

# English Express

## Teaching Notes



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### Bad weather

✓ If you have access to a computer or computer lab, have your student(s) use Yahoo! Weather at [ca.weather.yahoo.com](http://ca.weather.yahoo.com). Your student(s) can find out the weather in places around the world. Make a worksheet with a list of locations and blank lines to fill in. Start by showing the student(s) how to find the site and practice finding weather conditions in a few locations. Make sure everyone has Celsius selected. The student(s) can then fill in the worksheet.

### Gestures

✓ Have a discussion about gestures. What hand gestures do your students use? Does anyone know some American Sign Language?

### Two men saved seniors from fire

✓ The City of Edmonton website has several brochures about fire prevention and safety that can be downloaded. Go to:  
[www.edmonton.ca/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS\\_0\\_2\\_1659277\\_0\\_0\\_18/](http://www.edmonton.ca/portal/server.pt/gateway/PTARGS_0_2_1659277_0_0_18/)

### Reader's story

✓ Have any of your students tried to quit smoking? Was it difficult for them? Did they use nicotine gum or the patch? Did they quit "cold turkey"?

### Answers for exercises

#### Bowling words

- |                 |           |                |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2. lane         | 3. pins   | 4. rent        |
| 5. score sheet  | 6. spare  | 7. gutter ball |
| 8. computer     | 9. strike | 10. turn       |
| 11. hand, hands |           |                |

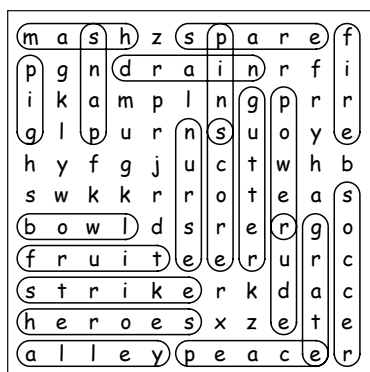
#### True or false

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

#### Cheesy potato soup

- |                                 |               |         |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------|
| 2. peel, cut, cook, drain, mash |               |         |
| 3. melt                         | 4. chop, cook | 5. open |
| 6. stir                         | 7. chop       |         |

### 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

Answer these questions. Use the verbs in the box.



1. What do you do to the cheese? You grate the cheese.
2. What do you do to the potatoes? You \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ them.
3. What do you do with the margarine? You \_\_\_\_\_ it in a pan.
4. What do you do to the onion? You \_\_\_\_\_ it and \_\_\_\_\_ it in a pan.
5. What do you do with the cans of corn? You \_\_\_\_\_ them.
6. What do you do to the soup while it's heating up? You \_\_\_\_\_ it often.
7. What do you do with the parsley? You \_\_\_\_\_ it. You serve the soup with some parsley on top.



<del>grate</del>	chop	cook	stir
peel	cut	drain	chop
open	melt	mash	cook



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## Past tense verbs

Fill in the blanks with the past tense of the verb.

- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. freeze    _ _ _ _ _ | 7. take    _ _ _ _ _  |
| 2. lose    _ _ _ _ _   | 8. get    _ _ _ _ _   |
| 3. quit    _ _ _ _ _   | 9. lead    _ _ _ _ _  |
| 4. go    _ _ _ _ _     | 10. meet    _ _ _ _ _ |
| 5. fall    _ _ _ _ _   | 11. put    _ _ _ _ _  |
| 6. win    _ _ _ _ _    | 12. am    _ _ _ _ _   |

🗨 Pretend you made the soup recipe on page 3 yesterday. Tell what you did. Use the past tense. For example:

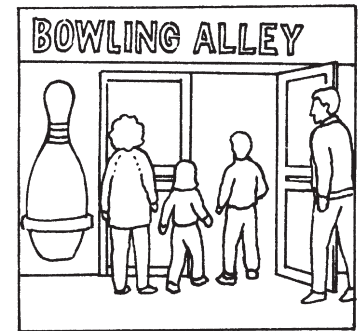
"Yesterday, I made some potato soup. I followed the steps in the recipe. I peeled the potatoes. I cut them into pieces . . ."

## Bowling words

Answers on page TN-1

Fill in the blanks with a word from the box below.

1. Go to a bowling alley with friends.
2. Roll bowling balls down the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Try to knock down the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. You can \_\_\_\_\_ bowling shoes.
5. You write down the score on a \_\_\_\_\_.
6. If all 5 balls fall down with your first 2 balls, you have a \_\_\_\_\_.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ rolls into the gutter.
8. You keep score, or a \_\_\_\_\_ keeps score for you.
9. If all 5 pins fall down with your first ball, you have a \_\_\_\_\_.
10. You roll 1 to 3 balls on each \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Most people bowl with 1 \_\_\_\_\_. Some people bowl with 2 \_\_\_\_\_.



hand	lane	computer	score sheet
spare	gutter ball	hands	pins
strike	<u>alley</u>	turn	rent

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## True or false

Answers on page TN-1

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

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Mine was a teacher in her country.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Fabio Cannavaro played for Spain in the World Cup.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. The Year of the Pig will begin on February 18 for some people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A spare is when all 5 pins fall down on the first ball.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Fruit growers use water to protect fruit from insects.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Mine decided to give up smoking on August 11, 2006.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Long uses the same gesture to mean “come here” for both adults and very young children.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Everyone uses just one hand when they bowl.



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## Two men saved seniors from fire

Answer the questions. Use complete sentences.

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1. Who were Brad and Rocky visiting?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What did Brad use to try to put out the fire?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Did he put out the fire? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many people did Brad and Rocky help to leave the building?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. How much money did Brad and Rocky help to raise for the seniors?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. What did Brad and Rocky receive in November 2006?

\_\_\_\_\_

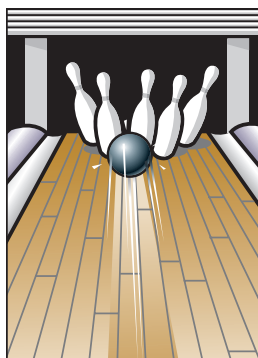
7. Do you have a smoke alarm in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

## Find the words

Answers on page TN-1

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

alley	peace
bowl	pig
drain	pins
fire	power
fruit	rude
grate	snap
gutter	soccer
heroes	score
mash	spare
nurse	strike



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