

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
Verb Tense (TN2) were, made, got, waved, said, played, ate, enjoyed, were
What happened first? (TN2) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The cat knocked the phone off the table.2. The cat stepped on the speed dial button.3. The cat called 911.4. The RCMP went to the house.5. The police officer looked around the house.6. The police officer found a cat and a phone in the bedroom.7. The cat looked guilty.8. The police officer said, "Don't put 911 on your speed dial."
Vocabulary (TN3) 1. g 2. d 3. e 4. a 5. b 6. c 7. f
Fact or Opinion? (TN3) 1. O 2. F 3. F 4. O 5. O 6. F 7. F
Scavenger Hunt (TN4) 1. dinner 2. internet 3. calendar 4. music 5. leaves 6. popular 7. pandas 8. Tofino 9. BC

Discussion & Resources
New scholarships and a prize (WCR1) Students can work in pairs or groups. Ask them to discuss philanthropy. For example, why is or isn't philanthropy important? Why would Barj Dhahan choose the causes he has? What causes would students choose? Why? Each group or pair can present its ideas at the end of the discussion.
Giant Panda Twins (WCR1) http://www.worldwildlife.org/stories/giant-panda-no-longer-endangered https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEWobINn68o
Family music fun (WCR2) Decoda has activities and ideas in easy-to-print pages: http://www.decoda.ca/support-us/events/family-literacy-week/music/
Surfing in Tofino (WCR3) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gl2eHq4nRus

Verb Tense

Choose the words from the list below to make this story happen in the past. These words are called past tense verbs.

Seniors _____ often lonely.

Visits from the children _____ the seniors happier. The children in the daycare _____ to know them.

They _____ and _____ 'Hi' to the seniors. They _____ and _____ with the seniors.

The seniors _____ the children. As a result, they _____ less lonely.

More homes for seniors are starting to invite the community to come in. It is good for the seniors. It is also good for the community.

ate	were	got
played	were	made
waved	enjoyed	said

What came first?

What happened first? What happened second? Number the sentences.

- ___ The RCMP went to the house.
- 1 The cat knocked the phone off the table.
- ___ The police officer looked around the house.
- ___ The cat stepped on the speed dial button.
- ___ The police officer said, "Don't put 911 on your speed dial button."
- ___ The cat looked guilty.
- ___ The police officer found a cat and a phone in the bedroom.
- ___ The cat called 911.

Vocabulary

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

<u>g</u>	1. marine	a. the natural world
—	2. protect	b. animals that feed milk to their young
—	3. reserve	c. far away
—	4. environment	d. to keep something from being harmed
—	5. mammals	e. an area that is protected
—	6. remote	f. when people or animals are near one another
—	7. contact	g. of or relating to the sea

Fact or Opinion?

A fact is something that is true. An opinion is what someone thinks or feels about something.

Read each sentence below. Circle (F) if it is a fact or (O) if it is an opinion.

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|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. Canadians borrow too much money. | F | <input checked="" type="radio"/> O |
| 2. Canadians borrow money to buy cars and houses. | F | <input type="radio"/> O |
| 3. Credit scores are used by banks and other lenders. | F | <input type="radio"/> O |
| 4. Not many landlords use credit scores to decide who to rent to. | F | <input type="radio"/> O |
| 5. Canadians should know their credit scores. | F | <input type="radio"/> O |
| 6. You can get a free copy of your credit report. | F | <input type="radio"/> O |
| 7. Equifax Canada and TransUnion Canada create credit scores. | F | <input type="radio"/> O |

Scavenger Hunt

Scan the Westcoast Reader to find the words that complete the sentences.

1. A group of Syrian women made a special _____.
2. Almost half the world's people use the _____.
3. Chinese New Year's day is the first day of the Chinese lunar _____.
4. Families can have fun with _____.
5. Giant pandas eat mostly bamboo shoots and _____.
6. The sport of surfing is becoming _____.
7. Mei Lun and Mei Huan are giant _____.
8. Surfers surf all year round in _____.
9. May 9 is voting day in _____.

New Year's Resolutions

Write three things you would like to do or change this year:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Are these your New Year's resolutions?