

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

Fill in the blanks (TN2)

1. surgeon
2. grandmother, hungry, community
3. truck, charities
4. Cultivate, hospitals

What fruit is it? (TN3)

1. nectarines
2. blackberries
3. apricots
4. cherries
5. strawberries
6. plums
7. blueberries
8. peaches
9. raspberries

Idioms (TN4)

Part 1

1. c
2. g
3. f
4. b
5. a
6. e
7. h
8. d

Part 2

1. a green thumb
2. a drop in the ocean
3. come rain or shine
4. dog days of summer
5. missed the boat
6. a ray of sunshine

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<https://thewestcoastreader.com/articles/>

Resources & Discussion

Summer idioms (WCR3)

Break the class into small groups. Give each group one or two of the idioms found in *The Westcoast Reader*. Ask the groups to predict their idioms' meanings, before they read the meanings in the paper. Then have the groups explain the meanings of their idioms to the rest of the class and use them in a short sample dialogue.

For more lesson plan ideas, visit:

<https://www.fluentu.com/blog/educator-english/teach-english-idioms/>

Pack a picnic (WCR4)

For more exercises and a quiz on the use of articles (a/the), visit:

<https://thewestcoastreader.com/how-to-pack-a-picnic/>

Outdoor activities (WCR4)

Ask learners to discuss outdoor activities they are planning to do this summer. Use the discussion to teach activity vocabulary and progressive verb tenses (will be running, will be hiking, will be camping, etc.).

Fill in the blanks

Read “Doctor starts food truck” in *The Westcoast Reader*. Use the words in the box to finish the sentences.

1. Dr. Sharadh Sampath is a _____ at Richmond General Hospital.
2. Dr. Sampath’s _____ helped rescue animals and feed _____ children in India. He wants to be like his grandmother and help his _____.
3. Dr. Sampath started a food _____ to help raise money for _____.
4. The food truck is called _____. It stops at five _____ in the Lower Mainland.

hungry	charities	Cultivate	hospitals
community	surgeon	truck	grandmother

Summer Fun

What outdoor things do you like to do in the summer? Write about them below. Then discuss your answers with a classmate.

What fruit is it?

Read “B.C. Summer Fruit Guide” in *The Westcoast Reader*. Write the name of the fruit on the line.



1. They look like peaches but have smooth skin. They are juicy.
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2. They can taste sweet or sour. They grow in the wild all over B.C.
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3. They are fuzzy with yellow-orange skin. They are good in jam.
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4. They are sweet and grow on stems. They are good in pies.
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5. They are juicy and red. They are a good light snack.
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6. They have a smooth skin. They mostly grow in the Okanagan.
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7. They are small and round. They have lots of vitamins and minerals.
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8. They are fuzzy with pink-orange skin. They are delicious fresh, canned or cooked.
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9. They taste both sweet and tart. They are called ‘nature’s candy.’”
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Idioms

Part 1. Match the idiom with its meaning.

Idiom	Meaning
1. a green thumb	a. a short romance in the summer
2. a drop in the ocean	b. missed an opportunity
3. come rain or shine	c. good at growing plants
4. missed the boat	d. to be in a good job or happy situation
5. summer fling	e. a person or thing that brings happiness
6. a ray of sunshine	f. whatever happens
7. dog days of summer	g. an amount too small to matter
8. a place in the sun	h. hottest days of summer

Part 2. Complete the sentences with idioms.

1. Margaret has _____. She can grow just about anything in her garden.
2. Steve just finished writing his first chapter. It is just _____ of the writing he needs to do to complete his book.
3. Gail walks her dog everyday, _____.
4. Ice cream is great for staying cool during the _____.
5. My brother _____ when he did not apply for his dream job.
6. After a long day at work, Lea's cat is _____ for her.