

# English Express

## Teaching Notes



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### Fort McMurray

✓ Fort McMurray will receive money to help pay for new housing and other things. Ask students to discuss or write about what your community needs. For example: new housing, a homeless shelter, a new water treatment plant, a new hospital, roadwork, a recreation centre, a food bank, a playground, a seniors centre, bike trails or walking paths.

### Special issue in late May

✓ Watch for a special issue for parents about post-secondary education in late May. The issue will have useful information for parents with children in Grades 6 to 9.

### Answers for exercises

#### Numbers in the news

2. 396	6. 2, 1
3. 6	7. 25
4. 10	8. 1,326
5. 22	9. 3

**Pansies** 7, 1, 3, 4, 2, 6, 5, 8

#### More gestures

2. f  
3. c  
4. g  
5. e  
6. i  
7. b  
8. a  
9. d

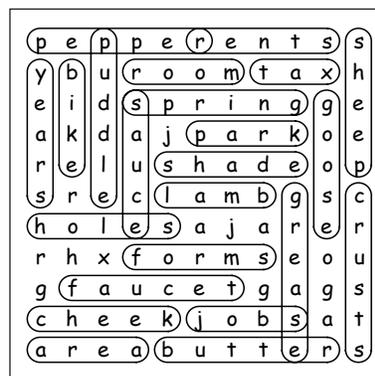
#### Cooking words

2. Crush  
3. Chop  
4. Pour  
5. Melt  
6. Add  
7. Preheat  
8. Slice  
9. Grease

#### How many syllables?

2 syllables: perfume, Europe  
3 syllables: industry, history, sausages  
4 syllables: comfortable, technologist,  
Bulgaria, Romania,  
Radosveta, Bulgarian  
5 syllables: university

### Find the words – answers



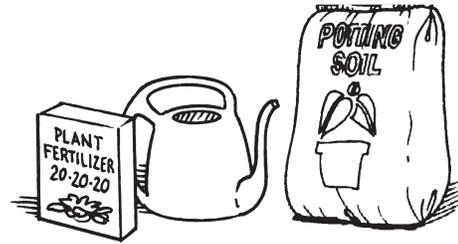
### Family Literacy special issues

The Family Literacy series is available from the *English Express* office on an ongoing basis. The eight issues include:

- #1: What is Family Literacy?
- #2: How do young children develop?
- #3: Helping babies learn
- #4: Helping toddlers learn
- #5: Helping preschoolers learn
- #6: Children between 4½ & 7—helping them learn
- #7: Starting Grade One
- #8: Tell a story, read a story

Put these steps in order. What do you do first? What do you do next?

- \_\_\_ Water your pansies.
- 1 Buy some pansies, a pot and some potting soil.
- \_\_\_ Remove the pansies from their pots.
- \_\_\_ Put the pansies on top of the soil.
- \_\_\_ Put some potting soil into the pot.
- \_\_\_ Press down the soil.
- \_\_\_ Put soil around the roots.
- \_\_\_ Fertilize once a month.



Art—potting soil, fertilizer: Nola Johnston

# Cooking words

Fill in the blanks with the correct verb. Use a capital for the first letter.

- 1. Cut the crusts off the bread.
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ the cornflakes in a plastic bag.
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ some onion and green pepper into small pieces.
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ the egg mixture on top.
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ the margarine and pour it on top of the bread.
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ the pepper, mustard, onion, green pepper, Worcestershire sauce, milk and hot sauce.
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ the oven to 350°F.
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ the cheese.
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ the dish with a little margarine.



<del>cut</del>	pour	crush
grease	preheat	chop
add	melt	slice



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## How many syllables?

Answers on page TN-1

Count the number of syllables in each word. Then write the word beside the number of syllables that it has.

university

Bulgaria

Radosveta

Romania

industry

comfortable

history

technologist

~~perfume~~

Europe

Bulgarian

sausages

Two syllables: perfume \_\_\_\_\_

Three syllables: \_\_\_\_\_

Four syllables: \_\_\_\_\_

Five syllables: \_\_\_\_\_

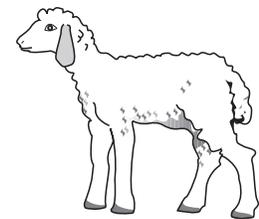


## Numbers in the news

Answers on page TN-1

Write the correct number on the blank.

1. The deadline to send in your personal income tax is April 30.
2. Fort McMurray will get \$\_\_\_\_\_ million from the Alberta government.
3. You use \_\_\_\_\_ eggs to make the recipe on page 3 of *English Express*.
4. The population of Fort McMurray has almost doubled in \_\_\_\_\_ years.
5. Earth Day is on April \_\_\_\_\_.
6. There are \_\_\_\_\_ sheep and \_\_\_\_\_ lamb on page 1.
7. *English Express* is \_\_\_\_\_ years old.
8. Bulgaria has a \_\_\_\_\_ -year history.
9. You use \_\_\_\_\_ cups of milk in the baked breakfast recipe.



## More gestures

Answers on page TN-1

What can these gestures mean in Alberta? Write the letter on the line.

- |   |                                |
|---|--------------------------------|
| _____ 1. nodding your head  | a. I can't hear you. Speak up. |
| _____ 2. shaking your head  | b. What time is it?            |
| _____ 3. yawning and covering your mouth                              | c. I'm bored!                  |
| _____ 4. fanning yourself with your hand                              | d. Be quiet!                   |
| _____ 5. holding your thumb up in front of your body                  | e. That's great!               |
| _____ 6. waving   | f. No                          |
| _____ 7. pointing to your wrist                                       | g. It's very hot!              |
| _____ 8. holding your hand by your ear                                | h. Yes                         |
| _____ 9. holding your finger in front of your mouth and saying, "Sh!" | i. Goodbye                     |

## Find the words

Answers on page TN-1

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

area	grease	room
bike	holes	sauce
butter	jobs	shade
cheek	lamb	sheep
crusts	park	spring
faucet	pepper	tax
forms	puddle	years
goose	rents	

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