

Easy English Times

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Learning Activities

ANSWER KEY

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

1. The message on the red shirts at the winter conference was "Adult Education MATTERS." (p. 1)
2. The Task Force on New Americans just released a report on INTEGRATING immigrants into American society. (p. 1)
3. In "Never too late to learn" Jeffrey George says "It's hard for an old dog to LEARN NEW TRICKS." (p. 2)
4. Hospice supports people who want to DIE AT HOME. (p. 4)
5. What is on your 'bucket list'? What do you want to do before you KICK THE BUCKET? (p. 4)
6. 'Duty, honor, pride' --these words come to life in the stories of the nearly two million women who have served in DEFENSE of our nation. (p. 5)
7. Decoration Day observances date back to the CIVIL WAR. (p. 5)
- 8 You plan your will while you are living, but it only takes effect after YOU DIE. (p. 5)
9. On May 10, 1869 the Union and Central Pacific Railroads JOINED their rails. (p. 7)
10. You can hear the music for the song "I've Been Working on the Railroad" on YouTube. (p. 7)

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. cross off REMOVE FROM A LIST (p. 4) | 4. last minute AT THE FINAL MOMENT (p. 6) |
| 2. on call ON DUTY (p. 4) | 5. keep track of PAY ATTENTION TO (p. 7) |
| 3. grow up TO MATURE (p. 5) | |

III. More careful reading--find these answers

A. From "Students and teachers 'Wear Red for Adult Ed'" (pages 1 and 8)

1. The image on the shirt was of a FIST HOLDING A PENCIL.
2. It is important for adults to have the opportunity to get a better life through EDUCATION .

B. From "Death and dying in America" (page 4)

1. Dame Cicely Saunders talked about the concept of HOLISTIC hospice care.
2. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross said, "We live in a very particular DEATH-DENYING society."

C. From "Wills: What they are and why you may want one" (page 5)

1. Wills can always be CHANGED while you are living.
2. To be a valid will that the courts will follow, wills must follow RULES.

D. From "American history - the first Transcontinental Railroad" (page 7)

1. Who drove in the final ceremonial spike on May 10, 1869? LELAND STANFORD
2. Constructing the railroad was GRUELING work and performed almost entirely BY HAND.

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

Crossword puzzle answers

Across: 6. habit 7. pickle 9. hire 10. fist 11. capable 13. plea 15. praise 16. tough 17. newcomers
19. cobweb 20. stages 21. clergy

Down: 1. stump 2. tracks 3. schedule 4. might 5. property 8. debts 12. ashamed 14. approach
18. weary 19. cure

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