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Answers for exercises

Scrambled words (TN-2)

1. b – boil 3. c – dip 5. a – serve
2. e – melt 4. f – cook 6. d – beat

A funny story (TN-2)

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

Find the answers (TN-3) (possible answers)

1. golf 2. seven 3. maple syrup 4. red
5. Spain 6. a hammer 7. March 20
8. three 9. 1-800-959-8281

Shawn is a blacksmith (TN-3) (possible answers)

1. He works at his blacksmith shop.
2. He taught himself.
3. He makes things out of metal.
4. He teaches blacksmithing.

Help with spelling: word families (TN-4)

Part 1: (possible answers)

1. awake, bake, brake, cake, fake, quake, rake, shake, snake, stake, take, wake
2. bad, Brad, dad, fad, glad, lad, pad, sad
3. chop, cop, crop, hop, mop, pop, stop, top
4. cheat, meat, neat, repeat, seat, treat, wheat

Part 2:

1. drop 2. make 3. beat 4. mad

International Women's Day

Activity: Have students make a list of other famous women (**or** important women in their own lives). Students can write or talk about one of the women on the list. Students can use the 3 stories in *English Express* as examples.

Discussion: What was life like for women in the early 1900s? What is life like now?

Extra reading: Students can learn about the fight for women's rights in the early 1900s in Canada in *The Famous Five* from Grass Roots Press. The book is at a Grade 2 level for adults. Check for it at your local library. For more information go to: www.grassrootsbooks.net

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Extra vocabulary:

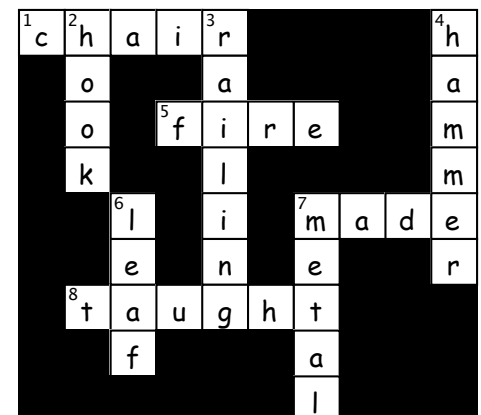
- anvil** (the block of iron that the blacksmith uses to put the hot metal on)
- forge** (a blacksmith's workshop; a furnace or fire for melting metal)

Discussion: What did blacksmiths do 100 years ago (e.g., shoe horses, make tools)? How are their jobs different today? What safety equipment do they wear?

Blacksmith exhibits: Students can see blacksmith shops at some Alberta museums (e.g., Heritage Park in Calgary, Fort Edmonton Park, Ukrainian Village, Lacombe Blacksmith Shop Museum).

Note: You can see Shawn's work at Calgary City Hall. He made many of the railings there.

Answers— Crossword (TN-4)

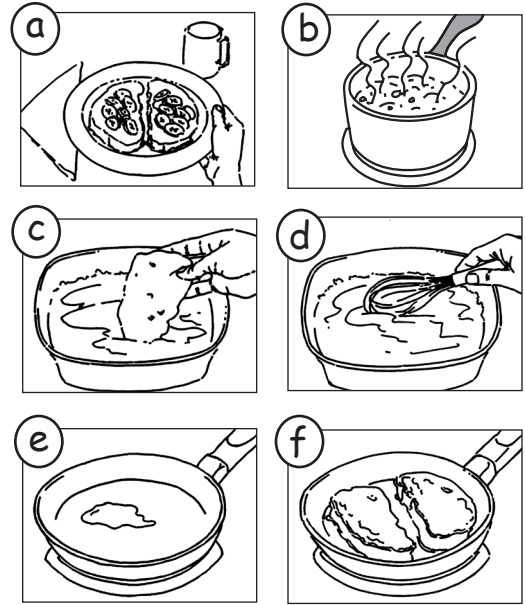


Scrambled words

Answers on page TN-1

Unscramble these cooking words. Then match the word to the correct drawing.

- b 1. lboi b o i l
- 2. emtl
- 3. ipd
- 4. koco
- 5. veser
- 6. btae



What do you like to put on pancakes, waffles and French toast?



About how long does it take to make 8 slices of French toast?

