

The Westcoast Reader

Teachers' Notes



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The exercises in these Teachers' Notes provide learning activities for a wide range of learners. They focus on helping learners develop reading strategies; increase their vocabulary; and improve their grammar, spelling, and pronunciation. Resources are included for extension activities and a discussion is included to help improve speaking and listening.

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| Answers | Discussion & Resources |
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| <p>Word Families (TN2) For example: 2. play, say, may, away 3. bold, cold, fold 4. took, cook, look, shook 5. man, can, pan, ran, scan 6. dog, fog, log, frog</p> | <p>Dos and Don'ts (WCR1) Ask the group, "Should there be more bike paths and/or accommodations for cyclists in BC municipalities? Why, or why not?" Break the class into two groups – for and against – and have each group prepare its argument to present to the large group. Find safety tips for cyclists here: http://www.icbc.com/road-safety/sharing/Pages/cycling-safety.aspx https://bikehub.ca/resources/10-cycling-safety-tips</p> |
| <p>Find it! (TN2) 1. Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act 2. <i>A Day with Yahah</i> 3. zero-waste living or the 5 Rs 4. Earth Day 5. BC Ferries 6. fatberg 7. \$11.35</p> | <p>Stop the clog! (WCR4) Grease, fat and oil poses a problem for sewer and septic systems. Break the class into groups to research ways to keep the local environment clean and help maintain our wastewater infrastructure. Have groups share what they find. http://www.metrovancouver.org/grease https://www.crd.bc.ca/education/stormwater-wastewater-septic/at-home</p> |
| <p>Vocabulary (TN3) 1. c 2. h 3. i 4. f 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. e 9. g</p> | |
| <p>A Secret Message (TN3) All smoking is banned on BC Ferries.</p> <p>Dos and Don'ts (TN4) Cyclists: 1. don't 2. do 3. don't 4. do 5. do Drivers: 1. do 2. don't 3. do 4. don't 5. don't</p> | |

Word Families

Word families have the same spelling for the part of the word that sounds the same. Write new words for each word family.

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| 1. good | <u>wood, hood, stood</u> |
| 2. day | _____ |
| 3. old | _____ |
| 4. book | _____ |
| 5. plan | _____ |
| 6. clog | _____ |

Find it!

Work in pairs or on your own. Find the answers in *The Westcoast Reader*. Write your answers on the line.

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|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1. a new law | _____ |
| 2. a new book | _____ |
| 3. a way to make less garbage | _____ |
| 4. a day to care for the planet | _____ |
| 5. a place smoking is banned | _____ |
| 6. a mass of grease and waste | _____ |
| 7. the minimum wage in BC | _____ |

Vocabulary

Find the meaning for the word. Write the letter for the meaning on the line.

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| <u> c </u> | 1. abandoned | a. pipes that carry water and sewage |
| <u> </u> | 2. anniversary | b. the least amount |
| <u> </u> | 3. ban | x left without anyone to care for it |
| <u> </u> | 4. clog | d. eat, drink or use something |
| <u> </u> | 5. consume | e. stories and beliefs of a group of people |
| <u> </u> | 6. minimum | f. something that blocks a pipe |
| <u> </u> | 7. sewers | g. something that is left over and unwanted |
| <u> </u> | 8. traditions | h. a special day each year |
| <u> </u> | 9. waste | i. an official rule that doesn't allow something |

A Secret Message

Fill in the blank with the letter of the alphabet that comes before each letter.

B M M T N P L J O H J T C B O O F E
P O C D G F S S J F T.

Write the message:

Dos and Don'ts

Cyclists and drivers can make the roads safer.
Write do or don't on the line next to each sentence.

Cyclists

1. Follow special traffic rules for cyclists. _____
2. Make sure cars can see you. _____
3. Never make eye contact with drivers. _____
4. Ride in the direction of traffic. _____
5. Ride on bike paths. _____

Drivers

1. Always look for cyclists. _____
2. Go first before cyclists. _____
3. Leave lots of room between you and the cyclist. _____
4. Open your car door with your left hand. _____
5. Speed up at intersections. _____

Zero-Waste Living

What do you do to make less garbage? What could you start to do?
