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2008 Paralympic Games

☞ The 2008 Paralympics are in China from September 6 to 17. Bring in newspaper photos of the events for discussion.

Sweet chili tofu stir-fry

- ☞ Have your students ever eaten tofu?
- ☞ Tofu is a favourite food of many vegetarians. Discuss the reasons some people are vegetarians.
- ☞ If you have a kitchen available for use, you can make the stir-fry with your students.
- ☞ Watch the video on the *English Express* website.

Watch for an article in the October issue about voting in a federal election.

Answers for exercises

Vivienne draws cartoons

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

Babies

- 2. c - triplets
- 3. a - quadruplets
- 4. e - quintuplets
- 5. b - sextuplets

Stir-fries are delicious!

- 2. a - bok choy
- 3. h - garlic
- 4. d - celery
- 5. c - onions
- 6. f - bell peppers
- 7. b - carrots
- 8. e - mushrooms

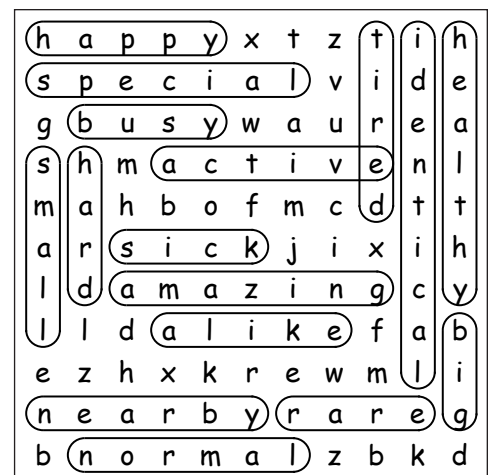
Summer Olympics

- 2. 28
- 3. 54
- 4. 20
- 5. 10
- 6. 21
- 7. 5
- 8. 10
- 9. 4
- 10. 5

Coming to Canada

- ☞ Before coming to Canada, Alia imagined what Canada was like. If you have immigrants in your class, ask them what they thought Canada was like before they came here. What do they think about Canada now?
- ☞ Discussion topic for all students: “Have you ever had something turn out to be very different from what you imagined it would be like?” For example: a new job, a new city, marriage or parenthood.

Find the words



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Look at Vivienne's cartoon. Read the sentences.
Write T if the sentence is true. Write F if the sentence is false.



- T 1. Vivienne has a lot of work to do.
- 2. Vivienne is drawing in a notebook on the floor.
- 3. Vivienne's husband is asking a question.
- 4. Vivienne's husband isn't wearing glasses.
- 5. One drawer of the filing cabinet is open.
- 6. The computer is turned off.
- 7. There is a chair in the cartoon.
- 8. Vivienne's desk isn't very messy.
- 9. Both people are wearing shoes.
- 10. There are some pencils and pens in a cup on the desk.

Sometimes women give birth to more than one baby at a time. Draw a line to the correct word.

1. two babies at one time
2. three babies at one time
3. four babies at one time
4. five babies at one time
5. six babies at one time

- a. quadruplets
- b. sextuplets
- c. triplets
- d. twins
- e. quintuplets



☞ Do **you** have a twin brother or sister?
Do you know anyone with twins? Are they identical?

Stir-fries are delicious!

You can use many kinds of vegetables in a stir-fry. Unscramble these words. Then write the letter for the picture on the line.

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s n a p p e a s

_____ 2. kob yoch _____

_____ 3. ralcig _____

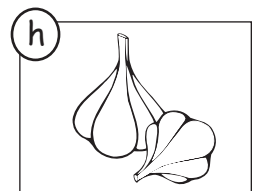
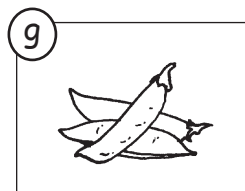
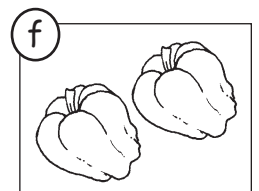
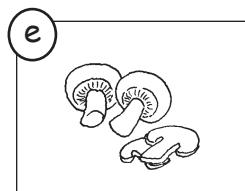
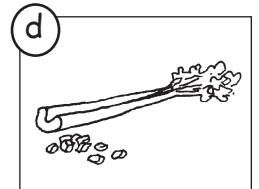
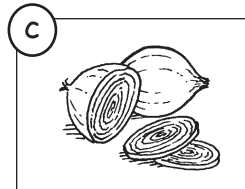
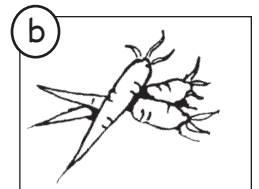
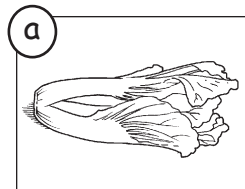
_____ 4. reylec _____

_____ 5. noniso _____

_____ 6. lebl prespep

_____ 7. scotra _____

_____ 8. mormoshus _____



☞ What kinds of meat or seafood can you put in a stir-fry?

Read **Summer Olympics** on page 1. Fill in the blanks.
You need to do some subtraction (-).

1. China won 15 more gold medals than the U.S.
2. Both China and Russia won _____ bronze medals.
3. Russia won _____ more medals in total than Canada.
4. Canada won _____ fewer gold medals than Russia.
5. China won _____ fewer medals in total than the U.S.
6. Both China and Russia won _____ silver medals.
7. Michael Phelps won _____ more gold medals than Usain Bolt at this Olympics.
8. Simon Whitfield is _____ years older than Michael Phelps.
9. The next Summer Olympics will be in London _____ years from now.
10. Usain Bolt is _____ years younger than Carol Huynh.



Find the words

Find these adjectives in the puzzle. Some words go across and some go down.

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|---------|-----------|
| active | identical |
| alike | nearby |
| amazing | normal |
| big | rare |
| busy | sick |
| happy | small |
| hard | special |
| healthy | tired |

