

The Westcoast Reader

Teachers' Notes



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Dear Teachers and Tutors,

This double issue of *The Westcoast Reader* has articles on a variety of topics at three levels of readability.

We have chosen current news stories as well as articles on health, holidays, sports, and more. There is also an easy recipe and a crossword puzzle.

The three-book grading system should be used only as a guideline. Even beginning-level learners can use a level 2 or 3 article with the proper preparation.

The varied content of the articles introduces many topics which can be explored further through follow-up activities.

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The exercises in these Teachers' Notes are designed to 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.

We hope you and your learners enjoy this double issue of *The Westcoast Reader* and the accompanying Teachers' Notes.

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Answers for exercises

Find it (TN-2)

A. 1. Royal BC Museum 2. Diwali 3. Toronto Maple Leafs 4. Brazil 5. canoe 6. cinnamon 7. Jacob 8. orca (killer whale)

B. 1. p 4 2. p 8 3. p 7 4. p 2 5. p 6 6. p 3

Silent letters (TN-3)

1. d 2. g 3. w 4. h 5. l 6. s 7. i 8. c 9. b 10. l 11. u 12. k

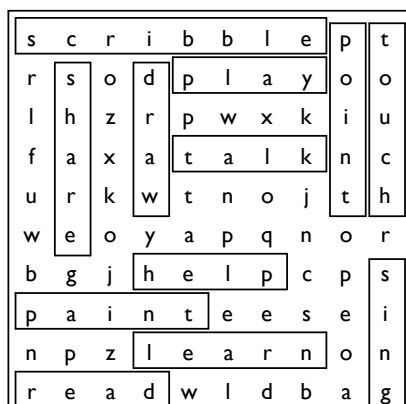
True or false? (TN-3)

1. F 2. T 3. T 4. F 5. T 6. F 7. T 8. F 9. T 10. F

Holiday traditions (TN-4)

1. g 2. d 3. h 4. b 5. f 6. a 7. e 8. c

Find the words (TN-5)



Art — book, orca: Guy Parsons

Canada's animals (TN-5)

2. deer 3. cougars 4. salmon 5. geese 6. wolf 7. caribou 8. mouse

Your family (TN-5)

1. uncle 2. grandfather 3. cousin 4. grandmother 5. aunt

Take, make, or do (TN-6)

A. 1. take 2. make 3. take 4. do 5. make 6. do 7. take 8. take 9. do 10. make 11. make 12. do

B. 1. took 2. Make 3. take 4. did 5. do 6. made 7. does 8. make

What's the meaning? (TN-7)

1. c 2. f 3. e 4. h 5. d 6. b 7. g 8. a

Present tense verbs (TN-7)

1. find 2. teach 3. beat 4. elect 5. lose 6. read

Past tense verbs (TN-7)

1. married 2. fled 3. built 4. died 5. knocked 6. chose

French toast recipe (TN-8)

1. eggs, vanilla 2. Sprinkle 3. fork 4. slice 5. each 6. butter, pan 7. bread 8. medium 9. maple

Fruits (TN-8)

1. strawberries 2. peaches 3. bananas 4. cherries

Find it

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

A

1. a place to learn about history

2. a Hindu festival

3. a hockey team in Toronto

4. a country in South America

5. a boat made from a cedar tree

6. a spice

7. a boy's name that ends in "b"

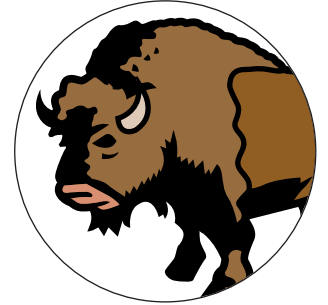
8. an animal that eats seals

Work in pairs or on your own. Find these images in *The Westcoast Reader*. Write the page numbers on the lines.

B



1. Page _____



2. Page _____



3. Page _____



4. Page _____



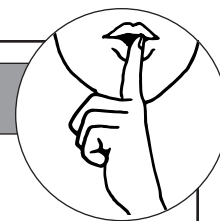
5. Page _____



6. Page _____

Images: Diwali: *The Vancouver Sun*; bison: Guy Parsons; orcas: BC Ferries; Euro 2016 logo: UEFA; children's book: Guy Parsons; pharmacy: Nola Johnston

Silent letters



Some words in English have silent letters. You cannot hear these letters when you say the word. For example, the “t” in “listen” is silent.

Write the silent letters in each word on the line next to the word. When you are finished, read the words to a partner.

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|----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1. bridge ____ | 5. walk ____ | 9. climb ____ |
| 2. sign ____ | 6. island ____ | 10. salmon ____ |
| 3. wrist ____ | 7. business ____ | 11. guess ____ |
| 4. rhyme ____ | 8. scissors ____ | 12. knife ____ |

Art: Nola Johnston

True or false?

Read the story about mammoths on page 5 of *The Westcoast Reader*. Circle T if the sentence is true, or F if the sentence is false.

