

Easy English Times

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Learning Activities
ANSWER KEY

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

1. After World War I Memorial Day expanded to remember all those who died in AMERICA'S WARS. (p.1)
2. Last year President Obama laid a WREATH at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, Va. (p. 1)
3. President Kennedy was born in Brookline, MASSACHUSETTS on MAY 29, 1917. (p. 1)
4. The Golden Gate Bridge will be 80 years old on MAY 27, 2017. (p. 1)
5. Wage theft is the DENIAL of wages or employee benefits that are rightfully owed to an employee. (p.2)
6. People in California are happy that there is no more DROUGHT. (p. 3)
7. The training required for nail salon work is SHORT and INEXPENSIVE. (p. 3)
8. The town of Grafton, WEST VIRGINIA claims to have held the nation's first MOTHER'S DAY observance. (p. 5)
9. Americans like to say that their country is a "nation of LAWS, not MEN." (p. 7)
10. Protesters want the names "Cleveland Indians" and "Chief Wahoo" CHANGED. (p. 8)

II. Vocabulary quiz - From "Legal words and phrases to understand" (p. 7)

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| _e_ 1. representatives | a. a change or addition to the Constitution |
| _a_ 2. amendment | b. the decisions that juries make |
| _h_ 3. civil case | c. the place in a courtroom where the judge sits |
| _g_ 4. defendant | d. a group of citizens who listen to a civil or criminal case in court |
| _f_ 5. acquit | e. the elected people who make the laws |
| _d_ 6. jury | f. to set a defendant free |
| _b_ 7. verdict | g. the party accused of committing a crime in a criminal case |
| _c_ 8. bench | h. where the party on one side is claiming that the party on the other side has caused them injury |

III. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Memorial Day is May 29" (pages 1 and 7)

1. After the Civil War people decorated the GRAVES of soldiers and held ceremonies to HONOR them.
2. It is a tradition for the president to participate in a Memorial Day ceremony at ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY.

B. From "President Kennedy birth date is observed" (pages 1 and 8)

1. John F. Kennedy was the YOUNGEST president ever elected to office.
2. Former President Barack Obama will receive the PROFILE IN COURAGE Award.

C. From "A Golden Gate Bridge milestone" and "New suicide barrier for famous bridge" (pp.1& 2)

1. The bridge was difficult to design and build over the Golden Gate STRAIT.
2. The number of people who come to the bridge to commit SUICIDE has continued to INCREASE.

D. From "Cleveland team's name, logo target of protest" (page 8)

1. The Washington REDSKINS and Atlanta BRAVES are examples of teams that have kept their names.
2. Calif. became the first state in the nation to BAN the use of "Redskins" in public schools.

Crossword puzzle answers - Across: 4. quotes 7. snacks 8. delays 9. brunch 10. boundless 11. jug
13. attempted 16. aware 17. pleasure 18. daydream 19. skip

Down: 1. fled 2. drawings 3. rushing 5. seamstress 6. calf 11. journeys 12. lasted 14. labels 15. net

Answer Key for Vocabulary matching exercise: (the exercise is available on the website, easyenglishtimes.com)

1. o 2. a 3. g 4. i 5. j 6. k 7. r 8. d 9. m 10. h 11. l 12. c 13. s 14. t 15. e 16. b 17. p 18. n 19. q 20. f