

Easy English Times

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Learning Activities

ANSWER KEY

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

1. This year the Nobel Peace Prize award went to THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS. (p. 1)
2. What is the date when President John F. Kennedy was shot? NOV. 22, 1963. (p. 1)
3. How many parts are there to the national U.S. Citizenship exam interview? SIX (p. 2)
4. It has been a White House tradition to "PARDON" a Thanksgiving turkey. (p. 3)
5. Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on NOV. 11, 1919. (p. 4)
6. Native American Heritage Day is a day to PAY TRIBUTE to Native Americans. (p. 4)
7. Caroline Kennedy was confirmed as the new ambassador to JAPAN. (p. 5)
8. On the Great American Smokeout Day, smokers are encouraged to QUIT SMOKING (p. 6)
9. For seven weeks, the students and their pen pals CORRESPONDED once a week. (p. 8)
10. The Boston Red Sox BEAT the St. Louis Cardinals in game 6 of the series. (p. 8)

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

- c 1. We **figure out** that the hyena has killed the zebra. a. to stop doing something
d 2. Schools of fluorescent fish **light up** the sea. b. to learn
a 3. 'Cold turkey' means you **give up** a habit all at once. c. to understand, solve
b 4. You have to see the movie to **find out** what happens. d. to brighten

III. Write the names of their countries of origin.

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| 1. Sandra Fernandez, Maria Josefa Guzman COLOMBIA | 4. Monica Gurung NEPAL |
| 2. Evelyn Tai TAIWAN | 5. Emad Younan IRAQ |
| 3. Alberto Toscano, Jessica Godoy Barragan, Celestina Perez, Irma Moran MEXICO | 6. Anait Parsegova RUSSIA |
| | 7. Cecilia Cruz EQUADOR |

IV. More careful reading--find these answers:

A. From "Malala was a strong candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize" (pages 1 and 6)

1. How old was Malala when Taliban gunmen shot her? FIFTEEN
2. Malala says that you must fight others through PEACE, DIALOGUE, and EDUCATION

B. From "50th anniversary of assassination of President John F. Kennedy" (pages 1 and 5)

1. Who was formally charged with the murders of police officer Tippit and JFK? LEE HARVEY OSWALD
2. Hundreds of thousands of people lined up to view Kennedy's CASKET.

C. From "Holidays" (page 4)

1. What is the name of the Jewish holiday that is celebrated in late Nov. & Dec.? HANUKKAH And what is the name of the week-long secular holiday honoring African-American heritage? KWANZAA
2. 'Las Posadas' depict Joseph and Mary's SEARCH FOR LODGING on the eve of her confinement.

V. Peace quotes Which is your favorite quote from Mother Teresa? NO SPECIFIC ANSWER (page 5)

VI. What is your favorite photograph in this issue of Easy English Times? Why? NO SPECIFIC ANSWER

Crossword puzzle answers - Across: 3. cruelty 5. shocked 7. advise 10. adrift 12. outgoing 13. tarp 14. thrive 15. helplessly **Down:** 1. quiz 2. flashback 4. bold 6. selfish 8. slogan 9. wandered 11. trust