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October 2013 Learning Activities

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

1. Who gave the "I have a dream" speech? _____ (p. 1)
2. Who is Nina Davuluri? _____ (p. 1)
3. Dr. Lustig talked about his investigations to find out why there are more _____ people today than ever before. (p. 2)
4. The Day of the Dead celebration _____ on November 1 and 2. (p. 4)
5. During which month is Filipino American History celebrated? (p. 4) _____
6. The Rim fire burned in and around _____ National Park. (p. 5)
7. Anne Frank wrote *The Diary of a Young Girl* when she and her family were _____ from the Nazis. (p. 7)
8. Diana Nyad became the first person to swim from _____ without a shark cage. (p. 8)
9. In what year did Pedro Menendez de Aviles settle in St. Augustine, Florida? _____ (p. 8)
10. Who voted to have the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan? _____ (p. 8)

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "50th Anniversary of 'I have a Dream' speech observed" (pages 1 and 3)

1. Dr. King's speech was an important milestone in the _____.
2. Former Presidents _____ and _____ spoke of King's legacy.
3. President Obama, our first _____ - _____ President also spoke.

B. From "Health: Book review, 'Fat Chance'" (pages 2 and 4)

1. What is Dr. Lustig's basic message? _____
2. The main foods that contain fructose are _____, _____ and _____.
3. What is another important part of a healthy diet? _____

C. From "Help crosses state lines," "Fire" and "Flooding" (page 5)

1. When a large disaster strikes, sometimes there are not adequate _____ to deal with it.
2. The Rim Fire was started by a _____ who lost control of his illegal campfire.
3. There were _____ and _____ as a result of the heavy rains in Colorado.

D. From "Hot air balloons fill the sky over Reno, Nevada" (page 6)

1. What did Brenda Hungerford end up doing after she earned her pilot's license? _____
2. When do the balloons launch? _____
3. How tall is Brenda's balloon? (See caption for answer.) _____

III. What is your favorite photograph in the October issue of Easy English Times? Why?

IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the November/December issue is October 21.

Send us stories about your favorite winter holidays. Or follow up with some of the stories in this issue by writing about places you have visited. Other topics include your job; favorite sports, films, or books; your life; your town, city or country; your hobbies, etc.

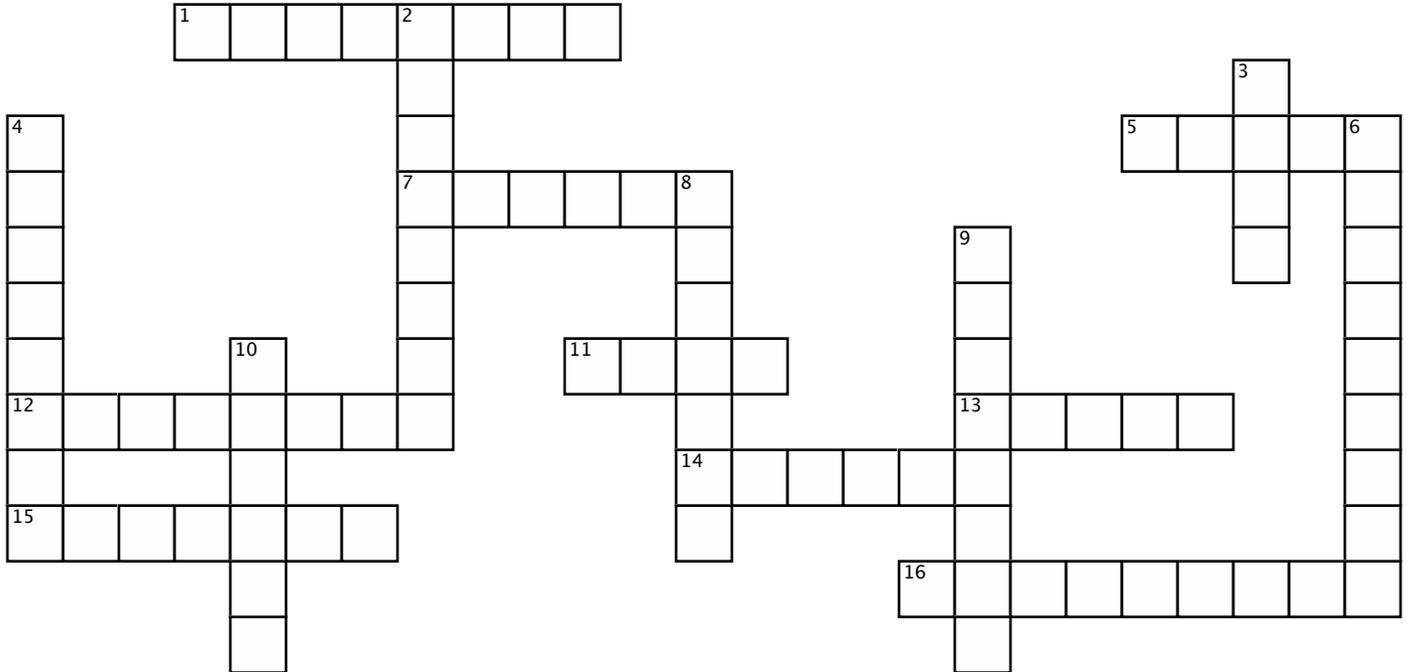
Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: blessing, chase, dawn, descent, elopes, engaged, exhausted, fear, gathered, increased, misery overcome, remote, restores, retrieve, stuff

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Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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All words are from Vocabulary Help



Across

1. The Fountain of Youth supposedly _____ the youth of anyone who drinks or bathes in its waters. It brings back the person's youth.
5. Diana Nyad says that we are never too old to _____ our dreams. It's never too late to try to get what we want.
7. A lot of the Rim Fire was in areas that were _____. They were in far-away places.
11. The unpleasant feeling that you have when you think you are in danger is _____.
12. It takes a good crew to launch and _____ a hot air balloon. They have to find where the balloon lands and bring it back.
13. Dr. Richard Carlson said, "Don't sweat the small _____." He meant don't worry about little things.
14. When a couple _____, they run away to get married. They marry in secret.
15. Miss America 2014 is of Indian _____. Her family is from India.
16. Has technology _____ or reduced stress in your life? Do you have more or less stress?

Down

2. Fifty years after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s speech, there are still problems to _____, problems to deal with.
3. At the hot air balloon races in Reno they have a "_____ patrol." Some of the balloons lift off before sunrise.
4. The people came together as a group. They _____ at the National Mall.
6. Diana Nyad was _____ when she finished her 110 mile swim from Cuba to Florida. She was very tired.
8. The couple is _____ to be married. They are promised in marriage.
9. Thoreau said that an early morning walk is a _____ for the whole day. It is a good thing to be grateful for.
10. Anne Frank didn't think of all the _____. Instead she thought of the beauty that remained. She didn't think of the great unhappiness.