

Easy English Times

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Learning Activities

ANSWER KEY

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

1. Sergio C. Garcia is the first undocumented ATTORNEY allowed to practice law in California. (p. 1)
2. Meryl Davis and Charlie White won an ice dance GOLD MEDAL at the Winter Olympics. (p. 1)
3. What is Cesar Chavez' birthdate? MARCH 31, 1927 (p. 2)
4. Dreamer is a term used to refer to young adults who may have or still qualify for the DREAM ACT. (p. 2)
5. Tammy Duckworth is a member of CONGRESS and an Iraq War VETERAN. (p. 4)
6. What is the pen name of Elizabeth Jane Cochrane? NELLIE BLY (p. 4)
7. It is estimated that more than a million people died in the FAMINE in Ireland between 1846 & 1850. (p. 5)
8. The researchers found that children who heard many more words, had an EASIER time learning. (p. 7)
9. "March Madness" refers to a national college BASKETBALL championship tournament. (p. 7)
10. The Sapphires were four ABORIGINAL women from Australia who toured Vietnam in 1968. (p. 8)

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

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| <u>c</u> 1. When he was younger, he wanted to fit in . | a. falls in love with |
| <u>b</u> 2. Her sister-in-law tried to boss her around . | b. give her orders |
| <u>d</u> 3. Where did you grow up ? | c. be similar to the people in his group |
| <u>a</u> 4. Kay falls for a black soldier. | d. live during your youth |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Sergio Garcia's American dream came true" (pages 1 and 2)

1. One of the goals of the Dreamers conference was to encourage undocumented youth to PURSUE HIGHER EDUCATION.
2. Garcia is starting a foundation to provide for those who have WILL and DRIVE, but not the means.

B. From "Nellie Bly: Pioneer woman journalist" (page 4)

1. In the late 1800s there were few WOMEN NEWSPAPER WRITERS.
2. Nellie Bly went around the world in LESS than 80 days. Her travel time was 72 days.

C. From "Irish famine inspires monuments" (page 5)

1. The famine was caused by POTATO blight which destroyed the main FOOD SOURCE at the time.
2. A lot of people survived the famine by IMMIGRATING to the United States.

D. From "Talk to your baby!" (page 7)

1. Erika Hoff advises parents to have CONVERSATIONS with their babies.
2. The sooner you start talking to babies, the BETTER. Their BRAINS are absorbing information before they are able to respond.

Crossword puzzle answers:

Across - 3. blues 5. household 8. settled 9. remarkable 10. achievement 11. attempt 13. foreign
Down - 1. voyage 2. benefit 4. strangers 6. scratching 7. gab 12. annoying