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Climate change

✓ “Sometimes the increasing temperature trend is referred to as ‘global warming’. However, the increasing amounts of greenhouse gases will have an impact on the Earth’s climate that far exceeds just a change in temperature. We have learned that a change in one part of the climate system can lead to a series of reactions that can disrupt normal weather patterns around the world. The term ‘global climate change’ more clearly describes the situation the world is facing.” From *Climate Change: Tampering with the Earth’s Thermostat*, Environment Canada.

Answers for exercises

Things to do – Go to a leisure centre

1. a
2. g
3. c
4. i
5. e
6. h
7. f
8. d
9. b

Climate change

1. changing
2. adding
3. warming
4. making
5. cutting, burning
6. rising
7. melting
8. predicting

Happy birthday!

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

Happy birthday, English Express!

✓ Use extra copies of the paper to make a communication gap activity. Cut out the two drawings on page 3 and mount them in two file folders. (Put the top of the picture at the fold of the folder.) Students sit in pairs facing each other and look at their version of the drawing. (They hide their picture from their partner.) Then they take turns describing their pictures until they find some differences. Students can write sentences about the differences.



Crossword



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. Write the letter of the correct answer on the blank.

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|--|--|
| 1. What do you bring with you? <u>a</u> | a. comfortable clothes and shoes, a swimsuit and a towel |
| 2. What do you pay? _____ | b. in the hot tub |
| 3. Where do you change your clothes? _____ | c. in the locker room |
| 4. Where do you put your clothes? _____ | d. a bike |
| 5. Where can you put your wallet? _____ | e. in a special locker |
| 6. Where can you walk or run? _____ | f. in the pool |
| 7. Where do you swim? _____ | g. a fee |
| 8. What can you ride? _____ | h. on a treadmill |
| 9. Where can you relax? _____ | i. in a locker |



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Cat expressions

Match the expression with its meaning. Draw a line from the expression on the left to the correct meaning on the right.

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. let the cat out of the bag | a. argue or fight all the time |
| 2. a cat nap | b. tell a secret |
| 3. rain cats and dogs | c. Don't you have anything to say? |
| 4. Cats have nine lives. | d. a short sleep |
| 5. Cat got your tongue? | e. Cats can escape danger many times. |
| 6. fight like cats and dogs | f. rain very hard |



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The Earth's climate is changing

Answers on page TN-1

Fill in the blanks with a verb from the box below. Change the verb to the -ing form.

1. People are changing the air and land.
2. We're _____ CO₂ and other greenhouse gases to the air.
3. The Earth is _____ too quickly.
4. Many countries are _____ plans to reduce greenhouse gases.
5. We're _____ down trees and _____ forests.
6. Air and ocean temperatures are _____ .
7. Glaciers are _____ .
8. Scientists are _____ many changes for the future.



change	cut	add
warm	melt	make
burn	rise	predict

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Answers on page TN-1

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

- _____ 1. In picture A, a man is playing a trumpet.
- _____ 2. In picture B, a dog is wearing a party hat.
- _____ 3. In picture A, three people are reading newspapers.
- _____ 4. In picture B, a man with a mustache is eating cherry pie.
- _____ 5. In picture B, there is a chicken in the lower left-hand corner.
- _____ 6. In picture B, there is a bottle on the table.
- _____ 7. In picture A, a man is wearing square glasses.
- _____ 8. In picture A, there is a spelling mistake on the cake.



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Akina Shirt

Answer the questions. Use complete sentences.

1. Where is Akina from? _____

2. Where does she live now? _____

3. How many choirs is she in? _____

4. What did she sing at the Calgary Flames hockey game? _____

5. How many hockey players signed Akina's hockey shirt? _____

6. Where does she hope to study? _____



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Crossword

Answers on page TN-1

Across

3. Turn your clocks _____ .

5. We are cutting down trees and burning _____ .

8. The plural of goose

Down

1. Another name for bison

2. These animals usually like milk.

4. An Aboriginal language

6. Use your _____ to dry off.

7. You pay a _____ to go to a leisure centre.

