

# English Express

## Teaching Notes

These Teaching Notes accompany the May—June 2009 issue of *English Express*.



Please photocopy these notes.

May—June 2009

### Subscriptions—contact Corinna Ruhl

E-mail: [subscriptions@englishexpress.ca](mailto:subscriptions@englishexpress.ca)  
Phone: Edmonton 780-440-3722  
Outside Edmonton 1-877-440-3722 (free)  
Mail: English Express  
Box 38028 RPO Capilano  
Edmonton AB T6A 3Y6  
Fax: 780-468-3119

### Content—contact Bev Burke

E-mail: [editor@englishexpress.ca](mailto:editor@englishexpress.ca)  
Phone: Edmonton 780-440-9833  
Outside Edmonton 1-877-440-9822 (free)

### Visit the Royal Tyrrell Museum



**Pre-reading activity:** Talk about some of the words from the article on page 1: crocodile, dinosaur, Drumheller, Royal Tyrrell Museum. What do students know about these animals and places?

**Plan an imaginary trip:** Have students plan a trip to the museum. When is it open? How much does it cost? How will they get there? What do they want to see?

### Talking to your kids about tobacco

#### Discussion topics:

- ☞ Compare attitudes about using tobacco in Canada and other countries.
- ☞ Make a list of ways kids can say no to tobacco.
- ☞ Talk about how tobacco is used in ceremonies and as gifts in some cultures.



### Answers for exercises

#### Stories from our readers (TN-2)

1. mountains, slept, trip
2. farm, drop-in, test
3. fled, children, loves

#### Tobacco and kids (TN-3)

1. F 2. F 3. T 4. T 5. F
6. T 7. F 8. T 9. F

#### Many words have more than one meaning (TN-3)

1. d 2. c 3. a 4. f 5. b 6. e

#### Animals (TN-4)

1. bison, horns 2. fish, scales
3. porcupine, quills 4. moose, antlers
5. turtle, shell

### Summer in Alberta—Things to do

**English Express website:** Page 6 of *English Express* lists some articles that are on the *EE* website. Have students choose one of the web articles to read.

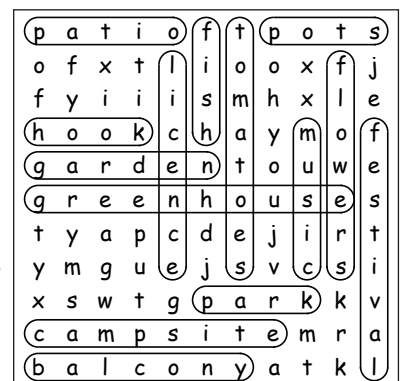
**Resources:** You can download or order a free guide to festivals and events from Travel Alberta. Go to: [www1.travelalberta.com](http://www1.travelalberta.com)



Choose: **Plan Your Trip.** Choose: **Vacation Guides.** Download the “Festivals & events guide,” or fill out the order form, or call 1-800-252-3782.



### Find the words (TN-4)



Art: Guy Parsons

[www.englishexpress.ca](http://www.englishexpress.ca)

☞ Watch for four new articles in the “Best of English Express” section in July.



☞ Watch for an 8-page guide on using *English Express* with students. The guide will be in the “Teachers and tutors” section.

# SuperCroc

Cut out the questions and answers. Put them in two different piles.  
Then match the questions with the correct answers.  
You can work alone or with another person.



## Questions

What was SuperCroc?

Where can you see a SuperCroc skull?

How long is the skull?

How many teeth did SuperCroc have?

When did SuperCroc live?

Where did SuperCroc live?

How big was SuperCroc?

How much did SuperCroc weigh?

## Answers

about 1.7 metres long

more than 100

about 12 metres long

at the Royal Tyrrell Museum

a huge crocodile

in Africa

about 110 million years ago

about 8,000 kilograms

# Stories from our readers

Answers on page TN-1

Read the stories on page 2 of *English Express*.  
Then fill in the blanks with the correct words  
from the box.



1. Mei went to the mountains .

She \_\_\_\_\_ in a tent.

She will remember her camping \_\_\_\_\_ forever.

2. Eva grew up on a \_\_\_\_\_ .

She is studying English at an ESL \_\_\_\_\_ centre.

She passed her driver's \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. Shukria and her family \_\_\_\_\_ Kabul.

Shukria has five \_\_\_\_\_ .

She \_\_\_\_\_ cooking.



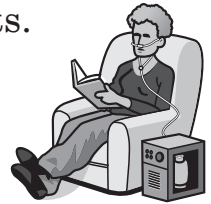
- children
- drop-in
- farm
- fled
- loves
- ~~mountains~~
- slept
- test
- trip

Read pages 4 and 5 of *English Express*.

Write T if the sentence is true. Write F if the sentence is false.



- F 1. In Alberta, most schools start to teach about tobacco in Grade 6.
- \_\_\_ 2. Parents only need to talk to their kids about tobacco once.
- \_\_\_ 3. Some kids have their first cigarette when they are 5 to 11 years old.
- \_\_\_ 4. Many teens get tobacco from friends, relatives or parents.
- \_\_\_ 5. Peer pressure is always bad.
- \_\_\_ 6. Smoking tobacco can cause many health problems.
- \_\_\_ 7. Using smokeless tobacco does not cause health problems.
- \_\_\_ 8. Second-hand smoke is bad for smokers and non-smokers.
- \_\_\_ 9. It is easy to stop smoking.



## Many words have more than one meaning

Find these words in the story about Melissa on page 8 of *English Express*: fish, hide, thread. In the story, these words are nouns. For example:

- a moose hide
- white thread
- a big fish



These words can also be verbs. For example:

- to hide a gift
- to thread a needle
- to fish in a lake



Here are more words that can be nouns or verbs.  
Match each word to one of its meanings.

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <u>d</u> 1. cook | a. to fall over something                             |
| ___ 2. hit       | b. an exam  |
| ___ 3. trip      | c. a person or thing that is popular                  |
| ___ 4. park      | d. a person who prepares food                         |
| ___ 5. test      | e. a clock that you wear on your wrist                |
| ___ 6. watch     | f. to leave your car in a lot or driveway for a while |



Unscramble the names of these animals.  
Then fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box.

1. snobi \_\_\_\_\_  It has \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. hifs \_\_\_\_\_  It has \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. pponeiruc \_\_\_\_\_  It has \_\_\_\_\_ .

4. oemos \_\_\_\_\_  It has \_\_\_\_\_ .



5. tetrul \_\_\_\_\_  It has a \_\_\_\_\_ .

- antlers
- horns
- quills
- scales
- shell

 **Activity:** Describe an animal or pet.

**My favourite place**

On page 3 of *English Express*, Jizhou wrote about his favourite place.

-  What is your favourite place?
-  Why do you like it?

About me

---



---



---



---

**Find the words**

Answers on page TN-1

The words in this puzzle are from page 6 of *English Express*. Some words go across. Some go down.

- balcony
- hook
- campsite
- licence
- festival
- music
- fish
- park
- flowers
- patio
- garden
- pots
- greenhouse
- tomatoes



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