

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

Which word does not belong? (TN2)

1. apple
2. Q-tips
3. snacks
4. cookies
5. cash
6. sweets
7. cycling

Put it together! (TN3)

1. James Giles saved two children in Terrace, BC.
2. His neighbour's house was on fire.
3. Two children were inside the house.
4. James ran into his neighbour's house.
5. He brought the children outside.
6. James received the Carnegie medal.

Present or Past? (TN3)

1. found
2. give
3. try
4. thought
5. called
6. teach
7. copied
8. make

Find it! (WCR4)

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Discussion & Resources

A shopper's surprise (WCR1)

As a group, discuss why Loretta returned the jewelry. Ask, "What would you do? Why?" Then ask the group why they think the jewelry was in the Q-tip box as a kick-off to a round robin storytelling exercise. Break learners into groups. Give them the first line of the story, something like "One day Mary hid her jewelry in a Q-tip box. She was ..." Have learners take turns adding the next line of the story.

This can segue into scribing the group story or an individual creative writing exercise.

Healthy Snacks (WCR2)

March is Nutrition Month - the theme is *Unlock the Potential of Food*. Find factsheets:

<https://www.dietitians.ca/Your-Health/Nutrition-A-Z/Nutrition-Month/NM2018-Factsheets.aspx>

For the eggplant dip recipe go to:

<http://www.cookspiration.com/recipe.aspx?perma=rP85MAiWG59&lang=en>

Which word does not belong?

Put a circle around the word that does not belong with the other words.
In the line below write why the word doesn't belong.

1. carrots peppers **apples** eggplant

Apples are fruit. The rest are vegetables.

2. necklace jewelry rings Q-tips

3. bored stressed snacks tired

4. graffiti cookies noise mess

5. bag box envelope cash

6. sweets mirror candles bowl

7. skiing cycling curling hockey

Put it together!

Make sentences using the words from Lists A, B and C.

List A	List B	List C
James Giles saved	the children	the house.
His neighbour's house	into his	on fire.
Two children	was	the Carnegie medal.
James ran	were inside	in Terrace, BC.
He brought	received	neighbour's house.
James	two children	outside.
1. <i>James Giles saved two children in Terrace, BC.</i>		
2. _____		
3. _____		
4. _____		
5. _____		
6. _____		

Present or Past?

Write the past or present verb for each word.

1. find	<i>found</i>	5. call	
2.	gave	6.	taught
3.	tried	7. copy	
4. think		8.	made

Find it!

Find the answers to the crossword puzzle in *The Westcoast Reader*.

Across

1. A healthy snack
4. A Syrian newspaper, "The _____"
7. A Christian holiday
8. Another name for killer whales
9. A winter sport
10. Something you use to mail letters
12. "Good _____ Bylaw"
13. A dog with a job

Down

2. A good hockey player
3. Something to share with neighbours
5. Persian New Year
6. Something used to make necklaces
11. Something that is often lost

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