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Answers for exercises

Find the answers in the table (TN-2)

1. 26 2. 14 3. the U.S. 4. 7 5. 30

Punctuation marks (TN-3) possible answers

1. Canada played the United States for the gold medal in men's hockey.
2. Canada beat the U.S.
3. The score was 3 to 2.
4. The game was exciting.
5. It went into overtime.
6. Sidney Crosby scored the winning goal.
7. How many Canadians saw the big goal?
8. About 22 million!

What word does not belong (TN-3)

possible answers

1. Thursday 2. skis 3. milk
4. Alberta 5. paprika

Easy potatoes (TN-4)

1. Turn, oven 2. pan 3. onions, bowl
4. Pour 5. cheese 6. hour 7. soft

BACK ISSUES

Remember you can order extra copies of the following from the *English Express* office:

Nov/Dec 2009: This issue has 2 pages about the Grassland Region of Alberta.



March 2010: This issue has 2 pages about the Canadian Shield Region.

Art Gallery of Alberta

Talk about the art on page EE-2. Some students may know of Audrey Hepburn or Degas. Which piece of art do they like best?

Plan a field trip to the AGA or an art gallery in your area. Visit ahead of time and make up a worksheet for the students.

Students can also read the article *Go to an art gallery* under the topic *Art* on the *English Express* website.

Colours

With beginner ESL students, you can ask questions about colours in the photos. For example, What colour is Joannie's outfit?

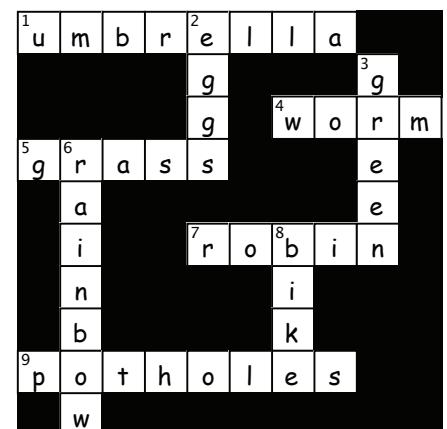
Free online ESL resource

You can watch videos of ESL instructors teaching students at: blogs.ubc.ca/vcctesol. This resource is part of the TESOL Teacher Training Program.

Crossword answers (TN-4)



Art—robin, owl, plane, tulips: Guy Parsons



Reading a table

This table is about Olympic medals. The table has **rows** and **columns**. Rows go across. Columns go down.

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
U.S.	9	15	13	37
Germany	10	13	7	30
Canada	14	7	5	26



How to read the table

You can get information from the table. For example:

- How many silver medals did Canada win?

Step 1: Find the row for **Canada**.

Step 2: Find the column for **Silver**.

Step 3: Find where the row and column meet.

Answer: 7

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Find the answers in the table

Answers on page TN-1

Look at the table in the box above or on page 1 of *English Express*. Then answer the questions.

1. How many medals did Canada win? _____
2. How many gold medals did Canada win? _____
3. What country won the most medals? _____
4. How many bronze medals did Germany win? _____
5. How many medals did Germany win? _____

What are your interests?

About me

Read the reader's story on page 1 of *English Express*. Vera Lucia has many interests. For example: cooking. What do you like to do?



Punctuation marks are in many places. For example:

✓ at the end of sentences

- ☞ I like hockey.
- ☞ Do you like hockey?
- ☞ I love hockey!

✓ in abbreviations

- ☞ B.C. (short for British Columbia)
- ☞ U.S. (short for United States)

✓ in possessives

- ☞ Joannie's mother
- ☞ men's hockey
- ☞ women's hockey

These sentences are from the article "2010 Olympic Winter Games." The sentences are about Canada's gold medal in hockey. Add punctuation marks to the sentences.



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What word does not belong?

Find the word that does not belong. Cross it out.

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|-----------|-----------|------------|---------------------|
| 1. photos | paintings | sculptures | Thursday |
| 2. tulips | skis | rainbow | buds |
| 3. milk | celery | potatoes | onions |
| 4. Brazil | Canada | Germany | Alberta |
| 5. pan | bowl | paprika | grater |



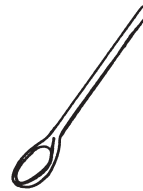
Easy potatoes

Answers on TN-1

Read the recipe on page 4 of *English Express*.
Fill in each blank with the correct word from the box.

1. Turn on the _____ to 325° F.
2. Oil the _____.
3. Put the soup, milk, _____, potatoes, pepper and paprika in the _____.
4. Stir. _____ into the pan.
5. Put the _____ on top.
6. Bake for about 1 _____.
7. Test the potatoes. Are they _____?

bowl
cheese
hour
onions
oven
pan
Pour
soft
~~Turn~~



Cost per person

It costs about \$6.00 to make the recipe for easy potatoes. The recipe serves 4 people.
How much does the recipe cost per person?



$$6 \div 4 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Spring crossword

Answers on page TN-1

Across

1. It protects you from the rain.
4. The early bird gets the _ _ _ _ .
5. People mow it.
7. This bird arrives in the spring.
9. Drivers hate _ _ _ _ _ .

Down

2. Chickens lay _ _ _ _ .
3. A spring colour
6. A _ _ _ _ _ has many colours.
8. Short for bicycle

