

# Easy English Times

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## November/December 2016 Learning Activities

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

1. Donald Trump won more than the needed \_\_\_\_\_ votes. (page 1)
2. The Dakota access pipeline would cross under the \_\_\_\_\_. (p 1)
3. The Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor brought America into \_\_\_\_\_. (p 1)
4. The 'Cancer Moonshot' is a bold mission to \_\_\_\_\_ as we know it. (p. 2)
5. Vice President Joe Biden's wife is \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 2)
6. Senator Barbara Mikulski has served as a \_\_\_\_\_ to other women senators. (p. 2)
7. Living in the White House has been described as \_\_\_\_\_ "\_\_\_\_\_." (p. 4)
8. The colors of Kwanzaa are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 4)
9. In his 2016 Presidential Proclamation, Obama calls on Americans to celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ as Native American Heritage Day. (p. 4)
10. The Liberty Bell is located in \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 5)
11. In the movie, we learn of the remarkable talent that Phiona has for \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 6)
12. The World Chess championship match will be watched by a \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 6)
13. President Juan Manuel Santos of Colombia was awarded the \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 7)
14. Bob Dylan is the first \_\_\_\_\_ to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. (p. 7)
15. Chuck Bingaman recommends that we use passwords that other people \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 7)
16. You can get culture shock when you live in a place that is completely \_\_\_\_\_ to you. (p. 8)

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

#### A. From "75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor" (pages 1 and 4)

1. There will be \_\_\_\_\_ to observe the anniversary.
2. The USS Arizona Memorial is a \_\_\_\_\_ built over the sunken USS Arizona ship.

#### B. From "The Liberty Bell" (page 5)

1. The inscription on the bell is "Proclaim LIBERTY \_\_\_\_\_ all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."
2. In its early years, the Liberty Bell was used to call lawmakers to \_\_\_\_\_ sessions.

#### C. From "Nobel Prize ceremony is held in December" (page 7)

1. At the ceremony there will be speeches about the discoveries or work of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Dylan has written classic \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ songs like "Blowin' in the Wind."

#### D. From "Book review: Kiss, Bow or Shake Hands" (page 8)

1. According to the book, Argentine people stand \_\_\_\_\_ to you when they are talking to you.
2. In Venezuela \_\_\_\_\_ is very strong.

**III. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the Jan. 2017 issue is Dec. 16.** Write about your New Year's resolutions. Or send stories about your job, your life, your pet, your hometown, favorite books, movies or sports, or any topic of general interest.

**Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order:** awarded, behavior, cheerful, choir, cracked, dove, effort, fog, funny, Harbor, kettles, lease, overwhelms, rejected, slums, steal, sunk,

