

Easy English Times

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Learning Activities
ANSWER KEY

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

1. Lake Mead is the 16th largest MAN-MADE lake in the world. (p. 1)
2. Nelson Mandela Day is in recognition of his contribution to the culture of PEACE and FREEDOM. (p. 1)
3. The Barack Obama Presidential Center WILL BE BUILT on Chicago's South Side. (p. 1)
4. Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) was the 36TH PRESIDENT of the United States. (p. 1)
5. Dr. Laura J. Colker says that children's first and most important teachers are their PARENTS. (p. 2)
6. A trust is a legal plan in which a person puts OWNERSHIP of property in the name of someone else. (p. 4)
7. Blockbuster movies cost a lot of money to PRODUCE and usually will MAKE a lot more money. (p. 5)
8. To win the Triple Crown, the racehorse had to win THREE RACES in a row. (p. 7)
9. In the film "Spare Parts", four high school students WON first place in a robotics competition. (p. 7)
10. Alex Padilla's father worked as a short order COOK and his mother CLEANED HOUSES. (p. 8)

II. Exercise based on phrases found in VOCABULARY HELP: Find the meanings of these phrases.

Optional: Write two or three original sentences using some of the phrases. Show them to your teacher.

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| 1. nursery rhyme A SHORT POEM OR SONG FOR CHILDREN (p. 2) | 5. sets off STARTS (p. 5) |
| 2. set up TO GET READY (p. 4) | 6. get over TO RETURN TO A NORMAL STATE (p. 7) |
| 3. came out WAS RELEASED (p. 5) | 7. a win-win situation A SITUATION THAT HAS GOOD RESULTS IN MANY WAYS (p. 8) |
| 4. fast-paced FAST SPEED (p. 5) | |

III. More careful reading--find these answers.

A. From "Tunnel is drilled under Lake Mead" (pages 1 and 5)

1. Lake Mead is on the COLORADO River in the states of NEVADA and ARIZONA.
2. A recent report says that the lake is now about 37 percent full.

B. From "LBJ Library hosts Beatles exhibit" (pages 1 and 7)

1. Johnson became president after John F. Kennedy was ASSASSINATED.
2. The Beatles came in 1964, just after LBJ took office. "They gave us a little bit of FRIVOLITY in a tragic time."

C. From "Summer blockbuster movies" (page 5)

1. Jurassic World provides a habitat for GENETICALLY ENGINEERED dinosaurs.
2. An ideal day turns disastrous when the San Andreas fault sets off a DEVASTATING magnitude 9 earthquake.

D. From "Spare Parts" (page 7)

1. The students didn't have a lot of money so they created a robot by using SPARE PARTS.
2. One of the boys TALKS a science teacher INTO helping them. He persuades him to do it.

IV. What is your favorite photograph in this issue of Easy English Times? Why? ANSWERS WILL VARY.

V. What is your favorite quotation? (See pages 1, 2, and 6) ANSWERS WILL VARY

Crossword puzzle answers

Across: 3. encourage 7. straw 8. stung 9. warns 10. shook 11. rampage 12. sidewalk 13. must 14. humble 16. sequel 17. apprentice

Down: 1. bonus 2. reservoir 3. embarrassed 4. achieve 5. marvel 6. gathered 10. supplies 13. made 15. budget