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## Answers for exercises

### Who, what, where, when, why, how? (TN-2) possible answers

1. His sport is cross-country skiing.
2. He was 18 years old.
3. He had an eye disease.
4. He became a Paralympic athlete after he became blind.
5. His brother is his guide.
6. He lives in Canmore, Alberta.
7. He fixes bicycles.

### Grocery bill (TN-3)

1. \$10.94
2. about \$22

### February calendar (TN-3)

1. Asia, Tiger
2. Jewish
3. flowers
4. Family, off
5. Bear, Lake
6. fish, rules, barbless

### Help with verbs (TN-4)

1. saved, helped, checked, washed
2. found, was, took, were, got, flew
3. let

## UPDATE!

👉 Brian McKeever is competing in the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, as well as the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games. He was selected for the Olympic cross-country ski team a few days after *English Express* went to press. In Olympic races, he does not have a guide!

## How do you say 2010?

👉 It's a new decade. What do students like to call the year 2010? Two thousand ten, two thousand and ten or twenty ten.

## Family Day

👉 Find out what special events will be in your area. Have students share what they plan to do or would like to do.

## Cartoon (too tight)

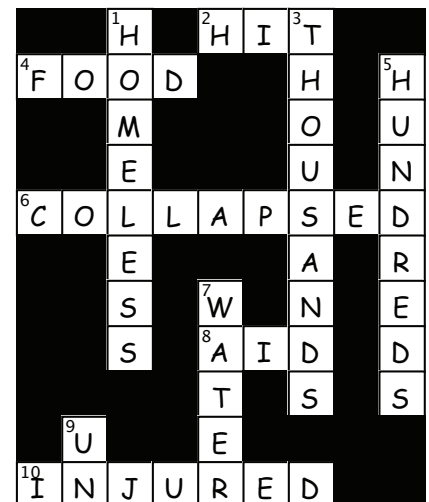
👉 Brainstorm other ways to describe clothing. For example: too big, too small, too loose, too expensive.

## People saved owl

👉 Students can look at more rescued animals on the wildlife shelter website. Go to: [www.wildlife-edm.ca](http://www.wildlife-edm.ca) Click on "Our Patients."



## Crossword (TN-4)



Art—tiger: Government Information Office, Republic of China, Taiwan; owl: Guy Parsons

## 2010 Olympic Winter Games

How many medals did Canada win at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games? Fill in the chart.



Art: Guy Parsons • Medals: ©VANOC

Canada's medals   
—2010 Olympic Winter Games

gold	
silver	
bronze	
<b>Total</b>	

## Who, what, where, when, why, how?

Possible answers on page TN-1

Read the story about Brian on page 1 of *English Express*. Then answer the questions. You can write short or long answers.



1. What is Brian's sport?

His sport is cross-country skiing.

2. How old was Brian when he began to lose his eyesight?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Why did Brian lose his eyesight?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. When did Brian become a Paralympic athlete?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Who is Brian's guide during cross-country ski races?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. Where does Brian live?

\_\_\_\_\_

7. What does Brian do at his job?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Grocery bill



Possible answers on TN-1

Here is the grocery bill for the chili recipe on page 2 of *English Express*.



500 g ground beef	\$2.76
kidney beans (398 mL)	\$2.15
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diced tomatoes (540 mL)	\$1.75
onions	\$ .33
green peppers	\$1.80

1. How much was the grocery bill?

\_\_\_\_\_

2. About how much will it cost to double the recipe?

\_\_\_\_\_

Food art: Nola Johnston • Calculator: ClipArt

## February calendar

Answers on TN-1

Read the articles on page 3 of *English Express*. Then fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box.

1. Many people from Asia will celebrate Lunar New Year soon. It will be the Year of the \_\_\_\_\_.



Asia  
barbless  
Bear  
Family  
fish  
flowers  
Jewish  
Lake  
off  
rules  
Tiger

2. Purim is a \_\_\_\_\_ holiday.

3. Many people give cards, chocolates and \_\_\_\_\_ on Valentine's Day.



4. February 15 is \_\_\_\_\_ Day. Many people have the day \_\_\_\_\_.

5. You can watch the Polar \_\_\_\_\_ Dip at Sylvan \_\_\_\_\_.

6. You can \_\_\_\_\_ without a licence from February 13 to 15, 2010. You must follow Alberta fishing \_\_\_\_\_. You must use \_\_\_\_\_ hooks.



Read the story about the owl on page 4 of *English Express*. The story is in the past tense.



■ In the past tense, many verbs end in -ed.

1. Find four verbs in the story that end in -ed.

\_\_\_\_\_

■ Some verbs are different in the present and in the past.

2. Find the past tense of these verbs in the story.

find \_\_\_\_\_

are \_\_\_\_\_

is \_\_\_\_\_

get \_\_\_\_\_

take \_\_\_\_\_

fly \_\_\_\_\_

■ Some verbs are the same in the present and in the past.

3. One verb in the story is the same in the present and in the past.

Can you find it? \_\_\_\_\_

Art: Guy Parsons

Crossword

The words in this puzzle are from the article about the earthquake in Haiti (page 1 of *English Express*).

Across

- 2. Past tense of hit
- 4. You eat it.
- 6. Another word for fell down
- 8. Another word for help
- 10. Another word for hurt



Down

- 1. Without a home
- 3. 1000s
- 5. 100s
- 7. You drink it.
- 9. Short for United Nations