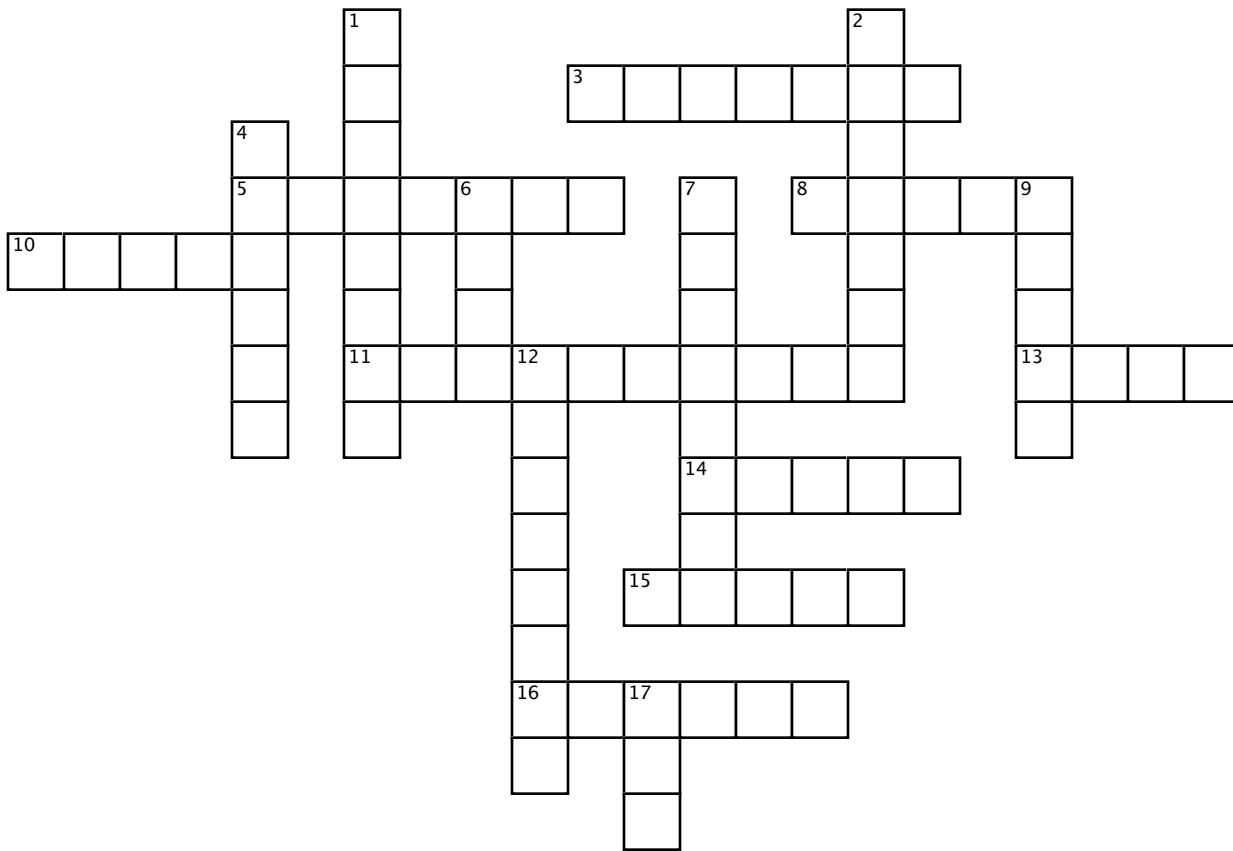
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# Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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VOCABULARY HELP



### Across

3. When they rang the first Liberty Bell, it \_\_\_\_\_ . It broke without a separation of the parts.
5. Bob Dylan was \_\_\_\_\_ the Nobel Prize in Literature. He was given an official prize for his song lyrics.
8. Don't let anyone \_\_\_\_\_ your identity. Don't let them take your personal information without your permission.
10. Do you sing in a \_\_\_\_\_? Do you sing in an organized group of singers in a church?
11. If something \_\_\_\_\_ you, it has a strong emotional effect on you.
13. Eight battleships were \_\_\_\_\_ or damaged at the Dec. 7, 1941 attack. They fell below the surface of the water.
14. Sometimes little children do or say \_\_\_\_\_ things. They cause laughter or amusement.
15. Unpleasant and overcrowded districts inhabited by very poor people are called \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Finding a cure for cancer is an \_\_\_\_\_ close to the heart of Vice President Biden. He is leading the attempt.

### Down

1. Etiquette is defined as the customary code of polite \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Salvation Army volunteers collect holiday donations in \_\_\_\_\_ in front of stores. They collect the money in vessels made of metal.
4. "Remember Pearl \_\_\_\_\_" was a slogan that was repeated often during World War II. People did not want to forget the port that was attacked.
6. A bird with a small head, short legs and a cooing voice is a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Sally is a \_\_\_\_\_ person. She is noticeably happy and optimistic.
9. We signed a \_\_\_\_\_ for our apartment. We signed a contract that says we will rent it for one year.
12. A majority of voters in Colombia refused to agree to a proposed peace agreement. They \_\_\_\_\_ it.
17. A thick cloud of tiny water droplets that obscure or restrict visibility is called \_\_\_\_\_.