

Easy English Times

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Learning Activities

ANSWER KEY

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

1. Where is the George W. Bush Presidential Library located? ON THE CAMPUS OF SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY IN DALLAS, TEXAS (p. 1)
2. The bombings on April 15 happened near the FINISH LINE of the Boston Marathon. (p. 1)
3. Kami Sherpa has done some 20 climbs in the HIMALAYAS in addition to his Everest climbs. (p.. 3)
4. The Boston Marathon is held every year on PATRIOTS' DAY. (p.. 4)
5. The Boston Tea Party was a protest against the TAX POLICY of the British government. (p.. 4)
6. Paul Revere is famous for warning Colonial militia of the approaching BRITISH FORCES. (p.. 4)
7. Arlington National Cemetery is both a national TREASURE and an active cemetery. (p.. 5)
8. Many studies have been done on the dangers of DISTRACTED driving. (p. 5)
9. Luther Burbank was a world-famous HORTICULTURIST. (p. 6)
10. "Stop and smell the roses" means to TAKE TIME to appreciate a situation. (p. 6)

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

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| <u> d </u> 1. She emailed the photos right away . | a. from one person to another and back again |
| <u> a </u> 2. They were texting back and forth . | b. postpone |
| <u> e </u> 3. I need to plug in my laptop. | c. learn |
| <u> c </u> 4. You can find out about your classmates' habits. | d. immediately |
| <u> b </u> 5. What tasks do you put off ? | e. connect to electricity |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "George W. Bush Presidential Library is dedicated" (pages 1 and 2)

1. The library contains the Bush administration's official ARCHIVES and presidential ARTIFACTS.
2. George W. Bush followed in his father's FOOTSTEPS. George H.W. Bush was the 41ST president.

B. From "Patriots' Day" (page 4)

1. Where and when were the battles of Lexington and Concord fought? NEAR BOSTON IN 1775
2. Patriots' Day is held each year on the 3rd MONDAY of April. It is a MASSACHUSETTS state holiday.

C. From "Veterans are honored every day" (page 5)

1. Memorial Day ceremonies are held to HONOR Americans who died in the service of their country.
2. The Tomb of the Unknowns is guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year by Tomb Guard SENTINELS.

D. From "Gardens showcase Luther Burbank's accomplishments" (page 6)

1. Name two of the plants that Burbank introduced that are still enjoyed today. SANTA ROSA PLUM and SHASTA DAISY
2. In the garden there is a photograph of Luther Burbank with THOMAS EDISON and HENRY FORD.

IV. What is your favorite photograph in the May issue of Easy English Times? Why? *answers will vary*

Crossword puzzle answers Across: 3. groceries 6. canvas 7. evil 8. text 10. exhausted
13. everyday 14. gossip 15. rude Down: 1. hurry 2. break 4. spectators 5. ongoing
6. cobwebs 9. secret 11. device 12. manhunt