

Easy English Times

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Learning Activities

ANSWER KEY

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

1. The students learned about CITY GOVERNMENT in a new program in San Mateo, Calif. (p. 1)
2. On April 19 more than 2,000 people from some 95 countries became U.S. citizens. (p. 1)
3. Barbara Bush was the WIFE of one president and the MOTHER of another. (p. 1)
4. There are 3.3 million veterans who have served since September 11, 2001. (p. 2)
5. Memorial Day is a day of patriotic ceremonies to honor the WAR DEAD. (p. 3)
6. Gabby Ilan is an IT (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY) support specialist. (p. 4)
7. Students wrote paragraphs on some of the DIFFERENCES between their countries and San Diego.
8. The ceremonial "Haft-Seen" table is part of the celebration of PERSIAN New Year. (p. 4)
9. Some soldiers in World War II said they were fighting for MOM AND APPLE PIE. (p. 5)
10. The Speaker of the House of Representatives is chosen by the MAJORITY party. (p. 5)
11. A person who is "born with a silver spoon in his or her mouth" is born RICH. (p. 6)
12. Wall Street is the FINANCIAL District in New York City. (p. 6)
13. If a business is "in the black" it is MAKING MONEY. (p. 6)
14. Pittsburgh won a place on Amazon's SHORT LIST. It is one of 20 finalists. (p. 7)
15. Cinco de Mayo celebrates the LEGENDARY Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. (p. 7)
16. "Lucha libre" is a form of professional WRESTLING that was developed in MEXICO. (p. 7)
17. Guillermo del Toro won best DIRECTOR and best PICTURE for his film "The Shape of Water."
18. Tammy Duckworth is the first U.S. Senator to have a child while IN OFFICE. (p. 8)

II. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Former First Lady Barbara Bush dies" (pages 1 & 2)

1. Barbara Bush's son Jeb was the governor of FLORIDA from 1999 to 2007.
2. She enjoyed a FAVORABLE public image during her years as first lady, but she could also be OUTSPOKEN and direct.
3. The hallmark of Barbara Bush's time as first lady was her campaign to help fight ILLITERACY.

B. From "Our readers write from San Diego, California" (page 4)

1. In Colombia, the buses run very FREQUENTLY while in California, it can TAKE HOURS.
2. In Turkey when somebody has a farm or a big house with a garden he'll need to have a GUARD dog.
3. In Egypt Muslim women have to wear long SLEEVES, long DRESSES and SCARVES.

III. Find and read the quotations (quotes) on pages 1, 2, and 6. Which ones do you agree with?
ANSWERS WILL VARY

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ACROSS: 3. tale 4. manage 8. longings 10. fair 11. nightmares 13. gills

DOWN: 1. mute 2. bargains 5. flyers 6. slogan 7. budget 9. thrill 10. fins 12. risky