

# Easy English Times

## ANSWER KEY

### February 2014 Learning Activities

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

1. When is the opening ceremony for the Winter Olympics? FEB. 7 (p. 1)
2. How old is Suke Haan Yu Cheng? 100 (p. 1)
3. What were the Beatles often called? "THE FAB FOUR" (p. 1)
4. The unusual weather has brought record LOW TEMPERATURES to parts of the nation. (p. 2)
5. Frederick Douglass has been called the father of the CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT (p. 4)
6. "The Butler" is a film about a man who worked in the White House under 5 American Presidents. (p. 4)
7. George Washington's actual birthday is FEB. 22 and Abraham Lincoln's birthday is FEB 12. (p. 4)
8. The Olympic sport called 'luge' takes its name from the FRENCH WORD FOR SLED. (p. 7)
9. One of the youngest members of the U.S. Olympic team is ICE SKATER Polina Edmunds. (p. 7)
10. The Oscars are given in 24 categories. (p. 8)

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

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| <u>  b  </u> 1. Her mother won't <b>let her down</b> .     | a. unable to hear or speak |
| <u>  c  </u> 2. He <b>breaks into</b> a pastry shop.       | b. disappoint her          |
| <u>  a  </u> 3. He was a <b>deaf mute</b> .                | c. enters by force         |
| <u>  e  </u> 4. The open doors <b>let in</b> the sunlight. | d. was able to do it       |
| <u>  d  </u> 5. He finally <b>got the hang of</b> it.      | e. allowed to enter        |

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

##### A. From "Winter Olympics will be held in Sochi, Russia" (pages 1 and 7)

1. The Olympic torch relay will have passed through 83 Russian cities before arriving in Sochi.
2. People are concerned about SECURITY at the Olympics. They are worried about TERRORISTS.

##### B. From "50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Beatles" (pages 1 and 3)

1. Many of the Beatles' songs were about LOVE .
2. The two Beatles who are still alive are RINGO STARR and PAUL McCARTNEY

##### C. From "Winter weather" (page 2)

1. Scientists say that a POLAR VORTEX caused the subzero temperatures and record snowfalls.
2. The LACK OF RAIN is bringing hardship to farmers.

##### D. From "The farmers re-educate me" (page 5)

1. Amy Wang had grown up in the two big cities of SHANGHAI and BEIJING.
2. It was the summer of 1970 when the government ORDERED Amy to go to the countryside.

**Crossword puzzle answers** - Across: 4. torn 5. drought 6. enrolls 8. stared 9. bricks 10. crawled  
11. well 12. degree Down: 1. involved 2. buckets 3. threatening 5. disturbing 7. faded  
9. bothered