

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	Resources and discussions
<p>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</p> <p>Fill in the blanks (TN3) 1. tried, owner 2. lost 3. was, hidden 4. remember, wallet 5. found, daughter</p> <p>How many? (TN4) one syllable: sort, bank, clean, lunch</p> <p>two syllables: guitar, income, trowel, eclipse</p> <p>three syllables: musician, advantage, Canada, Labrador</p> <p>four syllables: California, affordable, reliable, environment</p> <p>Match the meaning (TN4) 1. d 2. f 3. e 4. a 5. b 6. c</p>	<p>Earth Day (WCR4) For Earth Day 2024 toolkits, visit: https://www.earthday.org/our-toolkits/</p> <p>Learn about Earth Day and what you can do to help the environment: https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/celebrations/article/earth-day</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Total solar eclipse (WCR4)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>https://www.cbc.ca/kidsnews/post/should-schools-take-a-day-off-for-a-solar-eclipse</p>

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. V _____ r	_____
4. L _____ - M _____	_____
5. G _____ a	_____
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.
4. Vanessa's mother does not _____ losing 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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Environment

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

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. affordable

2. income

3. sort

4. reliable

5. eclipse
