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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	Resources & Discussion
<p>Vocabulary (TN2)</p> <p>a. historic d. inspirational b. civil servant e. broadcaster c. ambassador f. sworn in</p> <p>Find the facts (TN2)</p> <p>Zaila Avant-garde is 14. She lives in Louisiana.</p> <p>She is a good speller. She won a spelling contest on July 8. It was the Scripps National Spelling Bee.</p> <p>Zaila is the first African American to win.</p> <p>Zaila is good at many things. She plays basketball. She can bounce many basketballs at one time.</p> <p>Once, she bounced four balls for 30 seconds. She bounced the balls 307 times. She set a world record.</p> <p>She holds three world records for basketball.</p> <p>Summer Olympics (TN3)</p> <p>1. judo 2. soccer 3. skateboarding 4. softball 5. swimming 6. rowing</p>	<p>Canada votes in September (WCR1)</p> <p>Visit Elections Canada for classroom resources and information on elections in Canada:</p> <p>https://electionsanddemocracy.ca/</p> <p>Get <i>A Guide to Voting</i> from ABC Life Literacy. It includes information, links and activities to help learners understand voting basics:</p> <p>https://abclifeliteracy.ca/all-programs/civic-voting/</p> <p>September is Literacy Month (WCR2)</p> <p>Visit the Decoda Literacy website to learn more about how to get involved in Literacy Month:</p> <p>https://decoda.ca/get-involved/literacy-month/</p> <p>News Quiz (WCR3)</p> <p>Have learners do the news quiz on page 3 of the paper. Discuss what makes a good news story. Identify the five questions every news story must answer: who, what, when, where and how.</p> <p>Have learners find a news story to share or use "Zaila wins" from <i>The Westcoast Reader</i>. Ask them to find the answers to the five questions in the story.</p> <p>Have learners write their own news stories about something that happened over the summer. Remind them to answer the five questions in their stories.</p>

Vocabulary

Match the word with the meaning. Write the correct letter on the line.

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| _____ | sworn in | a. important in history |
| _____ | historic | b. someone who works for the government |
| _____ | inspirational | c. an official who represents their country |
| _____ | civil servant | d. something that makes you feel hopeful |
| _____ | ambassador | e. someone who works for radio or television |
| _____ | broadcaster | f. make a formal promise when starting an official job |

Find the facts

Read “Zaila wins” in *The Westcoast Reader*. Find the answers to fill in the blanks.

Zaila wins

Zaila Avant-garde is _____. She lives in Louisiana.

She is a good _____. She won a spelling contest on _____. It was the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Zaila is the _____ African American to win.

Zaila is good at many things. She plays _____. She can bounce many basketballs at one time.

Once, she bounced _____ balls for 30 seconds. She bounced the balls _____ times. She set a world record.

She holds _____ world records for basketball.

Summer Olympics

Write the name of the Olympic sport under the photo.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

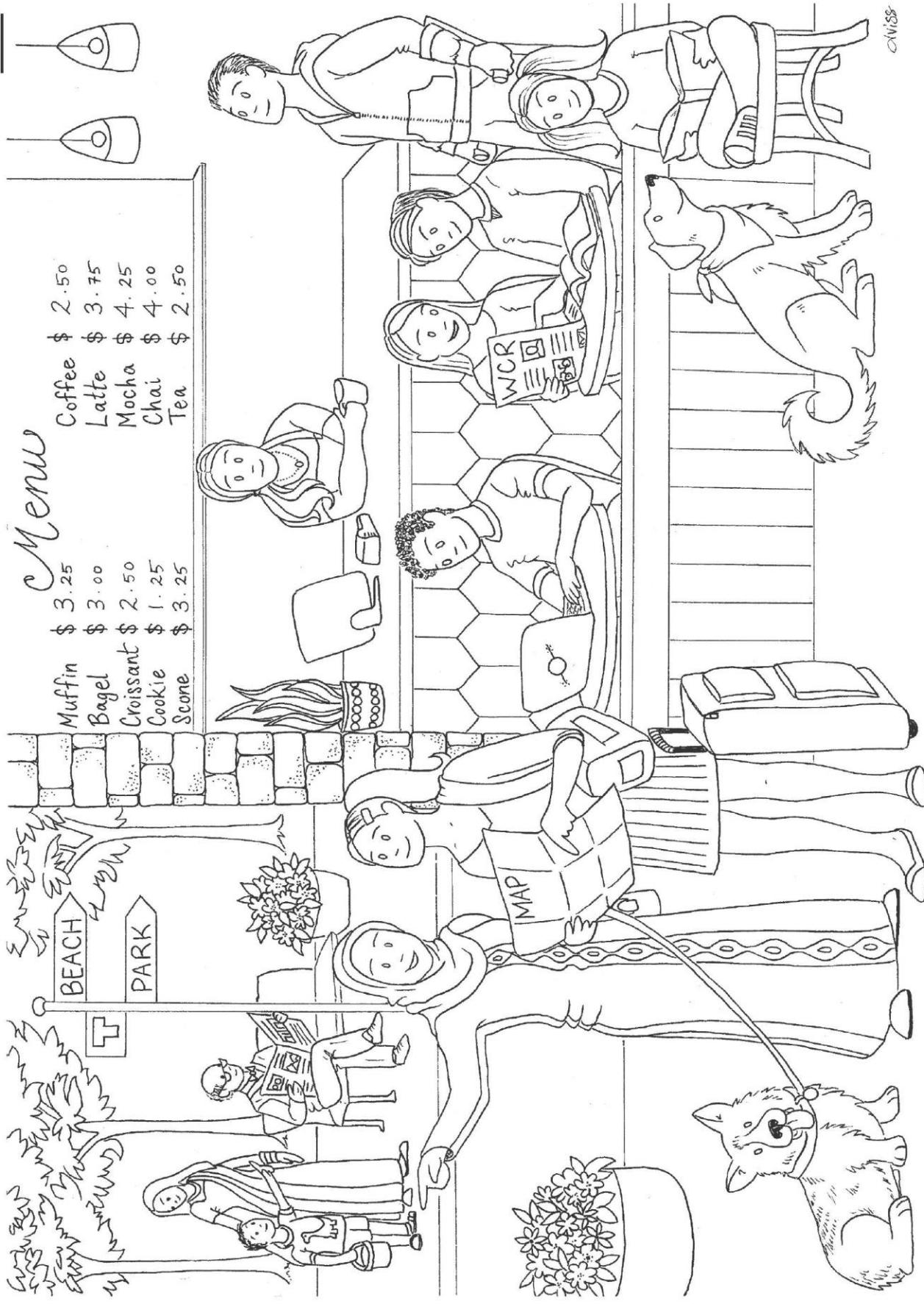
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skateboarding

rowing
soccer

softball
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