

# Easy English Times



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### Learning Activities

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

1. There will be elections for members of \_\_\_\_\_ on the same ballot. (page 1)
2. The new museum in Washington DC is devoted to the documentation of \_\_\_\_\_ life, history and culture. (p 1)
3. Everyone who intends to vote should \_\_\_\_\_ soon and ask about any voter ID \_\_\_\_\_ on election day. (p. 2)
4. Hillary Clinton served as the U.S. \_\_\_\_\_ from 2009 to 2013. (p. 3)
5. Donald Trump is an American \_\_\_\_\_, television \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 3)
6. Fall is a wonderful time to visit \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 4)
7. People remember Mother Teresa for her \_\_\_\_\_ work among the poorest of the poor. (p. 4)
8. Michael 'Eddie' Edwards competed in \_\_\_\_\_ in the 1988 Winter Olympics. (p. 5)
9. The U.S. Capitol is where the meeting rooms of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ are located. (p. 76)
10. The foundation of the Days of the Dead holiday is the \_\_\_\_\_. (p. 7)

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

##### A. From "Presidential election is November 8" (pages 1 and 3)

1. For the Electoral College, each state has votes based on its \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A swing state is a state in which no single candidate or party has \_\_\_\_\_ support in securing that state's Electoral College votes.

##### B. From "Wild Animals" and "Glacier National Park" (page 4)

1. Glacier National Park has a higher concentration of \_\_\_\_\_ than anywhere else in the lower 48 states.
2. Climate change could mean the \_\_\_\_\_ of the remaining \_\_\_\_\_ in the park.

##### C. From "Symbols of America: The United States Capitol Building" (page 6)

1. The rotunda is a \_\_\_\_\_ room in the center of the building beneath the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Starting at the top, scaffolding was \_\_\_\_\_ gradually as work was \_\_\_\_\_.

##### D. From "Looking at Halloween and Days of the Dead" (page 7)

1. In the Day of the Dead tradition, the spirits are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Celts were \_\_\_\_\_ the returning spirits.

#### III. Quotations. Copy your favorite quotation from this issue. (Look on pages 1, 4, and 5)

**V. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the Nov./Dec. issue is Oct. 28.** Write about what you are thankful for, or your holiday food traditions. You can also send stories about your job, your life, your pet, your hometown, favorite books, movies or sports, or any topic of general interest.

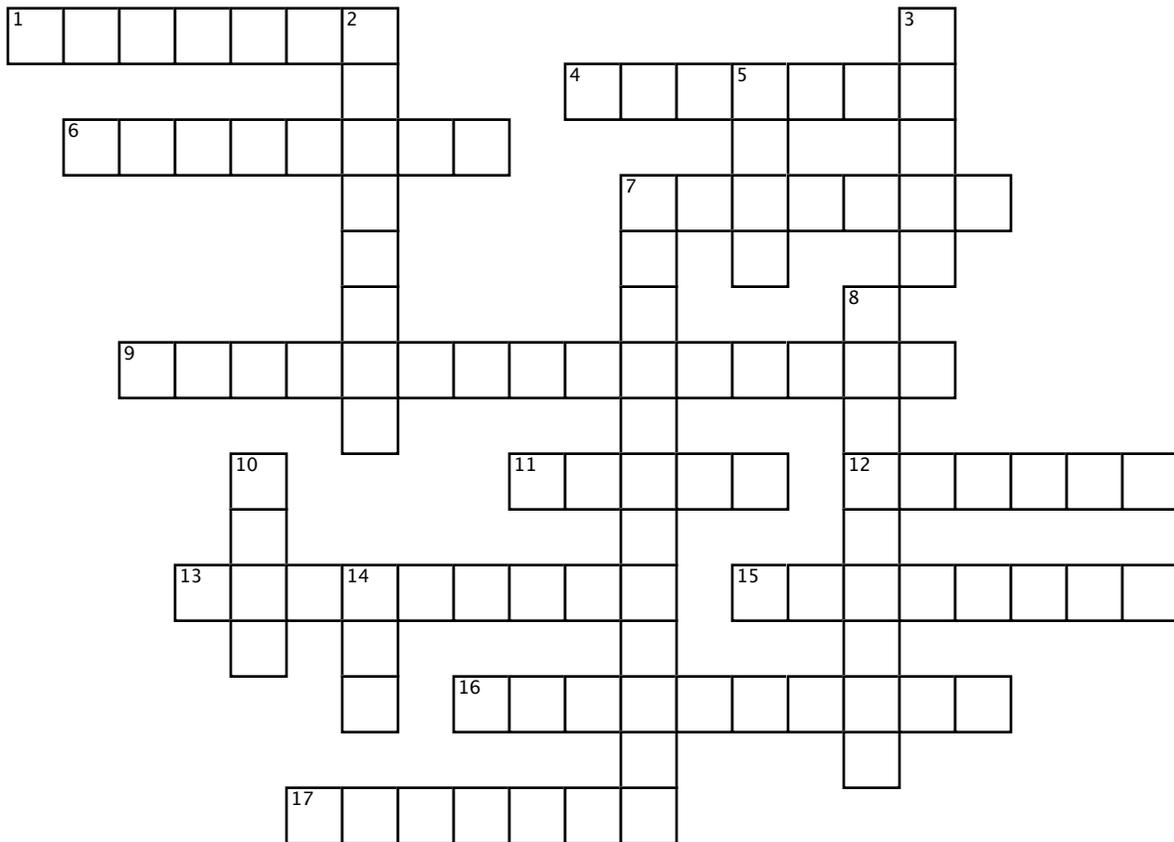
**Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order:** act, assignment, bold, carving, cheating, cluttered, gambler, grieving, hazardous, mean, outfits, outgoing, scholarships, scary, selfish, thrive, trust, unconditionally

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**The Nov./Dec. issue will come out in mid-November .**

# Easy English Times Crossword Puzzle

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VOCABULARY HELP



## Across

1. Which person in your family does the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Halloween pumpkin? Who cuts out the eyes, nose and mouth?
4. My grandpa is a \_\_\_\_\_. He likes to play games of chance at the casino.
6. We say that a person who is friendly and active in seeking the company of others is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A person who is more concerned with himself or herself than with others is considered to be \_\_\_\_\_.
9. Parents try to love their children \_\_\_\_\_. They love them completely, without conditions.
11. Her pumpkin has a very \_\_\_\_\_ face. It is frightening.
12. We all want our children to grow strong and healthy; we want them to \_\_\_\_\_.
13. They removed materials from the Capitol dome that were \_\_\_\_\_. They were dangerous.
15. When people are acting dishonestly or unfairly in order to gain an advantage, we say they are \_\_\_\_\_.
16. What is the homework for tomorrow? Did the teacher give us an \_\_\_\_\_?
17. At the upcycle 'trashion' show, some of the \_\_\_\_\_ were unusual. The sets of clothes the people wore were strange.

## Down

2. The family is \_\_\_\_\_ the death of their relative. They feel great sadness.
3. If you have confidence in people, you \_\_\_\_\_ them.
5. Are you courageous and willing to take risks? Are you a \_\_\_\_\_ person?
7. They are very good students. They hope to get some \_\_\_\_\_ to help pay for their college expenses.
8. It was hard to find things in her closet. It was filled up in a messy way. It was \_\_\_\_\_.
10. In the Celtic tradition, the spirits of the dead were meddling and \_\_\_\_\_. They were unkind.
14. Their daughter likes to \_\_\_\_\_. She likes to perform in plays.