

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

Sort the words (TN2)

hard c: code, could, Canadian, contact, cake, connect, clock, care

soft c: cent, city, celery, center, circle, cider, cell, celebrate

Check your understanding (TN3)

1. All workers will get five paid sick days starting January 1.
2. World Braille Day is on January 4.
3. Winter lives on a farm on the Nicola River near Kamloops.
4. Bell Let's Talk Day started in 2011.
5. You can go for a walk. You can go to a gym or work out at home.
6. The Bluenose was built in 1921.
7. A circulation coin is used to buy things. It is produced by the millions.

A collector coin is not used to buy things. It is produced one by one. Some collector coins are worth thousands of dollars.

Match the coin (TN4)

1. b 2. a 3. d 4. c

Resources & Discussion

Family Literacy Week (WCR2)

Find Family Literacy Week resources, events and photo contest details at:

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

For "Let's Connect!" activities, go to:

<https://decoda.ca/resource/lets-connect-backgroundner/>

Mental Health (WCR3)

Ask learners why it is important to talk about mental health. Then ask them to share tips on how to feel better when they are feeling sad.

Practice self-care with mindfulness (WCR 3)

All age groups can benefit from practicing mindfulness. For activities for different age groups, visit: <https://decoda.ca/mindfulness-for-stress-relief/>

CP Holiday Train virtual concert (WCR4)

To watch the 2021 virtual concert, visit:

<https://www.cpr.ca/holidaytrain>

Sort the words

Sort the words into the correct column.

city	celery	code	could
center	Canadian	circle	can
cider	contact	cell	cake
connect	clock	care	celebrate

hard c	soft c
<i>cake</i>	<i>city</i>
_____	_____
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Literacy

How many words can you make from the letters in "literacy"?

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

Check your understanding

Scan *The Westcoast Reader* to find the answers to the questions. Write your answers in full sentences.

1. How many paid sick days will all workers get starting in January 1?

2. When is World Braille Day?

3. Where does Winter the horse live?

4. When did Bell Let's Talk Day start?

5. What can you do to be active?

6. Which year was the Bluenose built in?

7. What is the difference between a circulation and a collector coin?

Match the coin

Match the coin with the information about it.

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| _____ | 1. CP Holiday Train coin | a. It is a new silver collector coin. |
| _____ | 2. Blue Jay coin | b. It has two pictures on one side. |
| _____ | 3. Klondike Gold Rush coin | c. It has some blue on it. The blue is for the ocean. |
| _____ | 4. Bluenose dime | d. It shows First Nations people panning for gold by the Klondike River. |

Which coin do you like?

Read about Canadian coins on page four of *The Westcoast Reader*.

Which coin do you like? Describe why you like it below.