Art—boiling water: Nola Johnston; other cooking illustrations: Mike Banford

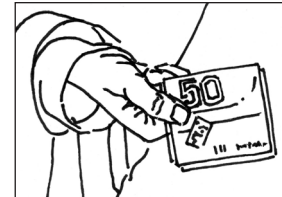
A funny story

Answers on page TN-1

Read the reader's story by Fadumo on page 2 of *English Express*.

Put a T if the sentence is true. Put an F if the sentence is false.

- 1. Fadumo had \$400 in cash.
- 2. She was going on a holiday.
- 3. She put the money in her shoe.
- 4. She forgot where she put the money.
- 5. Fadumo and her children looked for the money.
- 6. It took Fadumo half a day to find the money.
- 7. She cried when she found the money.



Find the answers

Answers on page TN-1

Answer these questions with short answers.



1. What is Ben reading about in the cartoon? golf
2. What is Ronaldo's number? _____
3. What is Quebec famous for? _____
4. What colour is the \$50 bill? _____
5. What country is beside Portugal? _____
6. What does Shawn hit metal with? _____
7. When is the first day of spring in Alberta in 2009? _____
8. How many eggs do you need for the French toast recipe? _____
9. What is the phone number for tax help? _____

Shawn is a blacksmith

Answers on page TN-1

Read the story about Shawn on page 4 of *English Express*.
Then answer these questions.



1. Where does Shawn work?

2. How did he become a blacksmith?

3. What does he make?

4. What does he teach?

Say “health” and “wealth.” They belong to the same word family. Why? The two words rhyme. They have the same spelling pattern too. Think about word families when you are learning to spell words.

Part 1 Here are some words from *English Express*. Can you add to the word families?

1 pattern: ake

- ☞ lake
- ☞ make
- ☞ _____

2 pattern: ad

- ☞ had
- ☞ mad
- ☞ _____

3 pattern: op

- ☞ drop
- ☞ shop
- ☞ _____

4 pattern: eat

- ☞ beat
- ☞ heat
- ☞ _____

Part 2 Fill in the blanks with the correct word. Use words from the boxes above.

1. Sometimes you can _____ in at a free tax program.
2. Shawn likes to _____ things out of metal.
3. Use a fork or whisk to _____ the eggs.
4. Fadumo got _____ when she lost her money.

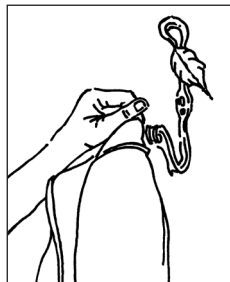
Reference—The Spelling Toolbox: Workbook 1, written by Linda Kita-Bradley, published by Grass Roots Press

Crossword

The words in this crossword are from the story about Shawn, the blacksmith.

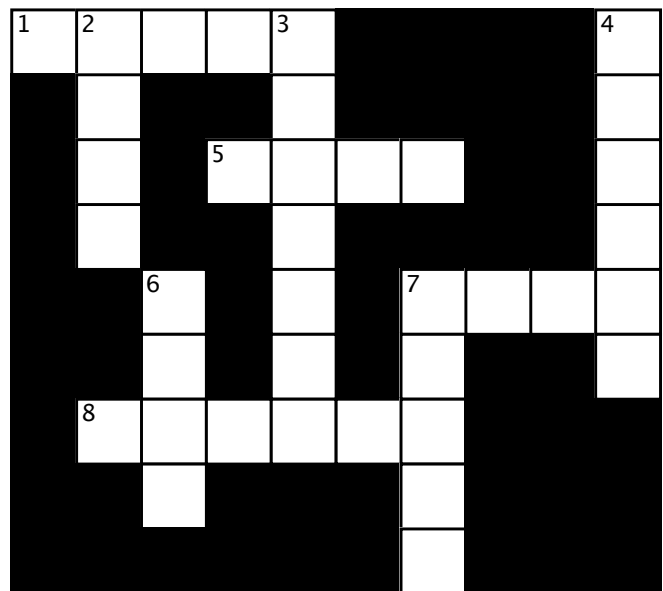
Across

1. You sit on it.
5. It is very hot.
7. Past tense of make
8. Past tense of teach



Down

2. You put your coat on it.
3. It is along stairs so you won't fall.
4. A tool
6. It grows on a tree.
7. Steel, iron, copper



Art: Mike Banford