubs, etc.
8. What are some \_\_\_\_\_ days in your religious tradition? Which days are sacred?
12. Birding makes you \_\_\_\_\_ of the trees, shrubs and flowers that birds depend on. You are conscious about these things.
13. My friend works for a \_\_\_\_\_ company, a place where they sell wood for building.