

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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Resources & Discussion
NDP wins election (WCR1)
Visit Parliament of Canada and Elections BC for resources, videos and classroom activities on government in Canada:
https://lop.parl.ca/about/parliament/education/teacher-resources-e.html
https://elections.bc.ca/resources/outreach-and-education/educational-resources/
Teen girls win award for app (WCR4)
Watch this video to learn more about the Memory Haven app:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGS29QXZ06c
Holiday Traditions (WCR2)
If possible, work in pairs. Have learners describe a holiday tradition of their own to their partner, something specific to their family and/or their culture. Encourage pairs to listen carefully and ask questions.
Once each partner has had a turn, have learners write about their traditions. Partners can then read one another's work and make suggestions for depth and clarity. If available, have learners present their traditions to the class.

Sentences

Unscramble the words to make a sentence. Write the sentence on the line below.

1. cat / Bella / a / is

2. old / she / years / is / four

3. Cawston / Bella / lives / BC / in

4. hungry / when / Bella / talks / she / gets

5. asks / she / food / for

6. Mama / says / she

Vocabulary

Match the word with the meaning. Write the correct letter on the line.

vote

a. a time when people vote

majority

b. an electoral district or area

riding

c. a group of people who lead a province or country

government

d. a number that is more than half of a total number

election

e. an official choice in an election

How many?

Find the answers in *The Westcoast Reader*. Draw a line to the right number.

1. cats in the America's Favourite Pet contest	6,000
2. countries the World Food Program helps	88
3. entries in the Technovation contest	77
4. Joe Biden's age	1,500
5. people who registered for the 2020 Polar Bear Swim	595,000
6. people who voted by mail in the BC election	300

Holiday greetings

Write a holiday card to a friend.

Tell your friend what you plan to do during the holidays.



Dear _____,

From _____

Words

How many words can you make from the letters in the word 'traditions'?

traditions

dirt

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Holiday Wordsearch

Find the words in the puzzle.

Christmas

countdown

food

goals

holiday

kiss

midnight

resolution

sales

season

swim

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