

# Easy English Times

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Learning Activities

ANSWER KEY

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

1. When were one-room schools common in America? (p. 1) LATE 19<sup>TH</sup>, EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURIES
2. How long is the fountain at the Kennedy Space Center? (p. 1) 75 FEET
3. What kind of service was held for Neil Armstrong on Sept. 14, 2012? (p. 2) BURIAL AT SEA
4. John Glenn made history in 1962 as the first American to ORBIT EARTH (p. 2)
5. What are the names of the royal baby's parents? (p. 4) PRINCE WILLIAM AND KATE MIDDLETON
6. The man in the picture used SAFETY ROPES and wore a HARNESS and a hard hat while he climbed the tall tree. (p. 6)
7. Do the trees where you live CHANGE COLORS in the fall? (p. 6)
8. The article in *Time Magazine* says that RESEARCH is increasingly showing that the brains of people who know two or more languages are different from those who know just one. (p. 7)
9. Which countries celebrate their independence on Sept. 15? COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA  
When does Mexico celebrate independence? SEPT. 16 And Chile? SEPT. 18 (p. 8)
10. Where is the America's Cup sailing race being held? (p. 8) SAN FRANCISCO BAY

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

### A. From "One-room schools important in American history" (page 1)

1. One-room schools usually had one teacher who taught students of several different GRADE LEVELS.
2. Jefferson believed that educated people were essential for a DEMOCRACY to work.
3. Children were taught by ABILITY, not age.

### B. From "John Glenn - Former astronaut became a senator" (page 2)

1. In 1959, John Glenn was selected as one of the original SEVEN ASTRONAUTS for Project Mercury.
2. How many terms did John Glenn serve in the U.S. Senate? FOUR
3. At age 77, Glenn BLASTED OFF again from Kennedy Space Center aboard STS-95 *Discovery*.

### C. From "People at work" (page 6)

1. The man in the picture worked quickly. The tall tree was CUT DOWN in just a few hours.
2. Other services provided by tree care companies are PRUNING and THINNING.
3. Tree workers can get to the high parts of a tree by using AERIAL LIFTS or by CLIMBING.

### D. From "Multilingual people have advantages" (page 7)

1. Studies show that multilingual people are better at REASONING, at MULTITASKING, and at understanding conflicting ideas.
2. In the state of Utah, schools provide classes in MANDARIN CHINESE, FRENCH, and SPANISH to elementary school children.
3. Brian Gold says that language lessons in adulthood fall into the 'COULDN'T HURT' category.

## III. What is your favorite photograph in the August/September issue of Easy English Times? Why?

ANSWERS WILL VARY

**Crossword puzzle answers - Across:** 4. heights 7. reflexes 8. branches 10. nurse 11. knowledge  
12. shabby **Down:** 1. might 2. peasants 3. chainsaw 5. prune 6. replica 9. crib