

# Easy English Times

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Learning Activities

## ANSWER KEY

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

1. Cesar Chavez DAY CELEBRATIONS are held in many places in the U.S. (p. 1)
2. The National Park Service will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2016. (p. 1)
3. President Obama announced the creation of THREE new National Monuments across the country. (p. 1)
4. The cherry trees originated as a gift of friendship from the people of JAPAN. (p. 1)
5. One of the most popular board games was and still is MONOPOLY. (p. 2)
6. The names of the Obamas' pet dogs are BO and SUNNY. (p. 3)
7. To celebrate St. Patrick's Day, people like to wear the color GREEN. (p. 5)
8. How many women were sworn in as members of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress in January? 104 (p. 5)
9. "March Madness" refers to a NATIONAL COLLEGE basketball tournament of the NCAA. (p. 7)
10. Two famous boxers will fight on May 2 in LAS VEGAS. NEVADA (p. 7)

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

- b    1. Students learn best when they **tap into** what they already know.                      a. test or audition  
   c    2. J.B. **comes up with** an idea.    b. use  
   a    3. The boys are nervous and the **try-out** is a disaster.    c. thinks of

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

#### A. From "Fourth graders invited to visit National Parks" (pages 1 and 2)

1. The program will provide all fourth graders and their families with FREE ADMISSION to the parks.
2. The parks provide opportunities to build critical skills through HANDS-ON activities.

#### B. From "Learning quickly with Easy English Times" (page 2)

1. Students in B.J. Kowal's English Learners class first talk about what they see in the PICTURES.
2. The students also write paragraphs about the THEMES for the next month's student writing pieces.

#### C. From "What is 'March Madness'? Basketball words" (page 7)

1. A benchwarmer is a person who SITS ON THE BENCH for most if not all of a game.
2. A 'slam dunk' is a hard shot to miss and can mean something that is easily ACCOMPLISHED.

#### D. From "Young readers learn by reading to dogs" (page 8)

1. Reading to dogs began in 2006 at a LIBRARY in Minnesota.
2. After reading to dogs for a year, most of the children raised their reading levels by at least ONE GRADE.

**Crossword puzzle answers - Across:** 2. bark 6. mischievous 9. therapy 10. lawn 11. compare  
12. train 13. suggestions 14. puppies 15. shed

**Down:** 1. teasing 3. accuracy 4. blessing 5. outnumbered 7. smartphone 8. awareness