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|---|---|---|
| 1. The Royal BC Museum is in Vancouver. | T | F |
| 2. The museum has a special exhibit about mammoths. | T | F |
| 3. The exhibit shows what life was like in BC during the Ice Age. | T | F |
| 4. The Ice Age was from 250,000 to 1,000 years ago. | T | F |
| 5. The highlight of the exhibit is the body of a baby woolly mammoth. | T | F |
| 6. Herders found the mammoth's body in Finland in 2007. | T | F |
| 7. The herders named the baby mammoth Lyuba. | T | F |
| 8. Lyuba was one year old when she died. | T | F |
| 9. Scientists believe Lyuba got trapped in mud and died. | T | F |
| 10. The mammoth exhibit is open until December 31, 2017. | T | F |

Holiday traditions



Many people have special traditions for holidays and celebrations. Traditions include customs or special ways of doing things.

Match the tradition with the holiday or celebration.

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|------------------------|---|
| ___ 1. Diwali | a. wear a red poppy |
| ___ 2. Thanksgiving | b. give children money in red envelopes |
| ___ 3. Halloween | c. make lots of noise at midnight |
| ___ 4. Lunar New Year | d. cook a turkey |
| ___ 5. Valentine's Day | e. decorate a tree |
| ___ 6. Remembrance Day | f. give chocolates to someone special |
| ___ 7. Christmas | g. light small oil lamps |
| ___ 8. New Year's Eve | h. go trick or treating |

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Write about your favourite holiday

What is your favourite holiday? _____

When is it? _____

How do you celebrate?

Canada's animals

Write the singular or the plural for each animal.

Singular	Plural
1. fox	foxes
2. deer	
3. cougar	
4.	salmon
5. goose	
6.	wolves
7. caribou	
8.	mice

Your family

What is the family relationship?
Write your answers on the lines.

1. your father's brother is your

2. your mother's father is your

3. your uncle's son is your

4. your father's mother is your

5. your mother's sister is your

Find the words

These words are from the story on page 6 of *The Westcoast Reader*.
Can you find them in the puzzle?
Some words go across. Some go down.

draw	read
help	scribble
learn	share
paint	sing
play	talk
point	touch

s	c	r	i	b	b	l	e	p	t
r	s	o	d	p	l	a	y	o	o
l	h	z	r	p	w	x	k	i	u
f	a	x	a	t	a	l	k	n	c
u	r	k	w	t	n	o	j	t	h
w	e	o	y	a	p	q	n	o	r
b	g	j	h	e	l	p	c	p	s
p	a	i	n	t	e	e	s	e	i
n	p	z	l	e	a	r	n	o	n
r	e	a	d	w	l	d	b	a	g

Take, make, or do



A. Fill in the blanks with take, make, or do.

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. _____ a photo | 7. _____ a trip |
| 2. _____ sure | 8. _____ a class |
| 3. _____ the bus | 9. _____ a good job |
| 4. _____ your homework | 10. _____ your bed |
| 5. _____ a mistake | 11. _____ an appointment |
| 6. _____ the shopping | 12. _____ a favour |

B. Choose the best answers. Write the words on the lines.

- Twenty women _____ a class together this summer.
(made, took)
- _____ sure those crayons are non-toxic.
(Make, Take)
- Did you _____ lots of photos when you went to the zoo?
(make, take)
- Roberto _____ a good job organizing the birthday party.
(did, made)
- Can you _____ me a favour?
(do, make)
- Maria _____ only one mistake on her grammar test.
(made, did)
- My husband always _____ the grocery shopping on Saturday.
(does, makes)
- I need to _____ a dentist appointment next week.
(make, do)

What's the meaning?

Match the words with their meanings.

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|--------------------|---|
| _____ 1. flee | a. not poisonous |
| _____ 2. shallow | b. long, pointed tooth |
| _____ 3. toddler | c. run away from danger |
| _____ 4. drought | d. give one thing and receive another |
| _____ 5. exchange | e. child between 1 and 3 years old |
| _____ 6. tusk | f. opposite of deep |
| _____ 7. trapped | g. not able to escape |
| _____ 8. non-toxic | h. period of low rainfall and high temperatures |

Present tense verbs

Fill in the blanks with the present tense of the verbs.

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| 1. _____ | found |
| 2. _____ | taught |
| 3. _____ | beat |
| 4. _____ | elected |
| 5. _____ | lost |
| 6. _____ | read |

Past tense verbs

Fill in the blanks with the past tense of the verbs.

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|-----------|-------|
| 1. marry | _____ |
| 2. flee | _____ |
| 3. build | _____ |
| 4. die | _____ |
| 5. knock | _____ |
| 6. choose | _____ |

French toast recipe



Read the recipe on page 4 of *The Westcoast Reader*.
Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box.

bread
butter
each
eggs
fork
maple
medium
pan
slice
Sprinkle
vanilla

1. Put the _____, milk, and _____
in a shallow bowl.
2. _____ cinnamon on top.
3. Beat with a _____.
4. Put one _____ of bread in the egg mixture.
5. Soak for 5 seconds on _____ side.
6. Melt some _____ in a frying _____.
7. Put the _____ in the pan.
8. Cook on _____ heat for a few minutes on each side.
9. Serve warm with fruit and _____ syrup.

Fruit

Unscramble the letters and write the words on the lines.



1 b a s r e s r t i w e r



2 c h e e s a p



3 s a n a b a n



4 r h e c e s i r

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