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and a vocabulary matching exercise.

October 2017 Learning Activities

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

1. A major earthquake of _____ 7.1 _____ central Mexico. (p. 1)
2. The DACA program gives young immigrants the ability to _____ and _____ in the U.S. (p. 1, caption)
3. Some people of faith have voted to become _____ congregations. (p. 1)
4. The President and his Cabinet are part of the _____ branch of government. (p. 2)
5. The two parts of the U.S. Congress are the _____ and _____ . (p. 2, caption)
6. The Columbus Day holiday has become _____. (p. 2)
7. Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz lived during Mexico's _____ period. (p. 4)
8. Hurricane Harvey was the _____ hurricane on record. (p. 4)
9. There are thousands of cats that need _____ . (p. 5)
10. Early _____ tests for breast cancer can _____ many thousands of lives each year. (p. 6)

II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the two and three-word phrases on the left.

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| ____ 1. Churches are stepping in | a. a secondary, typically undesirable effect |
| ____ 2. I'm on my way . | b. becoming involved in a difficult situation |
| ____ 3. To back up her case... | c. going to a place, but not there yet |
| ____ 4. A side effect was.... | d. to strengthen and supplement |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Sanctuary churches support immigrants" (pages 1 and 6)

1. Sanctuary is in the _____ today, but it is an _____ practice.
2. The Trump administration _____ cities serving as sanctuaries.

B. From "Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples' Day is October 9" (page 2)

1. The statue of Christopher Columbus in New York's Central Park was recently _____.
2. The Los Angeles City Council voted to mark the second Monday in Oct. as _____ .

C. From "Naming hurricanes" (page 4)

1. The names are taken from a list of alphabetically organized _____ and _____ names.
2. The idea was that _____ made the storms easier to remember.

D. From "How to take your case to small claims court... and win!" (page 8)

1. Small Claims Court is where people _____ their case themselves without hiring a _____.
2. When you appear in court, "put your _____ ."

IV. Look at all the photos in this issue. Which ones get your attention? Why?

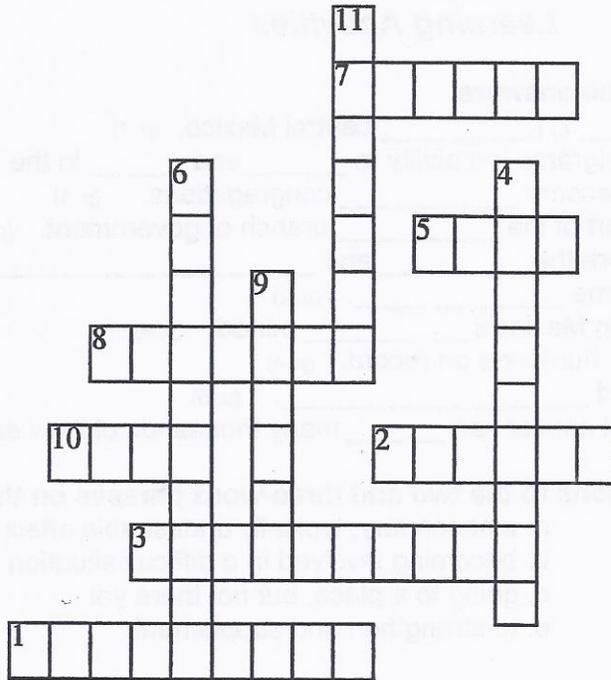
V. **Writing suggestions: The deadline for the Nov./Dec. issue is October 27.** Send us stories about holiday traditions and favorite foods. Also send stories about your job, sports, movies, books, or any other topic of general interest. (The issue will be mailed in mid-November.)

Crossword puzzle answers in alphabetical order: (All words are from VOCABULARY HELP.)
boss concussion disturbing fund incentive knowledge likely rushed succeed tenant trapped

Crossword Puzzle

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(See www.easyenglishtimes.com for a pre-crossword matching exercise.)



Across

1. Something that motivates or encourages us to do something is an _____.
2. Human-caused climate change is a _____ factor in the severity of the hurricanes. It is a probable cause.
3. A _____ image may cause anxiety.
5. To _____ something is to provide money for a particular purpose.
7. Thousands of people _____ to help others. They moved in a hurry.
8. You _____ when you achieve the desired result.
10. A person who is in charge of others is their _____.

Down

4. Dr. Omalu had no previous _____ of American football. He didn't know anything about it.
6. Temporary unconsciousness caused by a blow to the head is a _____.
9. A person who occupies property or land from a landlord is a _____.
11. Many people were prevented from escaping. They were _____.