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Photo of the month

Discussion questions:

☞ Have you ever seen bison?
Where can you see bison in Alberta?



Note: Bison are often called buffalo.

☞ In the past, bison were very important to Aboriginal people in Canada. For information, go to: www.royalalbertamuseum.ca/human/archaeo/aspects/buffalo.htm

Spider plants

Activity ideas:

☞ Buy a spider plant with plantlets so students can start their own plants. The plantlets will grow roots in soil or in water. We used the soil method in *English Express*.

☞ Show how to mix fertilizer with water. Follow the directions on the label. Discuss how often to fertilize.



Answers for exercises

Looking at photos and drawings (TN-2)

Possible answers:

1. She is hugging her daughter.
2. It is snowing.
3. It is the Alberta Canada Primary School.
4. The book is called *Cats, Cats, Cats*.
5. China is near India.
6. They are going to play outside. It is cold.

Spider plants (TN-2)

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|----------------|----------|--------------|
| 1. houseplants | 3. light | 5. Fertilize |
| 2. easy, grow | 4. moist | 6. Repot |

Ravi makes a cup (TN-3)

Here is the order of the steps:
3, 2, 6, 1, 7, 4, 8, 5

Family makes new home in Alberta (TN-4)

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| 1. T | 2. F | 3. F | 4. F | 5. T | 6. T | 7. F |
| 8. T | 9. F | 10. T | | | | |

Family makes new home in Alberta

Discussion questions:

☞ Have you ever been to a fundraiser? What was it for? What are some charitable organizations that you know about? What do they do?

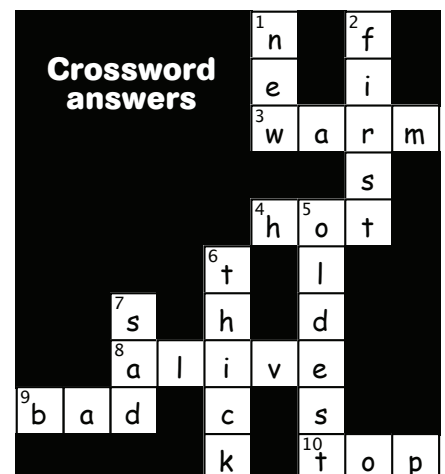


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Art—reading, bison: Guy Parsons; fertilizer: Nola Johnston

Crossword answers



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Looking at photos and drawings

Answers on page TN-1

Answer these questions about photos and drawings in *English Express*.

1. Find Michelle Obama. What is she doing?

2. Find a bison in a field. What is the weather like?

3. Find a sign in front of a school. What is the name of the school?

4. Find a mother reading a book. What is the name of the book?

5. Find a map of India. What large country is near India?

6. Find two children in winter clothes. Why are they dressed warmly?

Spider plants

Answers on page TN-1

Read the story about spider plants on page 3 of *English Express*.

Then fill in the blanks with the correct words.

1. Spider plants are good houseplants.

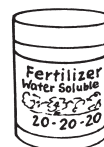
2. They are _____ to _____.

3. They like _____.

4. Keep the soil _____ (a bit wet).

5. _____ your plant. Use 20-20-20.

6. _____ your plant when the roots fill the pot.



easy

Fertilize

grow

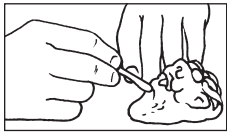
~~houseplants~~

light

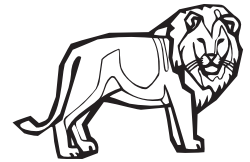
moist

Repot

Ravi makes a cup. Put the steps in order. What does he do first? Next?



He makes the lion's face.





He makes the handle.

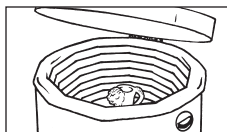


He brushes glaze on the cup.

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Ravi makes the sides and the bottom of the cup.



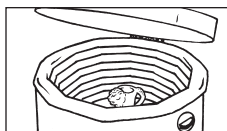
He puts the cup in the kiln again.



He puts the lion's face on the cup.



The cup is done.



He puts the cup in the kiln.

Cup art: Nola Johnston

Taking a class for fun

Ravi took a pottery class. What class would you like to take? Here are some examples:



dancing



Read about Memunatu on page 1 of *English Express*.

Then read the sentences below.

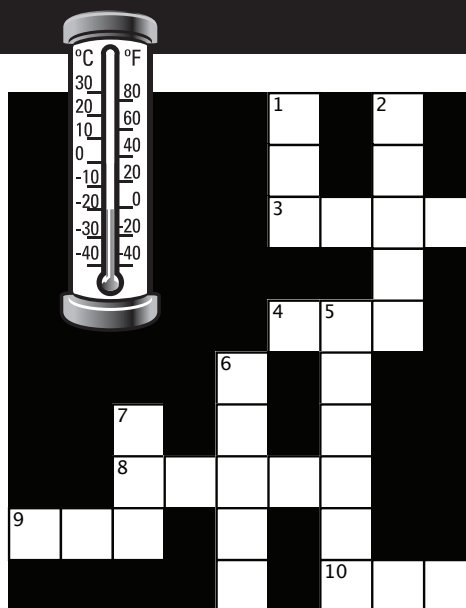
Write T if the sentence is true. Write F if the sentence is false.

- T 1. There was a war in Sierra Leone in the 1990s.
- 2. Sierra Leone and Guinea are countries in Asia.
- 3. Memunatu lived in refugee camps for ten years.
- 4. She does not have any children.
- 5. She came to Edmonton in 2001.
- 6. She worked hard and became a health care aide.
- 7. She sent TVs and winter coats to her village.
- 8. Memunatu and other people started an organization.
They are helping people in Memunatu's village.
- 9. The organization wants to raise money for a bridge.
- 10. Memunatu is thankful to be in Canada.

Crossword

Across

- 3. Opposite of cool
- 4. Opposite of cold
- 8. Opposite of dead
- 9. Opposite of good
- 10. Opposite of bottom



Down

- 1. Opposite of old
- 2. Opposite of last
- 5. Opposite of youngest
- 6. Opposite of thin
- 7. Opposite of happy

Art: Guy Parsons