

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

Vocabulary (TN2)

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| a. historic | d. inspirational |
| b. civil servant | e. broadcaster |
| c. ambassador | f. sworn in |

Find the facts (TN2)

Zaila Avant-garde is **14**. She lives in Louisiana.

She is a good **speller**. She won a spelling contest on **July 8**. It was the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Zaila is the **first** African American to win.

Zaila is good at many things. She plays **basketball**. She can bounce many basketballs at one time.

Once, she bounced **four** balls for 30 seconds. She bounced the balls **307** times. She set a world record.

She holds **three** world records for basketball.

Summer Olympics (TN3)

1. judo
2. soccer
3. skateboarding
4. softball
5. swimming
6. rowing

Resources & Discussion

Canada votes in September (WCR1)

Visit Elections Canada for classroom resources and information on elections in Canada:

<https://electionsanddemocracy.ca/>

Get *A Guide to Voting* from ABC Life Literacy. It includes information, links and activities to help learners understand voting basics:

<https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/civic-voting/>

September is Literacy Month (WCR2)

Visit the Decoda Literacy website to learn more about how to get involved in Literacy Month:

<https://decoda.ca/get-involved/literacy-month/>

News Quiz (WCR3)

Have learners do the news quiz on page 3 of the paper. Discuss what makes a good news story. Identify the five questions every news story must answer: who, what, when, where and how.

Have learners find a news story to share or use "Zaila wins" from *The Westcoast Reader*. Ask them to find the answers to the five questions in the story.

Have learners write their own news stories about something that happened over the summer. Remind them to answer the five questions in their stories.

Vocabulary

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

_____	sworn in	a. important in history
_____	historic	b. someone who works for the government
_____	inspirational	c. an official who represents their country
_____	civil servant	d. something that makes you feel hopeful
_____	ambassador	e. someone who works for radio or television
_____	broadcaster	f. make a formal promise when starting an official job

Find the facts

Read “Zaila wins” in *The Westcoast Reader*. Find the answers to fill in the blanks.

Zaila wins

Zaila Avant-garde is _____. She lives in Louisiana.

She is a good _____. She won a spelling contest on _____. It was the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Zaila is the _____ African American to win.

Zaila is good at many things. She plays _____. She can bounce many basketballs at one time.

Once, she bounced _____ balls for 30 seconds. She bounced the balls _____ times. She set a world record.

She holds _____ world records for basketball.

Summer Olympics

Write the name of the Olympic sport under the photo.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

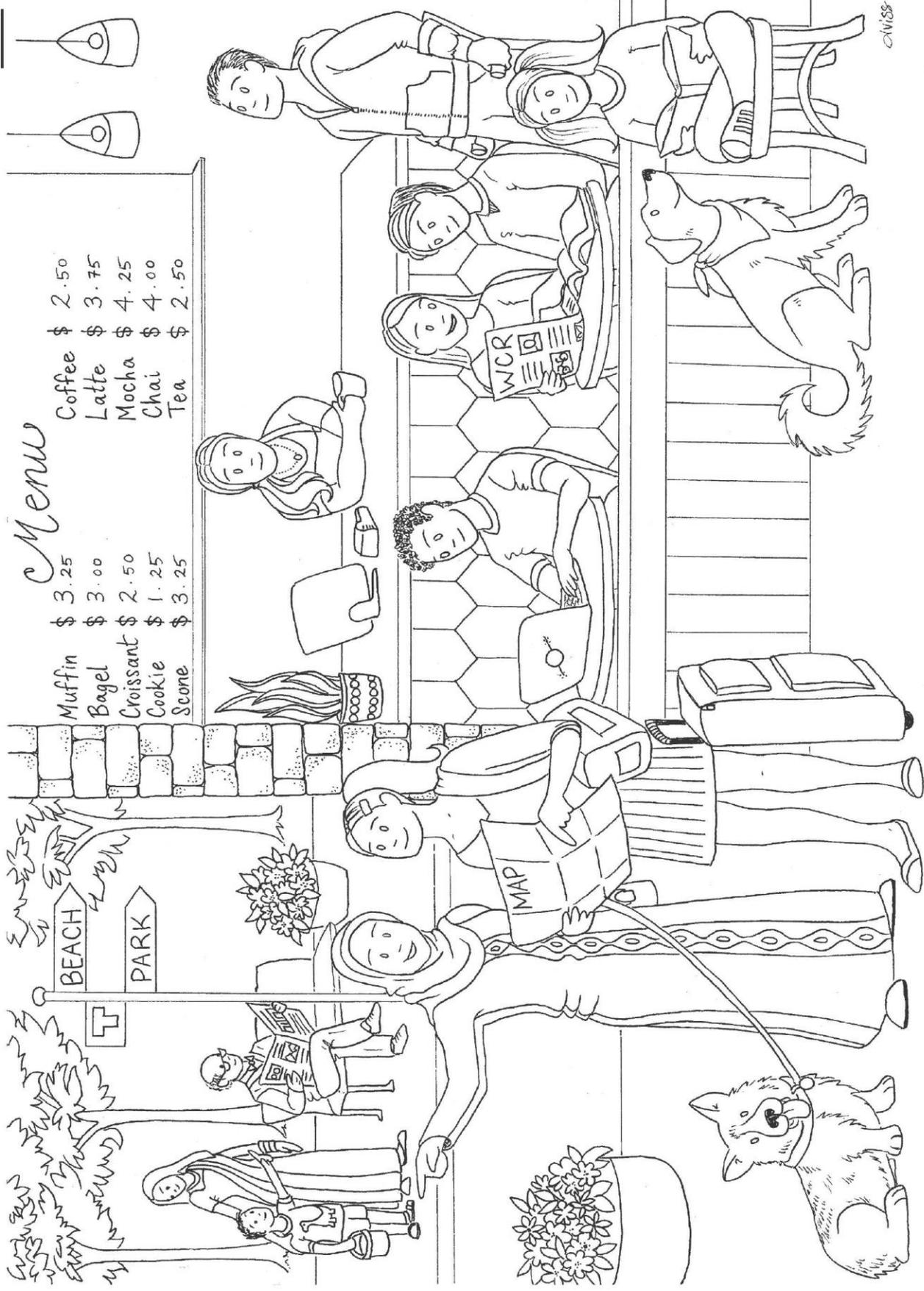
judo
skateboarding

rowing
soccer

softball
swimming

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