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ENGLISH SKILLS: PART 2 (WCR, p.1)

Mustafa Zakreet is the first Syrian refugee to arrive in Salmon Arm, B.C. He arrived alone, having spent three years in a UN refugee camp in Lebanon. Salmon Arm residents feel very lucky to have Mustafa as the first refugee: he speaks English fairly well, and he is very friendly and personable. Learn more about this young man's story in this video: <https://vimeo.com/154546446>

Information on sponsoring a refugee: www.cic.gc.ca/ENGLISH/refugees/sponsor/index.asp

EINSTEIN WAS RIGHT (WCR, p. 1)

"It's a discovery of a lifetime." Until recently, scientists have learned about the universe by studying light and other electromagnetic waves.

Watch the video of this discovery and see the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory where the chirp of a gravitational wave was heard: www.sciencemag.org/news/2016/02/gravitational-waves-einstein-s-ripples-spacetime-spotted-first-time

Tell students that light travels about 300 million metres per second. Explain also that when we write out the numbers, a comma is written after every three digits (300,000,000) to make large numbers easier to read. Write larger numbers on the board, ask students to add commas (ex. 1000, 1200, 13467, 277986, etc.).

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK (WCR, p. 2)

Explain what volunteers do. Students will be surprised how many volunteer hours Canadians put in annually.

Find volunteer opportunities in your town or city for students.

EARTH DAY

You will notice three articles dedicated to Earth Day (Levels 1, 2 and 3): "Saving farmland", "Sea wolves love eggs", and "Living in the Great Bear Rainforest". Read one of the articles. Use the 5W's Chart: www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/pdf/5Ws.pdf as an example to help students form questions. Ask students to complete the crossword on page 2 of the WCR.

ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

What's the question? (TN p. 2)

Challenging

(2) What were they eating? (3) What is a threat to the herring? (4) Who took the photo of the wolf? (5) Where do the wolves wade? (6) When will there be only seven per cent of the usual catch? (7) What did the wolves chew? (8) Where did they export herring? (9) What is roe? (10) Who studied herring spawn?

Plural and singular (TN p. 3)

(2) leader (3) film (4) bear (5) wolf (6) glacier (7) kilometre (8) 1990 (9) century

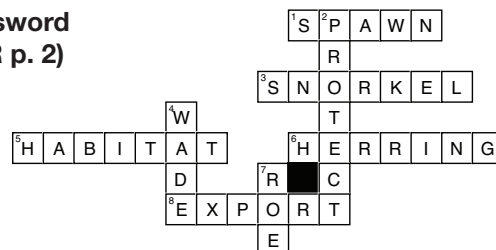
Fact or opinion (TN p. 3)

(1) f (2) f (3) o (4) f (5) o

All mixed up! (TN p. 4)

(1) Ten seniors go back to school. (2) The seniors help students for one hour. (3) This program is 18 years old. (4) Costco started the reading program. (5) The volunteers work in schools. (6) This program helps children read.

Crossword (WCR p. 2)



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What's the question

Read "Sea wolves love eggs" (WCR, page 4)

Write a question for each answer.

Begin your questions with What, Who, When or Where.



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PACIFIC WILD

1. Where were the wolves?
The wolves were near Bella Bella.
2.?
They were eating tiny, sticky eggs.
3.?
Pollution is a threat to the herring.
4.?
Ian McAllister took the photo of the wolf.
5.?
Wolves wade into the ocean.
6.?
In 2016, there will be only seven percent of the usual catch.
7.?
The wolves chewed his snorkel.
8.?
They exported herring to Asia.
9.?
Roe is fish eggs.
10.?
McAllister studied herring spawn.

Now you try. Write an answer.

Ask your classmates to write a question.

11. _____

Plural and singular

Read “Living in the Great Bear Rainforest” (WCR, page 4). Write the singular form of each plural word so that it means only one.



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COURTESY RIVER ROAD FILMS

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| 1. yearsyear..... | 6. glaciers |
| 2. leaders | 7. kilometres |
| 3. films | 8. 1990s |
| 4. bears | 9. centuries |
| 5. wolves | |

Write five other examples of plural words from another story in The Westcoast Reader. Ask your classmates to make each word singular.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Opinion or fact

A fact is something that is true.
An opinion is someone’s feelings about a topic.
Read each sentence. Is it a fact (f) or an opinion (o)?

1. Mustafa Zakreet is from Syria. _____
2. Salmon Arm is in B.C.’s interior. _____
3. Not many people live in Salmon Arm. _____
4. Mustafa wants to learn English fast. _____
5. Canada is the best country in the world. _____



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SALMON ARM OBSERVER

All mixed up!

Read “Seniors go back to elementary school” (WCR, page 2). Use these mixed-up words to make good sentences.

Remember to begin with a capital letter and end with a period.



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COURTESY OF WESN

1. back school to go seniors ten

2. for students hour help seniors one the

3. old this years is program 18

4. reading started program the Costco

5. in volunteers schools work the

6. this read children helps program
