

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												
Missing Letters (TN2)												
1. clean 2. ears 3. injure 4. your 5. hurt 6. drums 7. painful 8. could 9. hearing 10. warning 11. leave 12. alone												
Match it! (TN2)												
1. c 2. d 3. b 4. a												
Circus Crossword (TN4)												
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Discussion & Resources
Children are back at school (WCR2)
Before reading <i>The Westcoast Reader</i> , divide the class into pairs. Ask pairs to make a list of ways to help children, or themselves, succeed at school. List the information on the board.
Read the article as a group. Did the class come up with similar strategies? Discuss.
Understanding green labels (WCR2)
Have students bring in some of their favourite products from home. Look for labels on the products and predict what they mean. Use the internet to check.
Wildfires (WCR4)
The federal and provincial governments have websites with information and resources for emergency preparedness, Get Prepared and Prepared BC:
https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-en.aspx
http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc

Missing Letters

These words are in “Do not put Q-tips in your ears.”
Add the vowels (a, e, i, o, u) to finish the words.

1. cl ___ n	5. h ___ r t	9. h ___ r ___ n g
2. ___ r s	6. dr ___ m s	10. w ___ r n ___ n g
3. ___ n j ___ r ___	7. p ___ n f ___ l	11. l ___ v ___
4. y ___ r	8. c ___ l d	12. ___ l ___ n ___

Match it!

Match the words with the correct label.

1.		_____	a. food and seafood products
2.	 FAIRTRADE CANADA	_____	b. organic foods
3.		_____	c. not tested on animals
4.		_____	d. grown or made by small-scale farmers or organizations

Finish the Sentences

Finish each sentence with information from *The Westcoast Reader*.

1. Steve Nash _____.
2. Electric cars _____.
3. Maggie MacDonnell _____.
4. July 1, 2017 _____.
5. September _____.
6. Canada census _____.

K-W-L

Read “Driverless cars are coming.” Work with a classmate. Discuss what you knew, what you wanted to know and what you learned or want to learn about driverless cars.

Write your answers in the columns below.

Knew	Wanted to know	Learned / Want to learn

Be ready!

What have you done to prepare for an emergency? Write your answer on the lines below.

Circus Crossword

Find the words that match the meaning in *The Westcoast Reader*.
Write the words in the squares.

Across:

- 3. large grey animal
- 6. performer's clothes
- 8. an animal with stripes
- 9. travelling show

Down:

- 1. going from place to place
- 2. cloth shelter
- 4. they make people laugh
- 5. someone who performs dangerous acts
- 7. ring

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