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The Coquihalla Highway on a sunny day.
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Driving the Coquihalla in winter 📖

The Coquihalla is a highway in British Columbia.

The highway runs from Hope to Merritt.

It is also called Highway 5.

The highway runs through the mountains.

It goes over high mountain passes.

The Coquihalla is a dangerous highway in the winter.

The area gets a lot of snow and fog.

The weather changes quickly. Snow tires or chains are required.

Drivers must be prepared for severe weather.



Severe winter conditions on the Coquihalla.
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Tips for drivers

1. Use the drivebc.ca website to plan your trip.
2. Check the weather before you leave.
3. Check the road conditions on your route.
4. Take a survival kit with extra clothes, food and blankets.
5. Keep your cell phone fully charged.
6. Keep your gas tank full of gas.
7. Drive a safe distance behind other vehicles.
8. Tell someone where you are going.
9. Tell someone when you plan to arrive.

How to say it

Coquihalla

Say..... Ko ka hau la

Adapted from *The Province*

Links

Go to *The Westcoast Reader* website for links to more information and videos.

www.thewestcoastreader.com

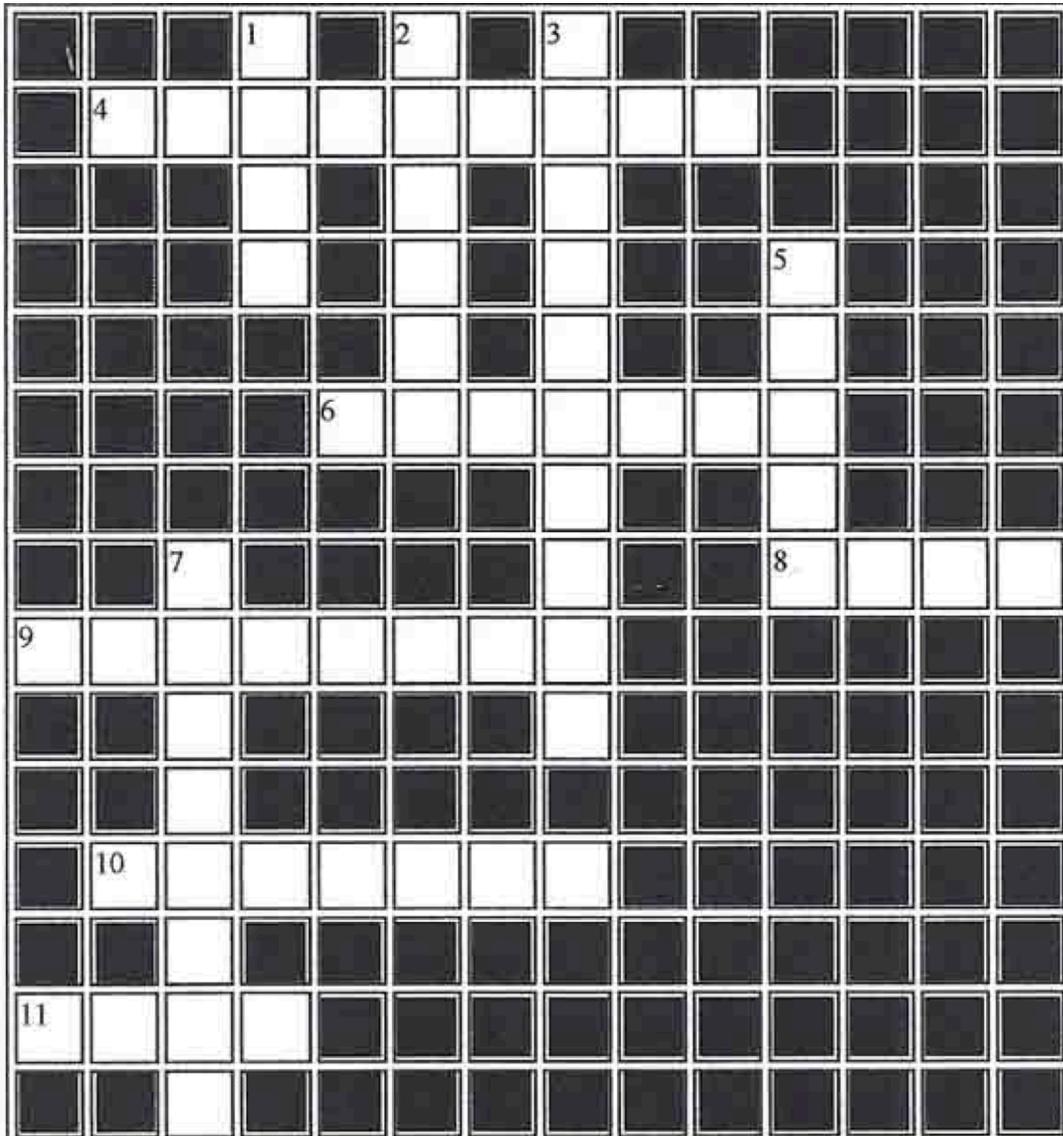


An avalanche safety truck on the Coquihalla Highway
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Winter driving vocabulary

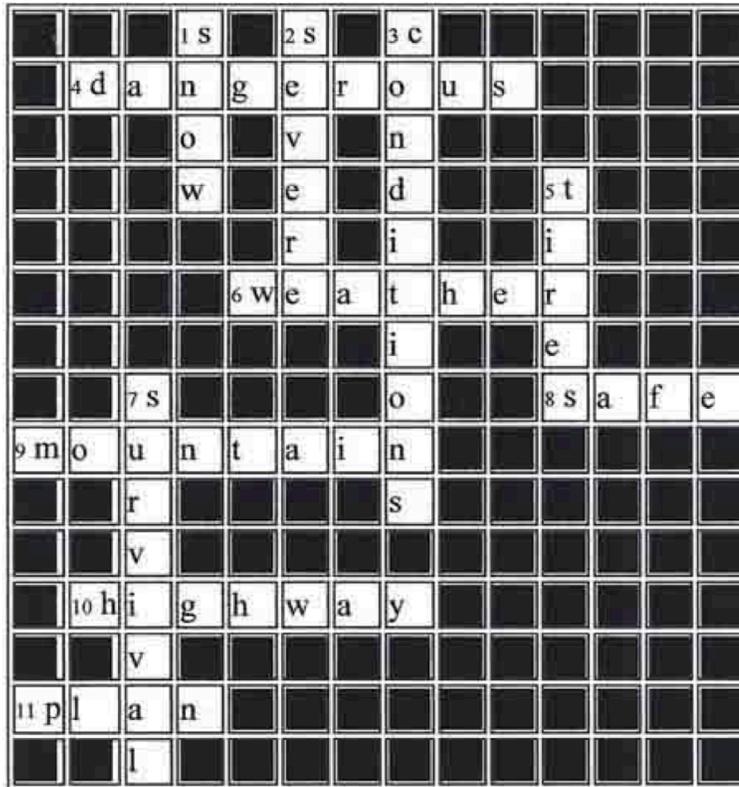
Look back at the article to find the words. Complete the crossword puzzle.
Answers are on page 4.



Across

Down

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