

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

True or false (TN3)

1. F 2. T 3. T 4. F 5. F 6. T 7. F 8. T

Fill in the blanks (TN4)

1. 96 2. four 3. a million 4. 1865 5. 18 6. 173 7. one 8. 35

Adjectives (TN5)

Part 1. big, bigger, biggest old, older, oldest new, newer, newest long, longer, longest safe, safer, safest

Part 2

- 1. A watermelon is **bigger** than an orange.
- 2. The Nile is the **longest** river in the world.
- 3. The **oldest** library in B.C. is in New Westminster.
- 4. My house is not as **new** as Amy's.
- 5. Summer days are **longer** than winter days.
- 6. Which neighbourhood is the **safest** in Vancouver?
- 7. Peter is **older** than his brother.
- 8. A whale is the **biggest** animal in the ocean.
- 9. I want to watch the **newest** superhero movie in theatres.
- 10. This street is **safer** than the other one because it has more streetlights.

Resources & Discussion

Elections (WCR2)

Student Vote uses the election as a teachable moment and enables teachers to bring democracy alive in the classroom. This handson learning program empowers students to experience the voting process firsthand and cast ballots for the official candidates running in the election.

For resources and more information, visit https://studentvote.ca/

The Famous Five (WCR3)

Grassroots Press has a biography of the Famous Five as part of its Activist Series.

These biographies are free to borrow from the Decoda Literacy Library. Free workbooks are available online.

https://www.decoda.ca/resources/library/

https://www.grassrootsbooks.net/ca/biograhies/activist/

Halloween (WCR3)

successintesl offers free Halloween resources and other freebies, visit

https://www.successintesl.com/halloween-in-canada/. You can get them by emailing 'Yes" to successintesl@yahoo.ca to join their mailing list.

True or false

Circle **T** if the statement is true. Circle **F** is the statement is false.

| General local elections in B.C. are held every four years on the fourth Saturday of October. | Т | F |
|---|---|---|
| 2. The next general local elections are on October 15. | Т | F |
| 3. You can vote if you are 18 years old or older on general voting day. | Т | F |
| 4. I'm You cannot vote if you are a Canadian citizen. | Т | F |
| 5. You cannot vote if you have been living in B.C. for nine months. | Т | F |
| 6. You can vote if you have been living in B.C. for more than two years. | Т | F |
| 7. Voters are voting for prime minister in general local elections. | Т | F |
| 8. Local governments are responsible for housing services, schools, parks, public safety, clean water and more. | Т | F |

Local government elections

| What issues in you sentences. | ur community are most important to you and why | /? Use complete |
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Fill in the blanks

Scan *The Westcoast Reader*. Put the following numbers into the sentences where they belong.

| 1. | Queen Elizabeth II die | d on September | 8. She was | | |
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| 2. | . Queen Elizabeth II was married to Prince Philip. Prince Philip died in 2021. The | | | | |
| | couple had | children. | | | |
| 3. | Stu guessed the rock t | :o be | years old. | | |
| 4. | The oldest library in B | .C. is the New W | /estminster Public Libra | ary. It was built in | |
| | · | | | | |
| 5. | Persons Day is Octobe | er | • | | |
| 6. | 5. In 1906, the S.S. Valencia as carrying passengers. | | | | |
| 7. | 7. They said their cameras and flashlights were turned off mysteriously | | | | |
| | nigh | ıt. | | | |
| 8. | | | s, Shimmy lived on the | north shore of Lake | |
| | Erie, Ontario. | | | | |
| | :II: | | 1005 | 0.5 | |
| | a million | one | 1865 | 96 | |
| | 173 | 35 | four | 18 | |
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| Н | ow many times? | | | | |
| How many words can you make from the letters in "government"? | | | | | |
| now many words can you make nom the letters in government: | | | | | |
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Adjectives

Adjectives are used to describe things. We also use them to compare things or to show which things are the "most." Example: Today is hotter than yesterday. Tomorrow will be the hottest day.

Part 1. Fill in the blanks with the right word.

| hot | hotter | hottest |
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| big | | |
| | older | |
| | | newest |
| | longer | |
| safe | | |

Part 2. Fill in the blank with the correct word.

| 1. | A watermelon is | | (big) than an orange. | |
|-----|-----------------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 2. | The Nile is the | | (long) river in the world. | |
| 3. | The | (old) libr | rary in B.C. is in New Westmin | ster. |
| 4. | My house is not as | | (new) as Amy's. | |
| 5. | Summer days are | | (long) than winter days. | |
| 6. | Which neighbourhoo | d is the _ | (safe) in Vand | couver? |
| 7. | Peter is | (old) | than his brother. | |
| 8. | A whale is the | | _ (big) animal in the ocean. | |
| 9. | I want to watch the _ | | (new) superhero movi | e in theatres. |
| 10. | This street is | | (safe) than the other one bec | ause it has more |
| | streetlights. | | | |