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Answers for exercises

Homesick (possible answers)

2. He grew up in Iran.
3. Yes, he had a good job.
4. He won the Shine award.
5. He feels homesick when he thinks about the past.

Instruments (possible answers)

2. He has played it for more than 40 years.
3. People have played it for more than 1,000 years.
4. Yes, he has performed here many times.
5. He helps people learn about Chinese music.

Alberta elections

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

Having an eye exam

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|-----------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2. looks | 4. chart | 6. glasses, |
| 3. lenses | 5. eye diseases | prescription |

Finding an optometrist

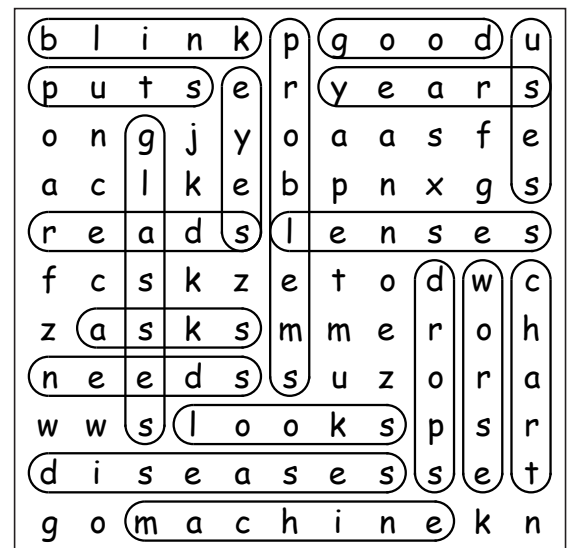
☞ Students may need to find an optometrist. Go to www.optometrists.ab.ca/find/findod.htm, then choose the town or city closest to you. There is information for the public about eye safety and eye diseases at www.eyesite.ca/english/public-information/index.htm and at www.cnib.ca/en/your-eyes/Default.aspx

Provincial election

☞ At the time of printing, the election had not been called. Use the chart on the left side of page 3 of the Teaching Notes to talk about the present legislative assembly. After the election, have students fill in the table on the right for homework. Discuss the changes in seats. (You may have to wait a few days before the results are final.) There is more information at www.assembly.ab.ca/net/index.aspx?p=mla_home. You can look up your MLA at this website.

☞ You can also look up your MLA at the Elections Alberta website. You can use several different search methods. Go to: www.elections.ab.ca/streetkey/.

Find the words



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Homesick

Answers on page TN-1

Zahed's story is on page 3 of *English Express*. Answer with complete sentences.

1. Where was Zahed born?

He was born in Afghanistan.

2. Where did Zahed grow up?

3. Did Zahed work in Iran?

4. What did Zahed win?

5. When does Zahed feel homesick?

Instruments of the world

Answers on page TN-1

Use complete sentences to answer the following questions.

1. How long has Hubert lived in Canada? He has lived
in Canada since the 1970s.

2. How long has Hubert played the erhu? _____

3. How long have people played the erhu? _____

4. Has Hubert ever performed in Canada? _____

5. What does Hubert help people learn about? _____



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Provincial election

The table below shows the parties and the number of MLAs before the election.

MLAs as of January 22, 2008

Party	MLAs
Progressive Conservative	60
Alberta Liberal Party	16
Alberta NDP	4
Alberta Alliance	1
Independent	1
Vacant	1

- ☞ Which party had the most MLAs?
- ☞ What does NDP stand for?

Note: Independent means that the MLA is not in a political party.

After the election, fill out this table. Start with the party with the most MLAs.

MLAs after the provincial election

Party	MLAs

- ☞ Which party has the most MLAs?
- ☞ Which party has the fewest MLAs?
- ☞ Who is your MLA?

Alberta election

Answers on page TN-1

Read the article "Voting in an Alberta election." Then read the sentences below. Write a T on the line if the sentence is true. Write an F if the sentence is false.

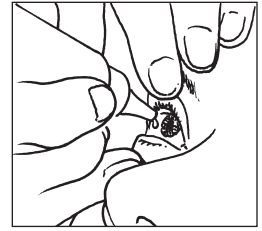
- T 1. You can still vote if your name is not on the voters list.
2. You must live in Alberta for 6 months before election day.
3. You must be 20 years old or older to vote.
4. Mark your ballot with a check mark.
5. Alberta has 92 MLAs.
6. The legislature building is in Calgary.
7. You must be a Canadian citizen to vote.
8. An electoral division is also called a constituency or riding.
9. You can use the Internet to add your name to the voters list.
10. Polls are open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on election day.



Art: Nola Johnston

Fill in the blanks. Choose words from the box.

- 1 Dr. Hensel asks Christine some questions.
- 2 He _____ at Christine's eyes.
- 3 He uses a machine with many _____.
- 4 Christine looks through the lenses.
She reads a _____.
- 5 Dr. Hensel puts drops in Christine's eyes.
He looks for _____.
- 6 Christine needs _____.
Dr. Hensel gives her a _____.



- chart
- prescription
- ~~asks~~
- glasses
- eye
- diseases
- looks
- lenses

Find the words



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

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|----------|----------|
| asks | looks |
| blink | machine |
| chart | needs |
| diseases | problems |
| drops | puts |
| eyes | reads |
| glasses | uses |
| good | worse |
| lenses | years |

b	l	i	n	k	p	g	o	o	d	u
p	u	t	s	e	r	y	e	a	r	s
o	n	g	j	y	o	a	a	s	f	e
a	c	l	k	e	b	p	n	x	g	s
r	e	a	d	s	l	e	n	s	e	s
f	c	s	k	z	e	t	o	d	w	c
z	a	s	k	s	m	m	e	r	o	h
n	e	e	d	s	s	u	z	o	r	a
w	w	s	l	o	o	k	s	p	s	r
d	i	s	e	a	s	e	s	s	e	t
g	o	m	a	c	h	i	n	e	k	n