

Easy English Times

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Learning Activities

ANSWER KEY

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

1. There will be an official event to remember the Boston Marathon BOMBINGS of April 15, 2013. (p. 1)
2. Earth Day is the anniversary of the beginning of the modern ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT. (p. 1)
3. The blood type most requested by hospital is Type O. (p. 3)
4. The wind can be used to generate MECHANICAL POWER or ELECTRICITY. (p. 4)
5. America has more than 400 national parks. (p. 4)
6. The information in Jo Robinson's book is useful to anyone who eats FRUITS and VEGETABLES. (p. 5)
7. According to a Chinese proverb, "He who plants a garden, plants HAPPINESS." (p. 6)
8. "First Position" is a film that follows six BALLET DANCERS as they prepare for a competition. (p. 7)
9. Easter is an important CHRISTIAN holiday. (p. 7)
10. Each year the National Cherry Blossom Festival celebrates the gift of trees from JAPAN to Washington DC. (p. 7)

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Boston Marathon will be held April 21" (page 1)

1. Who will be the hosts at the special event on April 15, 2014? MAYOR OF BOSTON and THE GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS.
2. People who were VICTIMS and people who RESPONDED to the tragedy will speak.
3. The Boston Marathon is always held on PATRIOTS' DAY. That day commemorates the anniversary of the battles of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1775.

B. From "Earth Day is April 22" (pages 1 and 4)

1. In what year did the modern environmental movement begin? 1970
2. According to the Earth Day Network, small things you do at home can help THE ENVIRONMENT.
3. When gas prices increase, more people use PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

C. From "People have used wind power since ancient times" (page 4)

1. It is said that windmills were first developed in PERSIA and CHINA.
2. Farmers have used wind power to PUMP water and to GRIND corn and wheat for generations.
3. The largest wind turbine in the world is located in Hawaii. It stands 20 stories high and has blades the length of a FOOTBALL FIELD.

D. From "Easter bunny, Easter parade, Easter bonnets" (page 7)

1. The hare symbolizes FERTILITY and rebirth.
2. An Easter bonnet represents the tradition of wearing NEW CLOTHES at Easter
3. The Easter Parade in New York City takes place on FIFTH Avenue.

III. What is your favorite photograph in this issue of Easy English Times? Why? (ANSWERS WILL VARY)

Crossword puzzle answers - Across: 4. flavorful 6. hurried 9. reluctant 11. do 12. spoils
13. resembles 14. joined 15. asset **Down:** 1. drive 2. drive 3. hunt 5. must 7. deceive
8. weeds 10. commute