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## Learning Activities

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

1. What is the abbreviation for the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services?
2. Where does Josephine Okwudu study ESL?
3. What percent of the earth's water is salt water?
4. What is the dictionary definition of drought?
5. What is a ghost town?
6. According to author Laura Fitzgerald, where does Tamila find a support system?
7. In baseball, what does RBI stand for?
8. What kind of movie is "Miss Potter"?
9. Give at least two tips for how to make a good impression at a job interview.
10. After July 30 how much will the fee be to apply for naturalization?

**Bonus question** The July birthdates of two famous women are mentioned in this issue. Who are the women and what are their dates of birth?

### II. Vocabulary quiz: Match the definitions to the phrases found in the sentences below.

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| _____ 1. We <b>take</b> fresh, clean drinking water <b>for granted</b> . | a. <i>not able to change</i>                           |
| _____ 2. Use the same water bottle <b>over and over</b> .                | b. <i>in a difficult situation</i>                     |
| _____ 3. He was <b>in trouble</b> for cheating on the exam .             | c. <i>many times, repeatedly</i>                       |
| _____ 4. I'm sorry. I <b>can't help</b> it..                             | d. <i>not to notice or feel grateful for something</i> |

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

#### A. From "America, my new home," page 1

1. What is the American expression that Josephine Okwudu uses in her essay?
2. Where is she working?
3. Where are her remaining children?

#### B. From the stories about water, page 2

1. What is often the source of the water that is in supermarket vending machines?
2. What are burned when boats, trucks or trains transport bottled water?
3. Tell two things that we can do to save water.

#### C. From "There are many ghost towns across the American West" page 4

1. How many people were living in Bodie in 1880?
2. What types of activities contributed to Bodie's lawlessness?
3. Why didn't the town of Oatman die completely after the mining company shut down the mine?

#### D. From "DVD Review - 'Miss Potter' " page 6

1. How did Beatrix Potter defy the odds in 1902?
2. Until Beatrix met Norman Warne and his sister Millie, who were her best friends?
3. What happens to Norman when Beatrix is away in the Lake District?

### IV. Writing Suggestions

1. For the Aug./Sept. issue write about your school experiences, tell us about special places you have visited, or tell us about marriage customs in your country. (by 8/10).
2. For any issue, send us stories about your job (how you got it, how you like it, etc.) your hometown, a favorite family member, teacher, book, movie or poem.

**Important note: The August/September issue will be mailed in the middle of August.**

Crossword Puzzle answers in alphabetical order: **Across:** belongings, broke, chaperone, frightened, glimpse, mischief, novel, roam **Down:** beat, behaved, engaged, perspiration, prolific, rip-off

# Crossword Puzzle

(Words are from VOCABULARY HELP)

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## Across

1. Did your mother have a \_\_\_\_ when she was dating? Was there an older person who accompanied the couple when they went out on a date?

2. After the airplane landed, the flight attendant said, "Make sure you have all your \_\_\_\_\_. Don't leave your personal property behind."

3. When his friend's company went \_\_\_\_, the family had to return to Iran. The company didn't have any money.

4. When you visit a ghost town that has been preserved, you get a \_\_\_\_ of history. You get a short look at what it was like in the past.

5. Peter said, "Sometimes I just have to get into \_\_\_\_\_." I have to do things that irritate my family.

6. Some burros \_\_\_\_ the streets of Oatman, Arizona. They wander freely in the town.

7. "Veil of Roses" is a \_\_\_\_ about a young Iranian woman in the USA. It is a work of fiction.

8. When Mr. McGregor said, "Stop, thief," Peter rabbit was \_\_\_\_\_. He was scared.

## Down

2. In the "Tale of Peter Rabbit," the girl bunnies were very well \_\_\_\_\_. They acted well and obeyed their mother.

3. Barry Bonds is trying to \_\_ Hank Aaron's all-time record for home runs. He is trying to do better.

9. According to Thomas Edison, success is 10% inspiration and 90% \_\_\_\_\_. In other words, you have to work hard and sweat a lot to be successful.

10. Beatrix Potter is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ children's authors of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. She wrote a lot of books for children.

11. To say that something you have bought is a \_\_\_\_\_, you mean that you were charged too much money or that it was of poor quality.

12. Beatrix and Norman got \_\_\_\_\_ secretly. They had a secret formal agreement to get married.

