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Learning Activities

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

1. Democrats gained more than the 23 seats they needed for a _____ in the _____ seat House. (p. 1)
2. World War I ended by an _____ agreement at _____ a.m. on Nov. _____, _____. (p. 1)
3. The killing of 11 people at a synagogue in Pittsburgh was yet another _____ act of _____. (p. 2)
4. By this Dec. over _____ Americans will be killed or injured by guns since the Sandy Hook _____. (p. 2)
5. In Mexico the Los Topos are a group of special people who help in case of _____. (p. 2)
6. Birdwatchers help each other _____ wild birds. (p. 3)
7. If you are a 'secret Santa', you draw _____ out of a hat and then get a gift for that person. (p. 3)
8. If you find the Christmas pickle _____, you will have good fortune in the coming year. (p. 3)
9. At the beauty salon Parvina was _____ because she didn't know what was so _____. (p. 4)
10. Kangjin Lee saw dozens of people _____ at the Calif. DMV office. (p. 4)
11. Having been a coach and babysitter, Maxime was able get some experience with _____. (p. 4)
12. Jenny Fu was born in 1976, the end of the _____ in China. (p. 5)
13. Irma's mom describes the dog like a _____ because he always _____ the house. (p. 5)
14. Felix Hernandez and Nelson Cruz play baseball for the _____. (p. 7)
15. "Pope Francis: A Man of His Word" focuses on the _____ and _____ of Pope Francis. (p. 8)

II. Idioms and sayings in this issue. Fill in the blanks and then write what it means.

1. As the _____ flies. (p. 3) _____
2. Eat like a _____. (p. 3) _____
3. Night _____. (p. 3) _____
4. In a _____. (p. 7) _____
5. Preach to the _____. (p. 8) _____

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Democrats take the House; Republicans keep control of the Senate" (page 1)

1. Nancy Pelosi said "Today is about restoring the _____ and _____ of the Constitution."
2. There will be more _____ in the House of Representatives and more _____.

B. From "Baseball players become citizens" (page 7)

1. The Mariners brought Felix into the country from _____ when he was just _____.
2. Cruz is from the _____. He's a five-time Major League Baseball _____ - _____.

C. From "Pope Francis: A Man of His Word" (page 8)

1. Pope Francis was the first pope to take his papal name from _____.
2. Pope Francis has spoken frequently of the importance of being good _____ of the _____.

IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the Jan. 2019 issue is Dec. 19. Send stories about favorite foods, your goals for the New Year, sports, your job, your family, your pets, favorite movies or books, etc.

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order:

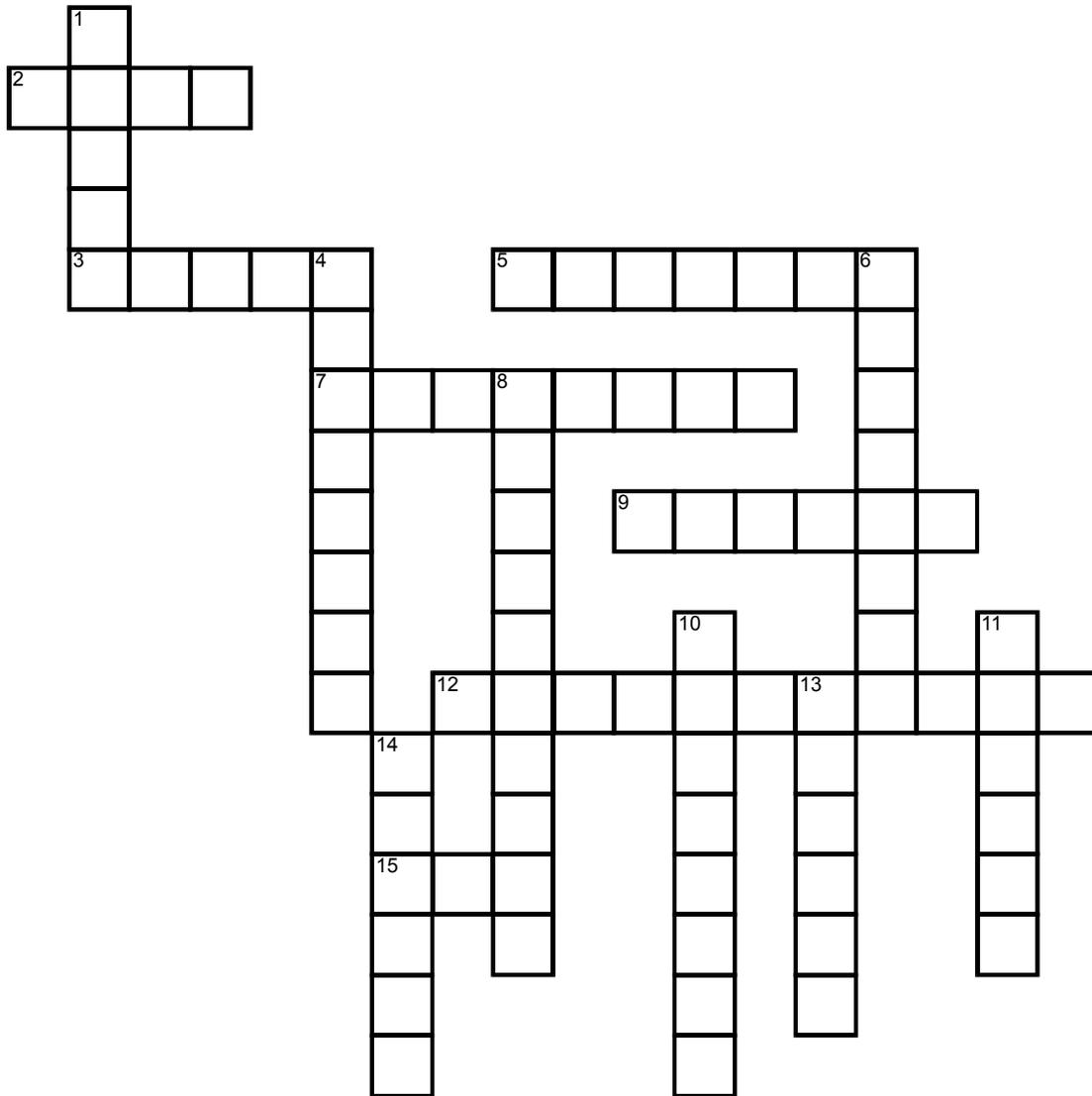
act, appreciate, blinking, coins, expected, fond, humble, jingle, pleasure, rallies, rubble, scholarship, selfless, shake, snacks

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All words are from VOCABULARY HELP.



Across

- 2 Baseball fans are _____ of Hernandez. They like him.
- 3 To move something up and down with rapid movements is to _____.
- 5 Mass meetings of people showing support for a candidate or a cause are _____.
- 7 A feeling of happy satisfaction and enjoyment is _____.
- 9 A person who shows a modest estimate of his own importance is _____.
- 12 The student got a _____, money to help pay for her education.
- 15 To perform a role in a play or movie is to _____.

Down

- 1 Round pieces of metal used as money are _____.
- 4 When something is likely to happen, it is _____.
- 6 A person who is concerned more with the needs of others is _____.
- 8 You _____ something when you recognize its full worth.
- 10 He was opening and closing his eyes quickly, he was _____.
- 11 To make a light ringing sound is to _____.
- 13 After an earthquake there is a lot of _____, rough fragments of concrete, stone, etc.
- 14 Small amounts of food eaten between meals are _____.