

# Easy English Times

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Learning Activities

## ANSWER KEY

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

1. The Washington Monument was closed on August 23, 2011 because of EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE. (p. 1)
2. At the present time, workers are RESTORING the Dome of the U.S. Capitol Building. (pp. 1 & 7)
3. President Obama nominated Julián Castro as the next Secretary of HOUSING and URBAN DEVELOPMENT. (p. 1)
4. The Continental Congress approved the design of a national flag on June 14, 1777. (p. 3)
5. Laura Lemarre wrote about her SISTER who lives in FRANCE. (p. 4)
6. Maria Isabel Guerrero's FATHER taught her to drive when she was ten years old. (p. 4)
7. When and where will the 2014 FIFA World Cup be held? JUNE 12 TO JULY 13 IN BRAZIL. (p. 5)
8. Which American soccer player was not included on the U.S. team? LANDON DONOVAN. (p. 5)
9. "The Book Thief" is the story of Liesel, a COURAGEOUS young girl in GERMANY. (p. 7)
10. The "Connect with English" website makes it easy to learn and practice English on MOBILE DEVICES. (p. 8)

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

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| __b_ 1. The donkey could <b>make it</b> across the river.            | a. learn                             |
| __c_ 2. It is a <b>pill that's hard to swallow</b> .                 | b. succeed in crossing               |
| __d_ 3. Thanksgiving deserves the title, <b>hands down</b> .         | c. a blow to one's pride and respect |
| __e_ 4. It's a place to <b>put down roots</b> .                      | d. accepted without question         |
| __a_ 5. You'll have to see the film to <b>find out</b> what happens. | e. establish important connections   |

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

#### A. From "Washington Monument is open again" (page 1)

1. The 555 foot MARBLE OBELISK towers over Washington DC.
2. Sally Jewell, Secretary of the INTERIOR, and Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director of the NATIONAL PARK SERVICE participated in the reopening ceremony.

#### B. From "Changes in President Obama's Cabinet are announced" (pages 1 and 7)

1. Shaun Donovan was nominated to serve as the Director of the WHITE HOUSE Office of Management and Budget.
2. Obama said that Mayor Castro's story exemplifies the AMERICAN DREAM.

#### C. From "World Cup Soccer starts in June" (page 5)

1. How many teams compete for the title of World Cup Champion? 32.
2. How do they determine who will play in the World Cup? BY QUALIFYING GAMES

#### D. From "DVD reviews: "The Book Thief" (page 7)

1. Liesel is going to live with FOSTER parents because the Nazis forced her mother to GIVE UP her children.
2. Liesel's classmates taunt her because she doesn't know how to READ and WRITE.

**Crossword puzzle answers:** ACROSS: 3. meals 5. tough 6. drown 8. jewelry 9. missing 11. faults  
12. cracks 13. misleading 14. recover DOWN: 1. overheard 2. deserves 4. bond 7. bestseller  
9. maid 10. grabs