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Questions of the month

Students can ask each other the questions of the month (EE-3).

Talk about the photos and drawings

- Have students look closely at the photo of Usain Bolt (EE-1). Ask students what information the photo tells them. For example, the year is 2009. The race is in Berlin.
- Have students work in small groups. Each student or group chooses a photo or drawing to talk or write about.

Answers for exercises

Find the numbers (TN-2)

- 1 3 2 42 3 400 4 6 5 23
 6 9.58 7 200 8 2007 9 5

Winter clothes (TN-3)

- gloves
 - coat
 - mittens
 - scarf
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Figure it out (TN-3)

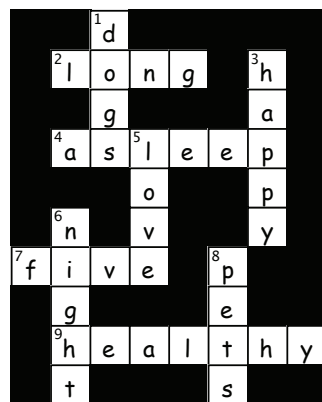
- \$5.00 or \$5
- \$7.50
- \$.50 or 50¢ or 50 cents

Fill in the blanks (TN-3)

- 1 button 2 snap 3 zipper 4 seam

Put the words in order (TN-4) possible answers

- It is a fall day in Edmonton.
- There are white clouds in the sky.
- The leaves on the trees are turning yellow and orange.
- There is a bridge over the river.
- There are tall buildings near the river.



Talk about the cartoon (EE-2)

- What is the girl doing in Frame 1? What is the dad doing in Frame 2? What are they doing in Frame 3?
- Brainstorm words to finish this sentence: "Don't forget your _____."

Resources

Learning for LIFE: An ESL Literacy Handbook
 ©2009 Bow Valley College. This 498-page handbook has practical ideas for instructors, coordinators and other stakeholders in ESL literacy. It also has a toolbox of materials and a literature review. To order, call 403-410-3218.

Guide to clothing labels

Industry Canada has a guide to care symbols. Go to: http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/oca-bc.nsf/eng/h_ca02221.html



Images from the International Space Station

Go to: <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/gallery/images/station/crew-20/ndxpage1.html>

Calendar

Free Admission Day: Residents of Edmonton can visit City attractions and some rec centres for free on Sept. 27, 2009; hours vary at facilities. More information at: www.edmonton.ca/freadmissionday

Find the numbers

Answers on page TN-1

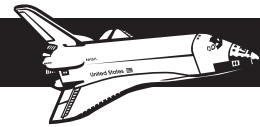
Read the stories on pages 1, 2 and 3 of *English Express*.
Then fill in the blanks with the correct numbers from the box.

- 1 There are 3 main groups of Aboriginal Peoples in Canada.
- 2 Shawn Atleo is years old.
- 3 The space station is about kilometres above the Earth.
- 4 Bob Thirsk will live and work on the space station for months.
- 5 Usain Bolt is years old.
- 6 In August 2009, Bolt ran 100 metres in seconds.
- 7 Bolt ran metres in 19.19 seconds.
- 8 J.P. and Karen Jepp have quads. The four girls were born in .
- 9 Hyomi Ha has dogs.



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Ask a question



Write down a question to ask each of the people below.
Try using different question words. For example: who, what, where, when, how.

1. Shawn Atleo

2. Bob Thirsk

3. Julie Payette

4. Usain Bolt

5. Karen Jepp

Winter clothes

Answers on page TN-1

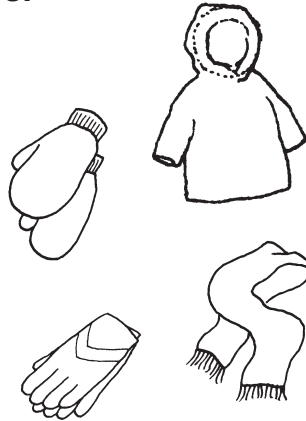
Unscramble these words. Then match the words to the correct pictures.

1. elgvso _ _ _ _ _

2. toca _ _ _ _

3. ttmenis _ _ _ _ _

4. csfar _ _ _ _ _



What winter clothes do you need?

How will you save money on clothes this winter?

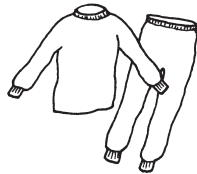
Figure it out

Answers on page TN-1

Patsy bought these things on sale. They were 50% off. Figure out the sale price.



1 long underwear



regular price: \$10
sale price: _____

2 winter boots



regular price: \$15
sale price: _____

3 toque



regular price: \$1
sale price: _____

Read the label

Here is a label on a coat. The label tells you how to clean the coat.



Machine wash cold separately.



Tumble dry low.



Do not bleach.



Do not iron.

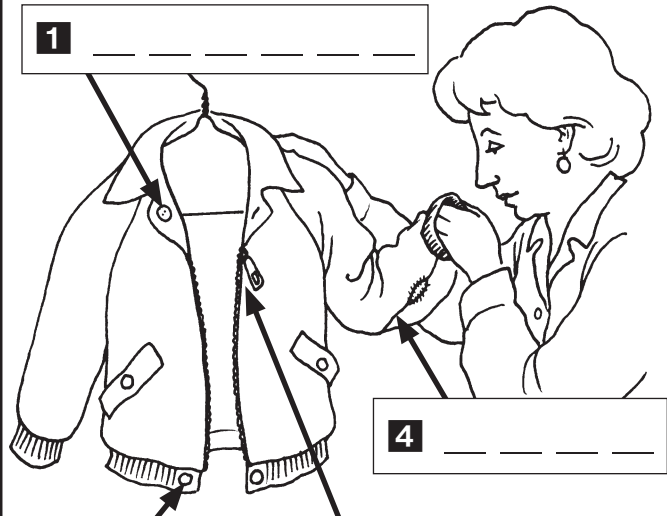
Look at some labels on clothes. What do the symbols mean? How should you clean the clothes?

Fill in the blanks

Answers on page TN-1

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

1 _____



4 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Put the words in order

Possible answers on page TN-1

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

The sentences describe Victor's photo on page 2 of *English Express*.



1. fall / It / is / day / a / Edmonton / in

It is a fall day in Edmonton.

2. clouds / There / sky / are / in / the / white

3. leaves / are / The / trees / on / yellow / turning / and / orange / the

4. There / bridge / river / is / over / a / the

5. tall / There / near / buildings / the / are / river

Crossword

Answers on page TN-1

The words in this crossword are from Hyomi's story on page 3 of *English Express*.

Across

- To live a _ _ _ _ time
- Opposite of awake
- The number between four and six
- Opposite of sick



Down

- To fight like cats and _ _ _ _ .
- Opposite of sad
- To like someone or something very much
- Opposite of day
- Many people have cats as _ _ _ _ .

