

## **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**

#### Fill in the blanks (TN2)

backyard
 Canada
 birds
 deeder
 stole
 get
 obstacle
 months

### Vocabulary (TN2)

d. benefit
b. eligible
c. payment
d. pandemic
e. payment
d. payment

#### 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: <a href="https://www.decoda.ca/support-us/events/family-literacy-week/">www.decoda.ca/support-us/events/family-literacy-week/</a>

### \$1,000 for families (WCR3)

Find information on the BC Recovery Benefit at: <a href="https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/economic-recovery/recovery-benefit">www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/economic-recovery/recovery-benefit</a>

#### Winter sports (WCR4)

Find an article on how to make the perfect snowball with bonus audio, exercises and quiz on *The Westcoast Reader* website:

 $\frac{thewest coastreader.com/how-to-make-the-perfect-snowball/}{}$ 

### Would you like to write for The Westcoast Reader?

If you answer is yes, send us a sample story at <a href="wcr@decoda.ca">wcr@decoda.ca</a>. Here are a few guidelines:

- 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 <u>backyard / neighbourhood</u>. It was the top YouTube video in Canada / USA in 2020.

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

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

# Vocabulary

Choose the correct meaning for the word. Write the correct letter on the line.

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

7. to \_\_\_ lers

2. me \_\_\_ age

8. fo ow

3. i \_\_\_ ustrate

9. tobo an

4. bi est

10. ski s

5. tu \_\_\_ ies

11. downhi \_\_\_ \_\_

6. sk ng

12. dre \_\_\_\_

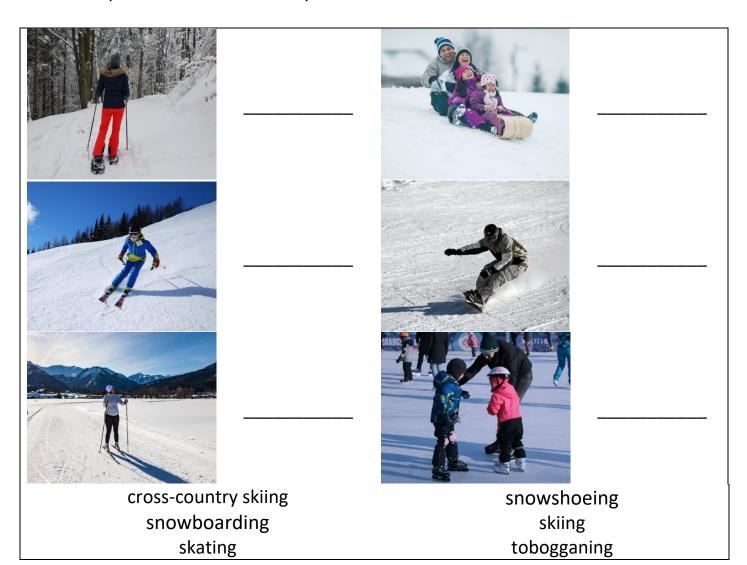
## Finish the sentence

Finish each sentence with answers from *The Westcost 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.



# Let's be Active!

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