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Answers for exercises

Telephones—then and now (TN-2)

1. They send text messages.
They make calls.
They take photos.
They use the Internet.
They listen to music.
2. Turn off your cell phone in class.
Don't use a cell phone while you are driving.
3. Talk to you later.
4. I'll be home late.
5. About 92 million
6. In 1986
7. They were large and heavy.
8. Two
9. Yes
10. In the 1930s
11. They are small and light.

What is inside the pouch? (TN-2)

Possible answers: baby kangaroo, bat, car, ball, pinwheel, racket, sock, stuffed toy, yo-yo

Mellisa is an athlete (TN-4)

1. years
2. ranch
3. ride
4. Calgary
5. sport
6. down
7. medal
8. hopes

2010 Olympic Winter Games

☞ Talk about the six Olympic sports on **EE-1**. Brainstorm the names of the other 9 sports. The exercise on **TN-3** has the names of all 15 sports plus pictograms for each sport. Which sports do the students plan to watch on TV?

☞ During the Olympics, students can report on the results and keep track of the medal count.



Telephones

☞ Talk about the photos. Compare phones, equipment, hairstyles and clothing. How have phones changed since 1884?

☞ Discuss the question of the month on **EE-3**.

☞ Talk about how to recycle cell phones. Go to www.recyclemycell.ca for locations.

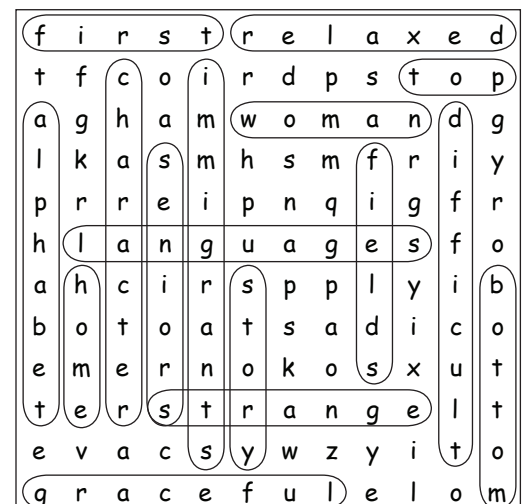
☞ **Field trip:** In Edmonton, students can visit the Telephone Historical Centre. Info at: www.telephonehistoricalcentre.com

January 27 is Family Literacy Day

☞ Look up events in your area at: www.abc-canada.org/en/family_literacy_day

☞ Parents and kids can listen to Robert Munsch read stories at: www.robertmunsch.com

Find the words (TN-4)



Telephones—then and now

Answers on page TN-1

Art—Phones ©iStockphoto.com/ARTPUPPY

Cut up the questions and answers. Then match the questions and answers. Some questions have more than one answer.



1. What do people do with cell phones?
2. What are some cell phone tips?
3. What does TTYL mean?
4. What does BHL8 mean?
5. How many text messages do Canadians send every day?
6. When did people in Alberta start to use portable cell phones?
7. What were early cell phones like?
8. How many telephones were there in Alberta in 1884?
9. Are cell phones popular today?
10. When did people in Alberta begin to make calls across the country?
11. What are cell phones like today?

In the 1930s

They send text messages.

Turn off your cell phone in class.

Talk to you later.

Yes

They make calls.

Two

They take photos.

I'll be home late.

They are small and light.

They use the Internet.

About 92 million

Don't use a cell phone while you are driving.

In 1986

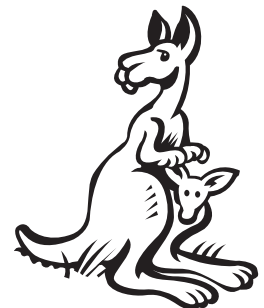
They listen to music.

They were large and heavy.

What is inside the pouch?

Possible answers on page TN-1

Look at the cartoon on page 4 of *English Express*. What is inside the kangaroo's pouch? Write down four things that you see.



