

THE WCR LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Beautiful old lever door handle
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Doorknobs are changing ↗

The City of Vancouver is changing the building code.

The new rules start in March 2014.

They are changing how we open doors.

All new door handles will be levers.

The round doorknob will disappear.



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Levers are easier for people with arthritis or weak hands.



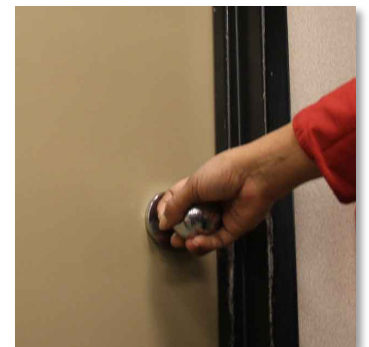
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Door handles are useful tools.

We use them to open and close doors.

The old doorknobs were often round.

You grab the knob and twist to open the door.



Turn round doorknobs to open.
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You push the new levers down to open a door.



Push the door handle to open the door.
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The door handle is also art.
It is an object of beauty.
It is a design feature of a house or building.



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Designer door handles come in many different shapes.



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Answers to exercise on page 3

Part 1: Words with silent letter “k”.

Knob, know, knife, knee, knit, knock, kneel

Part 2: Write sentences.

There will be many correct answers.

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Silent letter “k”.

A silent letter makes no sound. The letter “k” is silent at the beginning of words that start with “kn”.

For example, the word knob sounds like nob.

Part 1: Words with silent letter “k”.

Do you know which of these words has a silent “k”?

Put an X in the box by the words with a silent “k”. The first one is done for you.

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|---|-------|--|-------|
| X | knob | | knit |
| | know | | junk |
| | knife | | knock |
| | kick | | kneel |
| | knee | | juke |
| | jack | | keep |

Part 2: Write sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

See page 2 for answers to the exercise.