

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	
Fill in the blanks (TN2)	
1. backyard	5. stole
2. Canada	6. get
3. birds	7. obstacle
4. feeder	8. months
Vocabulary (TN2)	
d. benefit	a. pandemic
b. eligible	e. payment
h. income	c. population
f. individual	g. vaccine
Words (TN3)	
1. squirrels 2. message 3. illustrate	
4. biggest 5. tummies 6. skiing	
7. toddlers 8. follow 9. toboggan	
10. skills 11. downhill 12. dress	
Finish the sentence (TN3)	
1. Fort St. John	
2. Kyle Charles	
3. stomachs/tummies	
4. toddlers	
5. bones, muscles	
6. benefit	
7. sports	
8. colour, sad	

Resources & Discussion
Top YouTube video (WCR1)
Ask your learners why they think this is the most watched video. What made it so popular? Watch the squirrel video at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFZFjoX2cGg
Family Literacy Week (WCR2)
Find Family Literacy Week resources, events and contest information on the Decoda website: www.decoda.ca/support-us/events/family-literacy-week/
\$1,000 for families (WCR3)
Find information on the BC Recovery Benefit at: www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/economic-recovery/recovery-benefit
Winter sports (WCR4)
Find an article on how to make the perfect snowball with bonus audio, exercises and quiz on <i>The Westcoast Reader</i> website: thewestcoastreader.com/how-to-make-the-perfect-snowball/
Would you like to write for <i>The Westcoast Reader</i>?
If your answer is yes, send us a sample story at wcr@decoda.ca . Here are a few guidelines:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stories are written at three levels, so indicate the level of your story. • Stories should be 100-250 words, depending on the content and the level.

Fill in the blanks

Circle the right words for the story.

Mark Rober made a video about squirrels in his backyard / neighbourhood. It was the top YouTube video in Canada / USA in 2020.

Rober wanted to watch birds / raccoons in his backyard. He put bird seeds in a bowl / feeder. But squirrels played with / stole the seeds.

Rober wanted to get / give “revenge” on the squirrels. He made an obstacle / race course for the squirrels. It took two days / months to build.

Vocabulary

Choose the correct meaning for the word.

Write the correct letter on the line.

_____	benefit	a. a time when a disease spreads far and very fast
_____	eligible	b. able to do or get something
_____	income	c. the number of people who live in a place
_____	individual	d. money paid by a government to help people
_____	pandemic	e. money that is paid for something
_____	payment	f. a single person
_____	population	g. a substance used to protect people against a disease
_____	vaccine	h. money that is earned

Words

These words are in *The Westcoast Reader*. All of them have double letters. Add the double letters to complete each word.

1. squi __ __ els

2. me __ __ age

3. i __ __ ustrate

4. bi __ __ est

5. tu __ __ ies

6. sk __ __ ng

7. to __ __ lers

8. fo __ __ ow

9. tobo __ __ an

10. ski __ __ s

11. downhi __ __

12. dre __ __

Finish the sentence

Finish each sentence with answers from *The Westcoast Reader*.

1. Gary Bath lives in _____.

2. _____ was hired by Marvel Entertainment.

3. Babies get stronger when they lie on their _____.

4. Children who are learning to walk are called _____.

5. Active play builds strong _____ and _____.

6. There is a new _____ for people living in BC.

7. There are many _____ to enjoy in the snow.

8. Blue is a _____. It also means _____.

Match it!

Match the photo with the correct sport. Write the name on the line.













cross-country skiing
snowboarding
skating

snowshoeing
skiing
tobogganing

Let's be Active!

How will you be active this winter? Write what you plan to do.
