

# Easy English Times

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## February 2015 Learning Activities ANSWER KEY

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

1. Two famous landmarks in Yosemite National Park are HALF DOME and EL CAPITAN. (p. 1)
2. African American History Month is celebrated the entire month of FEBRUARY. (p. 1)
3. Which four American presidents are honored on Mount Rushmore? GEORGE WASHINGTON, THOMAS JEFFERSON, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, and ABRAHAM LINCOLN. (p. 1)
4. The measles outbreak goes back to DISNEYLAND. (p. 2)
5. What is the recommended amount of screen time for elementary students? ONE HOUR PER DAY (p. 2)
6. The national holiday honoring Presidents Washington and Lincoln will be celebrated on FEB. 16. (p. 3)
7. In the Aesop Fable, the grasshopper learned that it is best to BE PREPARED. (p. 3)
8. Marilyn Burnam is a baseball FAN. She works for the San Francisco Giants as an USHER. (p. 5)
9. Sukhwinder Duhra LEASES the taxi cab that he drives. He pays to use the cab. (p. 5)
10. According to the Chinese zodiac animals, 2015 is the year of the GOAT.

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

#### A. From "Yosemite rock climbers are successful" (pages 1 and 2)

1. The Dawn Wall is described as the HARDEST and STEEPEST way to climb El Capitan.
2. Caldwell and Jorgeson spent years PLANNING and PRACTICING for this climb.
3. It took them 19 days to reach the top of El Capitan.
4. They often climbed AT NIGHT when the rock was cold and they had better TRACTION for their feet.

#### B. From "Celebrate Chinese New Year" (page 7)

1. People born in the year of the goat are said to have personalities that are THOUGHTFUL, AMICABLE, PERSEVERING, and HONEST. (Choose four adjectives from the story.)
2. The lucky colors for this year are BROWN, RED, and PURPLE.

#### C. From "Mardi Gras is Feb. 17" (page 7)

1. Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) always falls the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of LENT.
2. The Mardi Gras colors are PURPLE, GREEN and GOLD.

### III. Choose one of the Heart Idioms on page 3. Write a sentence in English using the idiom. (answers will vary)

### IV. What is your favorite photograph in this issue of Easy English Times? Why? (answers will vary)

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Crossword puzzle answers - ACROSS: 4. exhausting 7. impulsive 9. lie 10. deliveries 12. spilled  
13. avoid DOWN: 1. bargains 2. customers 3. stamina 5. cliff 6. realized 8. mess 11. coins