

Easy English Times

MAY 2019 - Learning Activities

ANSWER KEY

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

1. Yo-Yo Ma brought his BACH PROJECT to the Laredo sister cities last month.
2. The Department of Justice is responsible for the enforcement of the LAW.
3. On Sept. 20, 2017 Hurricane Maria devastated PUERTO RICO.
4. Parents are URGED to get their children vaccinated.
5. Tongue-twisters are a good way to practice and improve PRONUNCIATION and FLUENCY.
6. Voice of America today is the largest U.S. international BROADCASTER.
7. The Cinco de Mayo battle ended in a VICTORY for the MEXICAN army.
8. Chinese workers contributed to the building of the transcontinental RAILROAD.
9. The observance of Decoration Day (now Memorial Day) dates back to the CIVIL War.
10. Community Gardens can be found in RURAL areas and even in big CITIES.
11. One goal of seed libraries is to encourage people to GROW some of their own FOOD.
12. Tiger Woods has been called "the BIGGEST name in GOLF."
13. The Kentucky Derby is called "The GREATEST Two Minutes in SPORTS."
14. The Indy 500 is held over MEMORIAL DAY weekend in late MAY.
15. Before you buy a used car, you should TEST DRIVE the car.
16. Guide dogs have to pass RIGOROUS tests in order to be placed with BLIND persons.

II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the two or three-word phrases on the left.

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| <u>c</u> 1. They set the straw figures on fire . | a. (of a supply of something) to be used up |
| <u>d</u> 2. The supermarkets were running short . | b. causing (something) to stop operating |
| <u>a</u> 3. Water was the first product to run out . | c. caused to burn |
| <u>b</u> 4. Winds of 155 mph were knocking out power... | d. becoming depleted, diminished in quantity |

III. More careful reading--find these answers.

A. From "Famous cellist plays music on the border" and Yo-Yo Ma

1. Yo-Yo Ma said, "In culture, we build BRIDGES, not WALLS."
2. He was born in 1955 to CHINESE parents living in Paris. He began to study cello at age FOUR.

B. From "The Department of Justice"

1. What do these initials stand for? FBI = THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
ATF = THE BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES
2. The current Attorney General is WILLIAM BARR.

Crossword puzzle answers

Across: 2. bet 3. afford 7. greedy 10. headlines 12. tasks 13. blazing

Down: 1. weed 4. funny 5. hire 6. greased 8. cellist 9. litter 11. sank