

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

Finish the word (TN3)

- 1. Métis, people 2. Nisga'a, people
- 3. Vancouver, place 4. Lynn-Marie, people
- 5. Gitxaala, people 6. East Vancouver, place
- 7. Sisters Sage, thing 8. Indigenous, people

Fill in the blanks (TN3)

- 1. tried, owner
- 2. lost
- 3. was, hidden
- 4. remember, wallet
- 5. found, daughter

How many? (TN4)

one syllable:

sort, bank, clean, lunch

two syllables:

guitar, income, trowel, eclipse

three syllables:

musician, advantage, Canada, Labrador

four syllables:

California, affordable, reliable, environment

Match the meaning (TN4)

1. d 2. f 3. e 4. a 5. b 6. c

Resources and discussions

Earth Day (WCR4)

For Earth Day 2024 toolkits, visit: https://www.earthday.org/our-toolkits/

Learn about Earth Day and what you can do to help the environment:

https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/earth-day

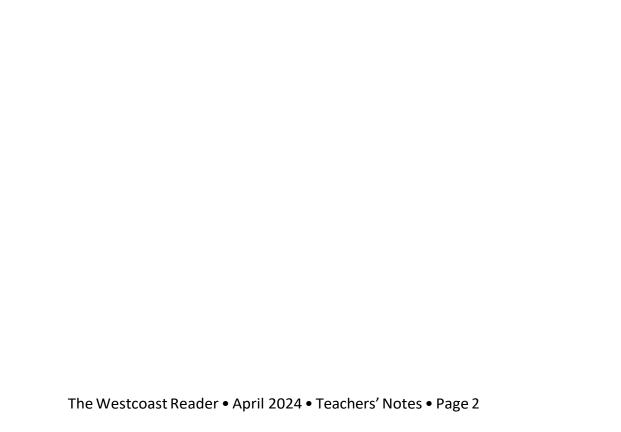
Students can read these tips and share which ones they find easiest to fit into their daily lives and how to encourage their friends and family to help too.

Total solar eclipse (WCR4)

Some schools in Ontario are closing to make sure students stay safe on April 8, But some people don't think this is a good idea. They think it is a missed opportunity for students to learn about the total solar eclipse by watching it together safely.

Ask the class to read the following article, then divide learners into groups/pairs to discuss whether or not schools should close on April 8.

https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/post/should-schools-take-a-day-off-for-a-solar-eclipse



Finish the word

Proper nouns name specific people, places or things. They usually start with a capital letter. Finish each proper noun below from 'Sisters Sage opens in Vancouver.'

| | People, place or thing? |
|--------|-------------------------|
| 1. M s | |
| 2. N a | |
| 3. Vr | |
| 4. L M | |
| 5. Ga | |
| 6. E V | |
| 7. S S | |
| 8. I | |

Fill in the blanks

Read 'Very old wallet found' in *The Westcoast Reader*. Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

| 1. Andrew very hard to find the | |
|---|---|
| 2. Vanessa's mother the wallet 40 years ago. | |
| 3. Andrew working. He found an old wallet in a ceiling. | a |
| 4. Vanessa's mother does notlosing her | |
| 5. He the of the wallet's owner. | |

How many?

A syllable is a unit of sound. For example, 'car' has one syllable and 'taxi' has two syllables. Place each word from the box into the correct category based on the number of syllables.

| guitar | bank | clean | Labrador |
|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| California | musician | trowel | environment |
| sort | reliable | Canada | eclipse |
| affordable | income | advantage | lunch |

| one syllable | two syllables | three syllables | four syllables |
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Environment

How many words can you make from the letters in 'environment'?

Match the meaning

Draw a line to match the word to its correct meaning.

| 1. eclipse | a. | A little tool you use to scoop and spread dirt, mud or soil in the garden. |
|---------------|----|--|
| 2. affordable | b. | Putting things in groups based on how they are alike. |
| 3. income | c. | Something or someone you can always count on. |
| 4. trowel | d. | When the moon passes between the sun and the Earth, making it dark during the day. |
| 5. sort | e. | The money you earn from working or other sources like investments. |
| 6. reliable | f. | Something you can buy without spending too much money. |

Write your own sentence for each word.

| 1. | |
|----|----------|
| 2. | income |
| 3. | sort |
| 4. | reliable |
| 5. | eclipse |