

# Easy English Times

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Learning Activities

## ANSWER KEY

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

1. ICAN stands for the INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN to ABOLISH NUCLEAR WEAPONS. (p. 1)
2. Wreath-laying ceremonies are held at Arlington National CEMETERY and other locations on 12/16. (p. 1)
3. The Women Veterans Task Force identified the six TOP ISSUES faced by women veterans. (p. 2)
4. Human rights day is marked by conferences and cultural events dealing with HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. (p. 2)
5. World AIDS Day is important because it reminds people that HIV has not GONE AWAY. (p. 3)
6. In Iceland BOOKS are exchanged as Christmas Eve presents. (p. 3)
7. When the fires started the winds were so strong that the fires "EXPLODED". (p. 4)
8. Signs thanking first responders are STILL SEEN all over the fire areas. (p. 5 caption)
9. Tuba Christmas was the BRAINCHILD of the tuba virtuoso Harvey Phillips. (p. 7)
10. The most recognized flower of the Christmas season is the POINSETTIA. (p. 7)

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

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| <u>  c  </u> 1. The fires <b>broke out</b> overnight.                  | a. in a dangerous place               |
| <u>  a  </u> 2. They evacuated people who were <b>in harm's way</b> .  | b. begin or give serious attention to |
| <u>  d  </u> 3. "Thanksgiving deserves that title <b>hands-down</b> ." | c. started suddenly                   |
| <u>  b  </u> 4. Let's get <b>down to</b> business.                     | d. without question                   |

### III. More careful reading--find these answers:

#### A. From "2017 Nobel Peace Prize announced" (pages 1 and 3)

1. ICAN brings attention to the catastrophic humanitarian CONSEQUENCES of any use of nuclear weapons.
2. In ancient Greece they AWARDED laurel wreaths to the winners of all COMPETITIONS as a sign of honor.

#### B. From "Programs available for women veterans" and "A salute to women veterans" (page 2)

1. Panel members spoke about how Military Sexual Trauma (MST) is UNDERREPORTED and difficult to PROVE.
2. In 2016 more than TWO MILLION of the 21.3 million veterans in the U.S. were women.

#### C. From "Wildfires take lives in Northern California" (page 4)

1. First responders on the scene quickly realized that they were no MATCH for the FLAMES.
2. There were more than 21 active WILDFIRES statewide.

#### D. From "Air quality" and "Communications - lessons learned" (page 4)

1. By Oct. 13 air quality in the city of Napa reached the "HAZARDOUS" level.
2. For some residents power and phone service were OUT FOR SEVERAL DAYS..

### Crossword puzzle answers

**Across:** 1. reminded 2. surplus 3. treaties 4. blaze 5. sparks 6. crews 12. mind

**Down:** 7. generosity 8. grateful 9. proverbs 10. advise 11. wreaths

