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Canadian Shield region of Alberta

Pre-reading activities:

☞ Did your students read about the Grassland region in the Nov/Dec 2009 issue? If so, ask them what they remember about the Grassland region. Write down some vocabulary that they learned (region, land, climate, animals, plants, land use, etc.).

☞ If students did not read about the Grassland region, start with the legend map in the March 2010 issue of *EE*. Which region looks the largest? Which region do you think you live in? What regions have you visited?

Canadian Shield map activities: Use the maps on *EE-2* for map activities. For example:

☞ Ask questions that help students practice using direction words (north, south, etc.).

☞ Have students find the winter roads on the map. Why might these roads be dangerous?

Answers for exercises

Scavenger hunt (TN-2) possible answers

- A** 1. Saskatchewan
2. Wood Buffalo National Park
3. lynx 4. float plane 5. beaver
- B** 1. Fort Chipewyan, Fort McMurray
Fort Smith
2. snowmobile 3. bannock
4. Fort Chipewyan 5. pelican
- C** 1. pike 2. Northwest Territories
3. highway 63 4. lichen 5. wolf
- D** 1. Slave River 2. Lake Athabasca
3. canoeing, fishing, hunting,
riding ATVs
4. Fort Chip museum
5. moose, wood bison

Canadian Shield region (TN-3) possible answers

1. 6 2. in northeastern Alberta
3. about 1,200 people
4. the Northwest Territories
5. Saskatchewan 6. Fort Chipewyan
7. Athabasca River 8. by plane

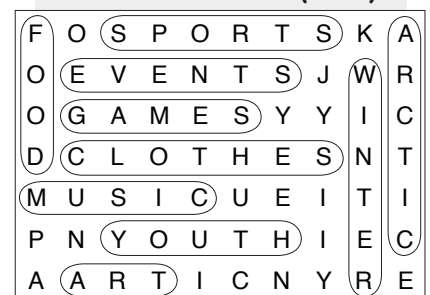
Snow sculpture (TN-4)

1. Edmonton 2. sculptor 3. Quebec
4. contest 5. dinosaurs 6. prizes

Find the words (TN-4)

Animals (TN-4)

1. beaver
2. moose
3. wolf
4. pelican



Work in groups or on your own. Look for the answers on pages 2 and 3 of *English Express*. Write your answers on the lines.

A

1. a province with a long name

2. a national park

3. a member of the cat family

4. a kind of plane

5. an animal that chews wood

B

1. a community that starts with **Fort**

2. a winter vehicle with skis

3. a kind of bread

4. a community beside a lake

5. a bird with a very long bill

C

1. a large fish

2. a Canadian territory

3. a highway

4. a plant that grows on rocks

5. an animal that howls

D

1. a river with rapids

2. a big lake

3. a summer activity

4. a place to learn about history

5. an animal with a hump on its back

Read pages 2 and 3 of *English Express*. Look at the maps too. Then answer these questions. Write short answers.



1. How many natural regions are there in Alberta?

2. Where is the Canadian Shield region of Alberta?

3. How many people live in this region?

4. What territory is north of Alberta?

5. What province is east of Alberta?

6. What community is beside Lake Athabasca?

7. What river flows north from Fort McMurray?

8. How do most supplies and food arrive in Fort Chip?

Map: Wendy Johnson



Favourite photo

Look at the photos on pages 2 and 3 of *English Express*.

What is your favourite photo? _____

Why do you like it? _____

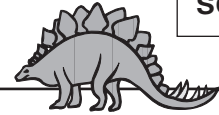
Snow sculpture

Answers on page TN-1

Read the story about Ritchie on page 4 of *English Express*. Then fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box.

1. Ritchie lives in _____.
2. He is a _____.
3. Ritchie and his team went to _____.
4. They were in a snow sculpture _____.
5. They made a snow sculpture of 2 _____.
6. They won 2 big _____.

contest
dinosaurs
Edmonton
prizes
Quebec
sculptor



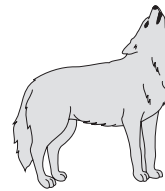
Animals

Answers on page TN-1

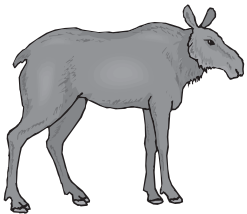
Unscramble the names of these animals.



1 verabe



3 fwlo



2 omsoe



4 cpialen

Find the words

Answers on page TN-1

Find the words in the puzzle. They are from the story "Arctic Winter Games." Some words go across. Some go down.

ARCTIC	GAMES
ART	MUSIC
CLOTHES	SPORTS
EVENTS	WINTER
FOOD	YOUTH

F	O	S	P	O	R	T	S	K	A
O	E	V	E	N	T	S	J	W	R
O	G	A	M	E	S	Y	Y	I	C
D	C	L	O	T	H	E	S	N	T
M	U	S	I	C	U	E	I	T	I
P	N	Y	O	U	T	H	I	E	C
A	A	R	T	I	C	N	Y	R	E