

Easy English Times

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Learning Activities

ANSWER KEY

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

1. What city is always the site of a special ceremony on the 4th of July? PHILADELPHIA (p. 1)
2. What motivates children who leave El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras? FEAR (p. 1)
3. Where was the naturalization ceremony held in Washington D.C. on June 18? NATIONAL ARCHIVES
4. How did former president George H.W. Bush celebrate his 90th birthday? BY SKYDIVING. (p. 2)
5. Jimmy Carter says that the deprivation and abuse of women and girls is a SERIOUS WORLDWIDE PROBLEM (p. 2)
6. What hashtag got more than a million tweets on the Internet? #YesAllWomen (p. 2)
7. There has been international OUTRAGE about the KIDNAPPING of the girls in Nigeria. (p. 2)
8. The word "cowboy" appears to be a direct English translation of VAQUERO. (p. 4)
9. Which Western actor went on to become president of the United States? RONALD REAGAN (p. 5)
10. American wild horses and burros are descended from DOMESTIC horses and burros. (p. 5)
11. If a 'dark horse' wins, it is an UPSET VICTORY(p. 5)

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Symbols of America" (page 1 story and caption)

1. The ceremony in Philadelphia recognizes the 50th anniversary of the CIVIL RIGHTS ACT of 1964.
2. The Liberty Bell rang when the Continental Congress signed the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
3. The bald eagle is also an important symbol to NATIVE AMERICANS.

B. From "Immigrants help America grow stronger" (pages 1 and 8)

1. None of the 56 Founders who signed the Declaration of Independence were born as AMERICANS.
2. Michelle Obama said that "Immigration is at the HEART of how we developed as a nation."
3. She said that immigrants start approximately one in four of our NEW BUSINESSES.

C. From "Celebrating the heritage of the Old West" (page 4)

1. Beginning in the 1920s, what popularized the cowboy lifestyle? WESTERN MOVIES
2. Name one famous American of the Old West. BUFFALO BILL (BUTCH CASSIDY, BILLY THE KID, etc.)
3. Name one woman who is in the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in Fort Worth, Texas. GEORGIA O'KEEFE, (SACAGAWWEA, ANNIE OAKLEY, DALE EVANS, etc.)

D. From "Wild horses and burros can be adopted" (page 5 story and captions)

1. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) established the WILD HORSE AND BURRO Program.
2. In July and August 2014 there will be 15 National Wild Horse and Burro ADOPTION events in several states.
3. These animals have almost no natural PREDATORS and their herd sizes can DOUBLE every four years.

III. What is your favorite photograph in this issue of Easy English Times? Why? (Answers will vary)

Crossword puzzle answers:

Note: The August/September issue will be sent in mid-August.

Across: 1. escaped 4. disappointed 5. customs 6. welcome 7. cash 9. appreciate 11. beats
13. glimpse 14. line

Down: 2. discouraged 3. behavior 5. charming 8. symbols 9. allowed 10. Freedom 12. slogan