

# Easy English Times

**FEBRUARY 2019**

**Learning Activities**

**ANSWER KEY**

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

1. As this newspaper went to press, the partial government shutdown was in its FIFTH week. (p. 1)
2. The Coast Guard is well known for SEARCH and RESCUE work. (p. 1, caption)
3. The National Museum of African American History and Culture is in WASHINGTON D.C. (p. 1, caption)
4. In 1926 Dr. Carter G. Woodson started NEGRO HISTORY WEEK. (p. 2)
5. Nancy Pelosi is the ONLY WOMAN to ever serve as Speaker of the HOUSE. (p. 2)
6. The new earthquake warning app is called ShakeAlertLA. (p. 2)
7. It is EXPECTED that Donald Trump will run for reelection in 2020. (p. 2)
8. According to TheChineseZodiac.org, the Year of the Pig is a year of FORTUNE and LUCK. (p. 3)
9. Several states have individual holidays honoring the birthdays of WASHINGTON and LINCOLN. (p. 4)
10. On Feb. 2 a special groundhog will EMERGE from his BURROW and look for his SHADOW. (p. 4)
11. The Mt. Rushmore National Memorial is a sculpture CARVED into the granite face of a mountain. (p. 4)
12. The Little Red-Haired Girl is an UNSEEN character in the PEANUTS comic strip. (p. 7)
13. The Green Book was a travel GUIDE of restaurants and motels that black people could visit in the segregated SOUTH in the 1960s. (p. 8)

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

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| <u>  </u> b <u>  </u> 1. Roll up your sleeves.                | a. cope, get by with the limited means available |
| <u>  </u> c <u>  </u> 2. Bring home the bacon.                | b. prepare to work                               |
| <u>  </u> d <u>  </u> 3. ...getting a few seconds heads-up... | c. earn a living                                 |
| <u>  </u> a <u>  </u> 4. They had to make do.                 | d. advanced warning                              |

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

### **A. From "Impacts of partial shutdown of U.S. government" (pages 1 and 7)**

1. The issue that caused the shutdown is FUNDING for President Trump's BORDER WALL.
2. The COAST GUARD was the only branch of the military working without pay.

### **B. From "Black History Month" (page 2)**

1. Two men who helped the American black population were FREDERICK DOUGLASS and President ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
2. In 1619 about 20 Africans became part of the JAMESTOWN Settlement in VIRGINIA.

### **C. From "Presidents' Day" (page 4)**

1. George Washington was the only U.S. President who did not live in the WHITE HOUSE.
2. The myths say that Washington threw a silver dollar across the POTOMAC RIVER and that he used a HATCHET on his father's cherry tree.

## **Crossword puzzle answers**

**Across:** 2. envy 3. search 6. lovable 9. skip 10. barrier 12. chaperones

**Down:** 1. myth 4. rub 5. date 7. veil 8. embraced 11. groom