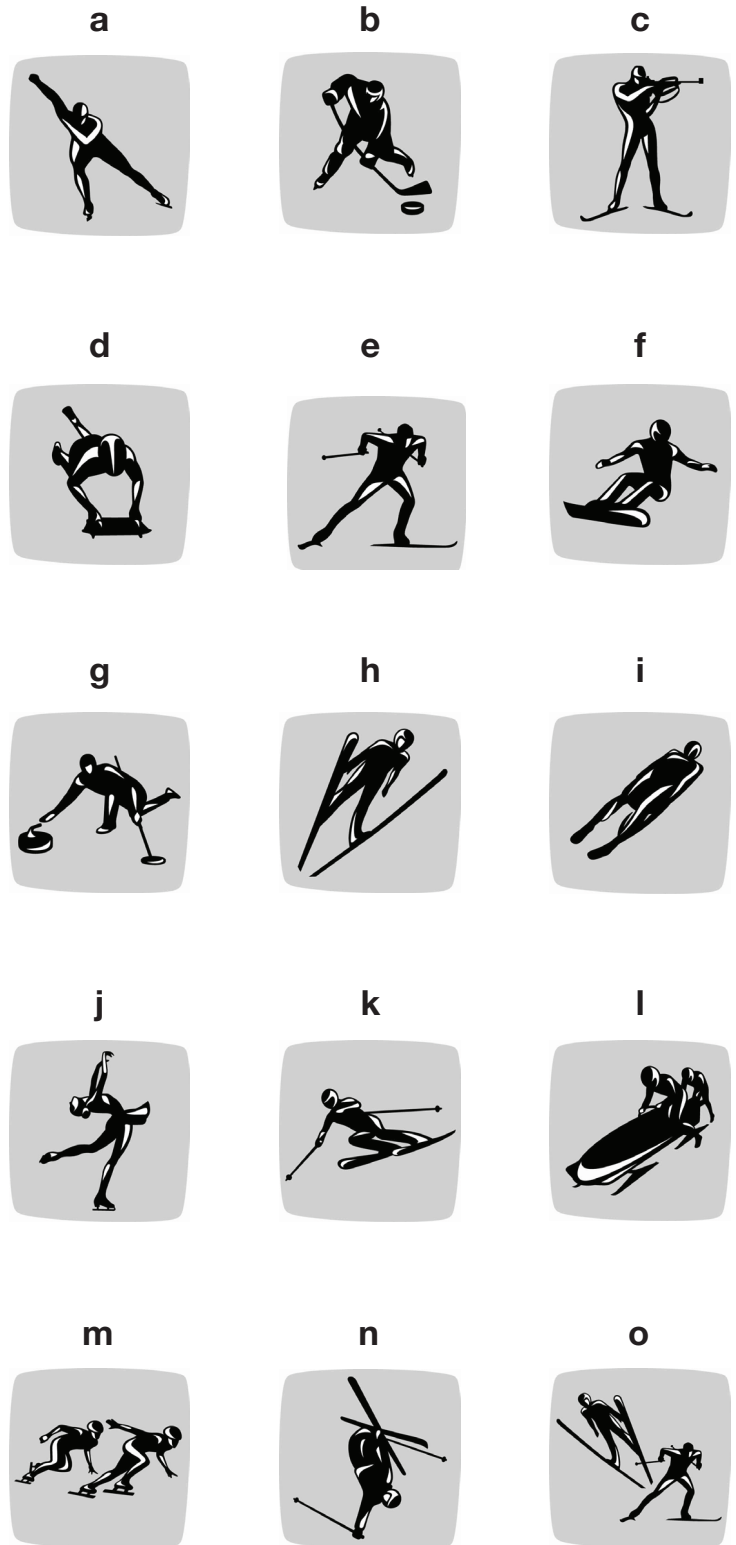
Art: Guy Parsons

2010 Olympic Winter Games

Answers below

You can watch 15 sports at the Games in B.C.
Match the name of the sport to the correct picture.

- k 1. alpine skiing
- 2. biathlon
- 3. bobsleigh
- 4. cross-country skiing
- 5. curling
- 6. figure skating
- 7. freestyle skiing
- 8. ice hockey
- 9. luge
- 10. Nordic combined
- 11. short track speed skating
- 12. skeleton
- 13. ski jumping
- 14. snowboard
- 15. speed skating



1. k 2. c 3. l 4. e 5. g 6. j 7. n 8. b 9. i 10. o 11. m 12. d 13. h 14. f 15. a

Mellisa is an athlete

Answers on page TN-1

Read the story about Mellisa on page 4 of *English Express*. Then fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box.



Calgary
down
hopes
medal
ranch
ride
sport
~~years~~

1. Mellisa is 29 years old.
2. She grew up on a ranch.
3. She likes to ride horses.
4. She lives near Calgary now.
5. Her sport is skeleton.
6. She goes down a track on a sled.
7. She won a bronze medal at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games.
8. She hopes to go to the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

Pictogram TMIMC ©VANOC/COVAN

Find the words

Answers on page TN-1

These words are from the readers' story on page 2 of *English Express*. Can you find them in the puzzle? Some words go across. Some go down.

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|-----------|------------|
| alphabet | immigrants |
| bottom | languages |
| character | relaxed |
| difficult | seniors |
| fields | story |
| first | strange |
| graceful | top |
| home | woman |



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