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## Activities

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

1. What percent of New Orleans was underwater as a result of Hurricane Katrina?
2. When was Madeleine Albright the U.S. Secretary of State?
3. In what city was Madison Nguyen elected to serve on the City Council?
4. Where did Hurricane Rita hit?
5. How many deaths do sleepy drivers cause every year?
6. What do members of the Red Hat Society have?
7. How did the indigenous people of Michoacan remember their loved ones?

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

#### A. Questions from "Hurricanes devastate Gulf cities" and "Learn about hurricanes" (pages 1, 2 & 5)

1. Before the hurricanes hit, what kept water out of the city of New Orleans?
2. How many people's homes were flooded in New Orleans?
3. Why do scientists give names to hurricanes?

#### B. Questions from "Immigrant success story: Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is from Czechoslovakia" pages 1 & 7)

1. Where did Madeleine and her family go when the Nazis took over Czechoslovakia?
2. How many languages did Madeleine learn to speak when she was living in Europe?
3. What job did President Clinton appoint her to before he asked her to be Secretary of State?

#### C. Questions from "Global warming" (page 5)

1. How many scientists accept the fact that global warming is occurring?
2. What are greenhouse gases released by?
3. What did the hunters on the island in Alaska begin to notice in the early 1990s?

#### D. Questions from "Chief Justice Rehnquist dies" (page 8)

1. Who did President Bush decide to appoint to be the 17<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of the United States?
2. How long do members of the Supreme Court serve?
3. How many justices are there on the Supreme Court?

### III. Interpret these sayings (found on page 3)

1. "A picture is worth a thousand words."
2. "Practice makes perfect."

### IV. Writing Suggestions

1. For the Nov./Dec. issue, send stories about winter holidays (by October 18)
2. Send stories about your name --who gave it to you, what it means, is it a nickname?
3. Send stories about why and how you came to the USA.
4. Write a book, video or DVD review.
5. For any issue: memories, your hometown, your job, special gifts, special people, etc.

**Crossword Puzzle answers in alphabetical order:** **Across:** absorb, aroma, collapse, craving, rescued, shelters, threat, trap **Down:** awe, neighborhood, proof, smash, vital.

# Crossword Puzzle

(Words are from VOCABULARY HELP)

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## Across

1. They are called greenhouse gases because they \_\_\_\_ heat in the atmosphere in the same way that a greenhouse keeps warm air inside it.

2. The natural barriers of marshes and islands disappeared. There was nothing to \_\_\_\_ the energy of the hurricane. There was nothing to take in the energy.

3. Some people had to wait a long time before they got \_\_\_\_\_, before they got saved from danger.

4. A lot of cities in the USA now have \_\_\_\_\_ for victims of domestic violence. They are buildings that provide physical protection for victims.

5. She likes the \_\_\_\_ of the coffee beans when they are being roasted. She likes the pleasant smell.

6. They say that lack of sleep increases our \_\_\_\_\_ for sweets. We have a great desire for something to eat.

7. Children have the right to a safe environment, free from violence and the \_\_\_\_ of violence, free from a warning of harm.

8. The force of the storm made the levees \_\_\_\_\_. They lost strength and fell into ruin.

## Down

2. When her ship came into New York Harbor, Madeleine Albright stared in \_\_\_\_ at the Statue of Liberty. She looked at it with a feeling of great admiration and respect.

9. On Halloween night the people in my \_\_\_\_\_ like to turn on their porch lights for the children. These are the people who live near me.

10. "I hope they don't \_\_\_\_ my pumpkins," said Polly. "I hope they don't break them into pieces with force."

11. When Madeleine Albright got her citizenship, she said she was happy to have this \_\_\_\_\_ of belonging. She had evidence that she was a U.S. citizen.

12. Sleep is absolutely necessary for good health. It is \_\_\_\_\_.

