

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: 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 *The Westcoast Reader* website:

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Would you like to write for The Westcoast Reader?

If you answer is yes, send us a sample story at wcr@decoda.ca. 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.

 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

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 ____

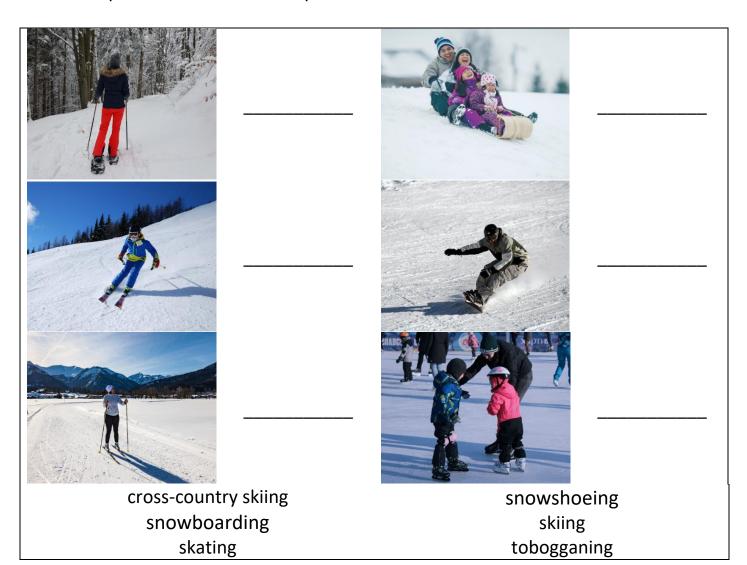
Finish the sentence

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.			