

# English Express

## Teaching Notes

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### Jim has a hobby

☞ Discuss collecting things. Do any students have a collection? Can they bring it to class to show others?

### Beth can't pay her bills

☞ Discuss credit cards. What are the pros and cons of using them?

### Danny won literacy award

☞ Students can go to [www.nald.ca/story/archive/2008/08sep08/daniel.htm](http://www.nald.ca/story/archive/2008/08sep08/daniel.htm) to listen to Danny tell a story about himself.

☞ There are stories of other learners at [www.nald.ca/storyoftheweek/](http://www.nald.ca/storyoftheweek/).

### Penny paints pictures

☞ The website for the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists is [www.mfpacanada.com](http://www.mfpacanada.com). Have students look under Canadian artists for Penny's and other artists' web pages.

### Scavenger hunt

☞ Make a list of things for the students to search for in the paper. For example: 4 types of flowers, 3 things that are blue, 2 types of transportation, 1 sign, 2 animals that live in the ocean.

## Answers for exercises

### People in the paper

2.T, 3.F, 4.F, 5.T, 6.T, 7.F, 8.T, 9.F, 10.T

### Hummus

- rinse, drain
- blender
- smooth
- bowl

### Beat the winter blues!

- tai chi
- swimming
- snowman
- skating
- dancing
- exercises
- skiing

### Vocabulary

2. c, 3. a, 4. e, 5. d

### Health care premiums (possible answers)

- On December 15, 2008
- Three months
- No. They will continue.
- Call 310-0000 then dial 780-427-1432.

### Crossword answers

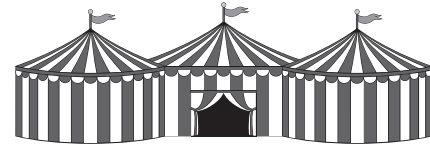
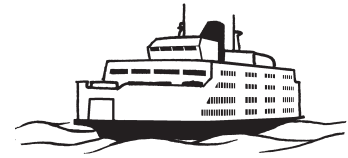


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Read the stories about Sarah, Jim, Danny and Penny. Read the sentences. Write T if the sentence is true. Write F if the sentence is false.

- T   1. Danny joined the circus when he was 15.
- 2. Penny uses an easel and watercolour paints.
- 3. Sarah took a ferry to Prince Edward Island.
- 4. Jim has 570 banks in his collection.
- 5. Danny won a literacy award in September 2008.
- 6. Penny uses her chin to move her wheelchair.
- 7. Sarah went shopping with her dad.
- 8. Jim was 60 years old in 1991.
- 9. Danny's wife's name is Bev.
- 10. Penny visits schools and hospitals.



Paint set: Guy Parsons; Ferry: Nola Johnston

Hummus

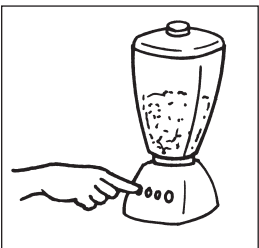
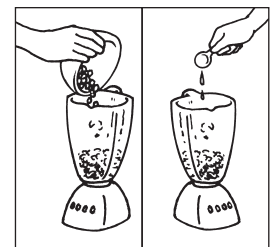
Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box.

bowl smooth blender ~~rinse~~ drain



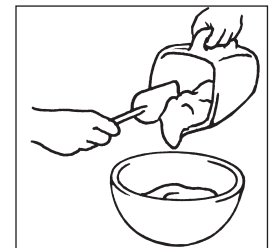
1. R i n s e  
and \_\_\_\_\_  
the chickpeas.

2. Put all the  
ingredients in a  
\_\_\_\_\_.



3. Blend until  
the mixture is  
\_\_\_\_\_.

4. Scrape the  
hummus into  
a \_\_\_\_\_.



Art: Nola Johnston

What are they doing? Fill in the blanks.



1. She is exercising  
at a r e c  
c e n t r e.



2. He is doing  
\_\_\_\_\_.



3. They are  
\_\_\_\_\_.



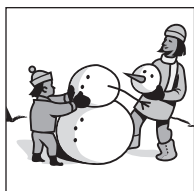
4. She is cross-country  
\_\_\_\_\_.



5. They are  
\_\_\_\_\_.



6. They are  
\_\_\_\_\_.



7. They are building a  
\_\_\_\_\_.



8. She is doing  
\_\_\_\_\_ in front of the TV.

Art: Guy Parsons

## Vocabulary

Match the word to the definition. These words are in the story about Beth.

1. income

a. Money that you owe

2. expenses

b. Money that you make or receive each month

3. debts

c. Money that you need to live (For example: money for rent or a mortgage, food, gas or a bus pass)

4. creditors

d. A person who can help you make a payment plan

5. counsellor at CCSA

e. People or companies that you owe money to

Answer these questions about health care premiums. (Use short answers.)

1. "What are Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan premiums?"

Money Albertans pay for the AHCIP

2. "I have automatic withdrawal for my AHCIP premiums. When will the AHCIP stop taking money from my bank account?"

\_\_\_\_\_

3. "I moved to Alberta on November 1, 2008. How much time do I have to apply for the AHCIP?"

\_\_\_\_\_

4. "Are Alberta Blue Cross premiums ending in 2009 too?"

\_\_\_\_\_

5. "I live in Calgary. I want to give my new address to the AHCIP. What number should I call?"

\_\_\_\_\_

## Crossword

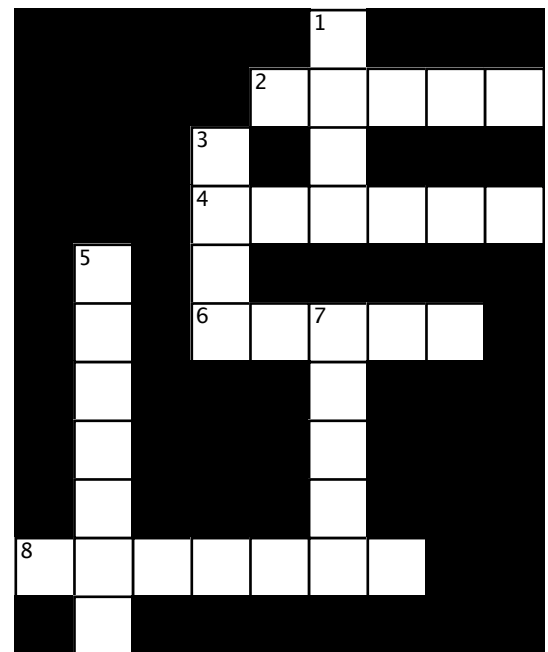
The words in this crossword are from Sarah's story on page 2.

### Across

- 2. A large boat for vehicles and passengers
- 4. Victoria is on an \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 6. A place to stay overnight
- 8. Sarah's grandmother lives there.

### Down

- 1. A mammal with flippers
- 3. Tuna, salmon, bass, cod
- 5. Vacation
- 7. Someone who helps you learn something



Art: Guy Parsons