

Easy English Times

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Learning Activities

ANSWER KEY

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

1. The 9/11 Memorial Museum is described as a place of SOLEMN REFLECTION. (p. 1)
2. Name the four African nations affected with the Ebola outbreak. GUINEA, SIERRA LEONE, LIBERIA AND NIGERIA. (p. 1)
3. The citizenship photo on page 1 shows people TAKING THEIR OATH at the ceremony. (caption)
4. A RED RIBBON ceremony was held at the Mondavi Farmworker Center this spring. (p. 2)
5. Who signed the bill that made the first Monday in September a national holiday? PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND (p. 2)
6. What was the largest occupation in the United States in 1910? FARMING (p. 2)
7. Hispanic Heritage Month starts on SEPTEMBER 15 and ends on OCTOBER 15. (p. 3)
8. The 19th amendment granted women THE RIGHT TO VOTE (p. 3)
9. The new Freedom Tower is the FOURTH tallest skyscraper in the world. (p. 5)
10. Smokey Bear is a symbol used to educate people about PREVENTING FOREST FIRES. (p. 5)

II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the phrases on the left.

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| <u> d </u> 1. He goes to the mall to hang out with his friends. | a. near |
| <u> c </u> 2. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk. | b. contribute money |
| <u> a </u> 3. Sit close by someone who is having a bad day. | c. enjoy greatly |
| <u> b </u> 4. Let's each chip in \$20 to buy him a gift. | d. spend time in a casual, relaxed way |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "9/11 Memorial Museum" (pages 1 and 5)

1. The public can see the BEDROCK level of the site, seven stories BELOW GROUND.
2. The new museum and its exhibits tell of the STRENGTH of the human spirit and the STRENGTH of Americans coming together.

B. From "Only you can help celebrate Smokey's 70th birthday" (page 7)

1. Smokey's first message was " ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES.
2. In 1950 a BABY BEAR was found alone, burnt, and scared after a wildfire burned through New Mexico. He was a LIVING symbol of Smokey Bear.

C. From "Basketball player LeBron James returns home to Cleveland" (page 7)

1. LeBron James is perhaps the MOST FAMOUS ATHLETE in the world today.
2. He said, "What's most important for me is bringing one trophy back to NORTHEAST OHIO."

D. From "DVD review -- The Young Victoria" (page 8)

1. Victoria was Queen of England from 1837 until her death in 1901, a reign of 63 years.
2. This time period in history is known as the VICTORIAN era. It was a time of great expansion of the BRITISH EMPIRE.

III. What is your favorite photograph in this issue of Easy English Times? Why?

Crossword Puzzle answers - Across: 1. furious 4. tolerance 7. erase 8. temper 9. staff 10. shadow
12. dig 13. shady 14. pretend **Down:** 2. outbreak 3. cheating 5. ashamed 6. relax 9. shift 11. wag