The WCR
Westcoast Reader

Teachers' Notes

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

True or false (TN3)
1. T 2. F 3. F 4. F 5. T 6. F 7. T 8. T

Find it! (TN4)
1. Sasquatch 2. Lights of Wonder 3. peanut butter 4. David Eby 5. convoy

Understanding (TN4)
1. The new rule started on October 6.
2. The new rule is that stores can charge shoppers a credit card fee on every purchase.
3. Credit cards that earn reward points have higher fees.
4. Canadian stores and other businesses reached a settlement with credit card companies this year. It allows stores to pass credit card fees on to shoppers.

December crossword (TN5)

f	e	h	d	i	i	g	h	t	s
c	e	l	e	r	a	t	e	a	
a	g	w	s	c	h	o	o	l	f
r	g	x	q	b	m	j	f	c	e
t	y	h	c	a	r	d	w	p	t
o	c	o	i	n	x	b	v	h	y
n	p	a	r	k	r	z	b	o	u
i	n	v	e	n	t	i	o	n	p
h	o	l	i	d	a	y	x	e	i

Resources & Discussion

Discussion (WC1)

'85-year-old grandmother' is about a grandmother who has overcome adversity and followed her dream. As a class, explore the notion of "grit." What traits or characteristics allow people to accomplish their goals despite facing obstacles and setbacks along the way?

Noun or verb?

Pick a story from *The Westcoast Reader*, ask learners to underline a particular part of speech, such as all the nouns or all the verbs in the story.
An extension of this activity would be asking learners to put two lines under subjects and one line under predicates or underline all the prepositional phrases.

Humans Rights Day

Human Rights Day is observed every year on December 10th. On this day in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year is the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The theme is 'Dignity, Freedom & Justice for all."

For resources and more information visit ohchr.org.

Word families

Word families have the same spelling for the part of the word that sounds the same. Write new word for each word family.

1. start	_part, cart, mart..._
2. fee	_____
3. bank	_____
4. time	_____

True or false

Read '85-year-old grandmother graduates' in *The Westcoast Reader*.
Write **T** if the statement is true. Write **F** if the statement is false.

1. Hortense Anglin is a Jamaican-born Canadian.	_____
2. Anglin is 65 years old.	_____
3. Anglin was accepted by New York University.	_____
4. Anglin was inspired by her brother to continue her studies.	_____
5. Ossie Lindo was 79 years old when she graduated from York University.	_____
6. Anglin received her bachelor of science at York's graduation ceremony.	_____
7. Ossie Lindo is Hortense Anglin's younger sister.	_____
8. Anglin thinks anyone can return to school no matter their age.	_____

Find it!

Find the answers in *The Westcoast Reader*.

1. a giant, apelike creature that lives in the woods

    _____Sasquatch_____

2. an outdoor light display in Victoria

    _____

3. a food invented in Canada

    _____

4. 37th premier of B.C.

    _____

5. a group of cars travelling together

    _____

Fill in the blanks

Read 'Canadian shoppers could pay a new fee' in *The Westcoast Reader*. Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. When did the new rule for credit card fees start?

    _____

2. What is the new rule?

    _____

3. Which credit cards have higher fees?

    _____

4. Why is there a new rule for credit card fees?

    _____

    _____

December crossword

Find the words in the crossword.

school	fee	holiday	lights	bank
card	invention	egg	park	telephone
coin	carton	celebrate	box	safely

f	e	h	d	l	i	g	h	t	s
c	e	l	e	b	r	a	t	e	a
a	g	w	s	c	h	o	o	l	f
r	g	x	q	b	m	j	f	e	e
t	y	h	c	a	r	d	w	p	l
o	c	o	i	n	x	b	v	h	y
n	p	a	r	k	r	z	b	o	u
i	n	v	e	n	t	i	o	n	p
h	o	l	i	d	a	y	x	e	i