

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

True or false? (TN2)

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

What's the meaning? (TN2)

1. d 2. e 3. a 4. b 5. c

Sort it! (TN3)

- 1. Can compost food scraps, grass clippings, plants, leaves, garden waste
- 2. Can recycle cardboard, glass bottles, metal containers, plastic containers, newspapers
- 2. Can't recycle pots and pans, toys, hangers, electronics, clothing

Verb Tense (TN4)

Present tense verbs: Past tense verbs:

find broke take drove remove made give played issue protested think wrote

Discussion & Resources

Students strike (WCR1)

As a class, discuss the student strikes taking place around the world. Break the class into two groups – for and against the strikes. Have each group prepare and argue its case for the class. See photos and videos of youth striking for climate change on March 15 at: upworthy.com/look-at-the-photos-and-videos-of-thousands-of-youth-demanding-climate-change-action-now

Measles in BC (WCR1)

Learn more about measles at: healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/measles

Rethink the way you recycle (WCR2)

Ask students to bring one to three items they want to get rid of from home (number depends on your class size). Provide a few more items to ensure variety. Arrange the items on a table. Have students work in small groups. Provide a grid for each student group to sort the items into catogories: Recycle, Garbage, Compost, Recycle Depot. Have groups research where items should go if they aren't sure. If desired, award prizes for speed, accuracy and teamwork. recyclebc.ca/what-can-i-recycle/

True or false?

Circle **T** if the sentence is true or **F** if the sentence is false.

1. Albert Jackson is on a new stamp.	Т	F
2. Chris Turner finds lost dogs.	Т	F
3. Compost is a bad use for garden waste.	Т	F
4. Greta Thunberg lives in Sweden.	Т	F
5. Jason Bay and Ryan Dempster are hockey players.	Т	F
6. Marie Kondo is a "tidying expert."	Т	F
7. Measles is a serious illness.	Т	F
8. Students wrote emails to Oxford Press.	Т	F
9. You can get tax help if your income is less than \$35,000.	Т	F

What's the meaning?

Match the words with their meanings.

 1. endangered	a. usual weather conditions
 2. environment	b. make dirty and not safe to use
 3. climate	c. no longer existing
 4. pollute	d. at risk of becoming extinct
 5. extinct	e. the natural world

Sort it!

Sort the items on the list under the correct heading. Find the answers in *The Westcoast Reader*.

Can compost	Can recycle	Can't recycle
food scraps	cardboard	pots and pans

cardboardglass bottlesmetal containersfood scrapsplantsplastic containerspots and pansleavesnewspapersgrass clippingshangersgarden wastetoyselectronicsclothing

Earth Day

What can you do to protect the environment? Why is this important?					

Verb Tense

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

Present tense verbs	
	found
	took
	removed
	gave
	issued
	thought

	Past tense verbs
break	
drive	
make	
play	
protest	
write	

Present or past?

Write six sentences. Use present and past tense verbs from the last exercise.

1.	 			

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____