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Earthquake. Tsunami. Meltdown?

A powerful earthquake struck northeastern _____ on March 11. It was the _____ earthquake that had ever hit Japan. It measured 9.0 on the Richter _____ .

The epicenter of the quake was 80 miles off the _____. The huge change in the floor of the _____ caused a deadly tsunami. The tsunami became a _____ 20 to 30 feet high as it hit the coast. The wall of _____ rushed many miles inland at high _____. It tore down _____. It washed ships, trucks and cars along with it. It **destroyed*** everything in its _____ .

WORD BANK

coast	largest	speed	scale	path
wave	houses	Japan	water	ocean

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Prisons and Jails

Americans love _____. But many people in the U.S lose their liberty when they _____ a crime. More than two million _____ are in prison. That's one of every 100 _____ Americans!

Criminals take away people's property, their money, and their _____ of safety. Many victims are _____ or killed. Americans _____ the government to *stop* crime.

Many _____ are "tough on crime." *Get criminals off the streets. Lock them up.* To do this, the government _____ more police. The police arrest more criminals. The courts _____ more criminals. The government builds more prisons.

WORD BANK

lawmakers	commit	want	adult	hires
feeling	people	convict	liberty	hurt

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April Fools' Day

April _____ is called April Fools Day. It is a day for fun and
_____. People _____ tell you big lies.

They hope you _____ them. For example, they say, "We're having
a _____ in ESL class today." When you say, "Oh, no, I didn't
_____ for it," they say "April Fool!"

Or, you can say, "What is that _____ on your shirt? Did you
_____ some food?" When your friend _____ to see
where the spot is, say, "April Fool!"

Remember, the day is for fun, not for _____ anyone.

WORD BANK

hurting	spot	first	may	believe
test	looks	tricks	study	spill

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Easter

Flowers, eggs, rabbits, and chicks are _____ of spring and new life. Children color _____ at home or at school.

On Easter Sunday, children look for Easter _____. Their baskets are filled with eggs, candy, marshmallow chicks, jelly beans, and _____ rabbits. Little children believe that the “Easter _____” has brought them these gifts.

Many towns have Easter events in the parks for _____. There are egg hunts and _____. In Washington, D.C., many children go to the White House _____. They try to roll Easter eggs up a hill with a _____.

Often the _____ and First Lady come out to greet the children and their families.

WORD BANK

Bunny

President

symbols

spoon

games

lawn

children

chocolate

eggs

baskets

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Slow Driving

I was driving home late at _____. I drove very _____ because the road was very dark. When I looked in the rearview _____ I saw a long line of _____ behind me.

A police car came up _____ me. I moved to the right to let it pass me. Then it pulled in _____ of me. I had to stop. The policeman came to the car _____. He said, "Your license and your insurance card, please."

"What did I _____ wrong?" I asked.

"You were _____ too slow."

"Going too slow? Is that a _____?"

He told me that highways have minimum speeds, not just maximum speeds.

WORD BANK

do	slowly	mirror	behind	front
mistake	cars	night	window	going

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Turmoil in Many Countries

Protesters have toppled some _____. First, Tunisians
_____ their dictator. Then Egyptians _____
their leader, Hosni Mubarak, step _____. Finally, Mubarak resigned.
He left the _____. The protests in Tunisia and Egypt were mostly
_____.

In Yemen, the result is not clear. Some _____ want reforms. Others want a
complete _____ of government.

In Libya, Muammar Ghadafi [Qadhafi] had been the _____ since 1969.
Libyans asked him to step down. He _____.

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change	leader	demanded	down	governments
country	protesters	refused	overthrew	peaceful

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April: Which Word Does Not belong?

Three words in each row go together. One word does not belong with them. Draw a circle around the word that does not belong. Be ready to explain your reasons.

	A	B	C	D
1.	epicenter	Japan	aftershock	earthquake
2.	radiation	meltdown	reactor	tsunami
3.	rescue	country	prefecture	state
4.	inmate	prisoner	lawmaker	criminal
5.	kidnapping	smuggling	fraud	sentence
6.	educate	convict	rehabilitate	teach
7.	sneeze	snore	skunk	snout
8.	Libya	Canada	Egypt	Tunisia
9.	church	Muslim	Imam	mosque
10.	leave	escape	flee	enter
11.	tension	turmoil	peace	unrest
12.	flour	flower	eggs	butter