

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										
Choose the correct verb (TN3)										
1. started 2. wore 3. keeping 4. found 5. knows										
Big baby born (TN3)										
1. A baby boy was born in October. 2. He weighed twice as much as most babies. 3. He weighed more than 14 pounds. 4. The baby's name is Sonny Ayres. 5. He was born at an Ontario hospital. 6. He made a new record.										
Vocabulary (TN4)										
1. c 2. d 3. e 4. a 5. b										
Holiday word search puzzle (TN5)										
d	f	a	g	e	g	s	x	p	l	
a	s	m	u	h	p	u	r	o	e	
r	q	d	e	s	s	e	r	t	f	
d	k	j	s	d	e	p	r		t	
h	o	s	t	b	r	a	h	u	o	
q	k	h	x	p	v	r	m	c	v	
z	a	i	n	v	t	e	k	e		
s	e	a	s	o	n	y	a	f	r	
h	e	j	s	v	g	x	l	w	z	

Resources & Discussion
9-8-8 helpline (WC1)
For more information on this helpline, visit: https://www.camh.ca/en/driving-change/988
Holiday greetings (WCR2)
Your class can either make snowman cards or use their own holiday cards for this activity.
Ask them to write a card to a friend and share what they plan to do over the holidays. You can decide how many sentences your class needs to write on their cards.
"This holiday, I will (meet with my friends). I will..."
Host a potluck (WCR4)
Celebrate the holiday season with a potluck. Have learners bring food to share.
As a class, agree what kinds of foods and how much each person should bring. Learners can cook or buy food. If they do not like to cook, they can bring napkins, plates, cups and beverages.
Label the dish and include ingredients in case someone has allergies. Provide tasting sheets to allow learners to describe the taste, texture and appearance of each dish or snack.

Choose the correct verb

Fill in the blanks on each line with the missing verb.

1. On November 30, Canada (started / ended) _____ a new service called 9-8-8.
2. She (bought / wore) _____ a red gown and feathered headpiece.
3. One neighbour is (mailing, keeping) _____ the money in an envelope to remind herself of what the person did.
4. She (found / lost) _____ a \$50 bill on her doorstep.
5. Nobody (cares / knows) _____ who gave the money.

Big baby born

Unscramble the words to make a sentence. Write the sentence on the line below.

1. was / October / boy / born / baby / A / in _____
2. as / most / twice / weighed / babies / as / He / much _____
3. pounds / 14 / more / weighed / than / He _____
4. Ayres / is / name / baby's / Sonny / The _____
5. born / was / hospital / at / He / an / Ontario _____
6. record / new / a / made / He _____

Vocabulary

Match the word with the meaning.

1. the best achievement or performance in a particular activity, often set as a benchmark	a. charity
2. a time of intense difficulty, trouble or danger	b. inherited
3. knowing and understanding what's happening around you	c. record
4. an organization that raises money to help those in need	d. crisis
5. Something passed down by your family	e. awareness

What would you do?

Read '\$50 bills left on doorsteps' in *The Westcoast Reader*.
What would you do if you found \$50 on your doorstep?

Words

How many words can you make by using the letters in the word 'holidays'?

holidays

Holiday word search puzzle

Find these words in the word search puzzle.

potluck

guest

dish

dessert

season

serving

host

leftovers

meal

party

invite

card

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r	q	d	e	s	s	e	r	t	f
d	k	i	s	d	e	p	r	l	t
h	o	s	t	b	r	a	h	u	o
q	k	h	x	p	v	r	m	c	v
z	a	i	n	v	i	t	e	k	e
s	e	a	s	o	n	y	a	f	r
h	e	j	s	v	g	x	l	w	s