

# Easy English Times

April 2017  
Learning Activities

## ANSWER KEY

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

1. The March for Science will be held WORLDWIDE on Earth Day APRIL 22. (p. 1)
2. The EPA was created for the purpose of protecting HUMAN HEALTH and the ENVIRONMENT. (p. 1)
3. Trump wants to limit entry from a HANDFUL of predominantly MUSLIM COUNTRIES. (p. 1)
4. Kieu Hoang made a \$5 MILLION donation to the San Jose flood relief fund. (p. 1)
5. "Spare Parts" is an UNDERDOG story of four teenagers who were born in MEXICO. (p. 2)
6. The CENTENNIAL Commemoration of the U.S. Entry into World War I will be held on APRIL 6. (p. 4)
7. A petrified tree is as hard as a ROCK. The organic material has been replaced with MINERALS. (p. 5)
8. Butterfly Wonderland is the LARGEST butterfly CONSERVATORY in the United States. (p. 5)
9. Teams in the "Grapefruit League" train in FLORIDA. Teams in the "Cactus League" go to ARIZONA. (p. 7)
10. Major League Baseball now requires that every team have a SPANISH-LANGUAGE translator. (p. 7)

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

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| <u>  b  </u> 1. How often do you get <b>dressed up</b> ?               | a. succeed in reaching someone ahead of you |
| <u>  d  </u> 2. The pitcher <b>gave up</b> 3 runs.                     | b. put on special, more formal clothes      |
| <u>  c  </u> 3. John went to the mall to <b>hang out</b> .             | c. spend time relaxing or enjoying oneself  |
| <u>  a  </u> 4. American scientists felt pressure to <b>catch up</b> . | d. let the other team get runs              |

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

#### A. From "The March for Science is planned for Earth Day" (pages 1 and 3)

1. It is hoped that everyone will join the effort to DEFEND THE ROLE that science plays...
2. Concern has been expressed over CUTS IN FUNDING for science and research.

#### B. From "California's Petrified Forest" and "Robert Louis Stevenson" (page 5)

1. Scientists have estimated that the trees were petrified in a VOLCANIC ERUPTION...
2. Robert Louis Stevenson is a famous AUTHOR who grew up in SCOTLAND.

#### C. From "Spring training" (page 7)

1. Since it is still winter in much of the country, the baseball players TRAIN where it is WARM.
2. Spring training begins with PITCHERS and CATCHERS arriving first.

#### D. From "Hidden Figures" (page 8)

1. This film tells the TRUE story of three AFRICAN AMERICAN female mathematicians.
2. These three women made contributions to AMERICAN SPACE EXPLORATION.

IV. Writing suggestions: The deadline for the May issue is April 14. For our Mother's Day issue, send us stories about important women in your life. Also send stories about your family, your life, your job, favorite sports, favorite movies, favorite books or any topic of general interest.

### Crossword puzzle answers

Across: 3. stuck 5. make 7. anger 8. dough 9. itch 11. acknowledge 13. score 16. griddle  
17. soak 18. themes

Down: 1. care 2. fashion 4. teasing 6. pitcher 10. hiking 12. catchers 14. runs 15. flat