

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><b>Missing letters (TN3)</b> 1. Morocco 2. Ghana 3. Croatia 4. France 5. Canada 6. Belgium 7. Argentina 8. Qatar</p> <p><b>Finish the sentence (TN3)</b> 1. b 2. a 3. b 4. b 5. a 6. b 7. b 8. a</p> <p><b>Match it (TN4)</b> 1. c 2. f 3. e 4. g 5. d 6. h 7. b 8. a</p> <p><b>Who what when where why (TN4)</b> 1. who 2. when 3. what 4. where</p> <p><b>Same and different (TN5)</b> Same: - both are used for fighting fires - hold hoses for pumping water</p> <p>blue fire hydrants: - blue in colour with white tops - bigger than red hydrants - can hold three hoses - can pump water three times faster</p> <p>red fire hydrants: - red in colour - smaller than blue hydrants - can hold two hoses - more common than blue hydrants</p>	<p><b>YouTube (WCR3)</b></p> <p>In 'Hockey friends become award-winning chocolatiers,' Vince Garcia and his friends watched YouTube videos and researched online to learn how to make chocolate. As a class, discuss the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have you ever learned how to do something from watching a YouTube video? What was it? Did it give good advice?</li><li>• Are there any how-to video series that you go back to over and over? Why?</li><li>• What would you teach the world in your own online video?</li></ul> <p><b>Family Literacy Week (WCR2)</b></p> <p>Visit Decoda's website for more information on Family Literacy Week:</p> <p><a href="https://decoda.ca/get-involved/family-literacy-week/">https://decoda.ca/get-involved/family-literacy-week/</a></p> <p>For "Make It Count!" activities, go to: <a href="https://decoda.ca/resource/make-it-count-background/">https://decoda.ca/resource/make-it-count-background/</a></p> <p>Enter our photo contest for a chance to win a prize. Contest ends January 29.</p>



## Missing letters

Add the missing vowels (a, e, i, o, u) to finish each word. Write the complete word on the line.

1. M _ _ r _ _ cc _ _	_____	1. C _ _ n _ _ d _ _	_____
2. Gh _ _ n _ _	_____	2. B _ _ lg _ _ _ m	_____
3. Cr _ _ _ t _ _ _	_____	3. _ _ rg _ _ nt _ _ n _ _	_____
4. Fr _ _ nc _ _	_____	4. Q _ _ t _ _ r	_____

## Finish the sentence

Read 'Hummingbird gets a ride south' in *The Westcoast Reader*.  
Draw a circle around the correct answer.

1. Clive and Susan Keen live in _____. a. Prince Edward b. Prince George	5. They set a _____. It took two days to catch the hummingbird in a cage. a. trap b. fire
2. The couple saw a hummingbird in their backyard in late _____. a. October b. December	6. Then they put the cage in their _____. a. truck b. car
3. Hummingbirds fly _____ in late August for the winter. a. north b. south	7. They drove south for nine _____ to Vancouver. a. days b. hours
4. Then it _____. Still, the hummingbird did not fly south. a. rained b. snowed	8. They let the hummingbird go free in a _____. a. park b. forest

## Match it

Work with a partner or on your own. Match the correct meaning for each word.

1. expensive	a. money paid by a government to help people
2. dental	b. money that is paid for something
3. pier	c. costing a lot of money
4. annual	d. a person who is skilled at repairing and making things inside or outside the house
5. handyman	e. a platform above water
6. eligible	f. related to teeth or dentistry
7. payment	g. once a year
8. benefit	h. able to do or get something

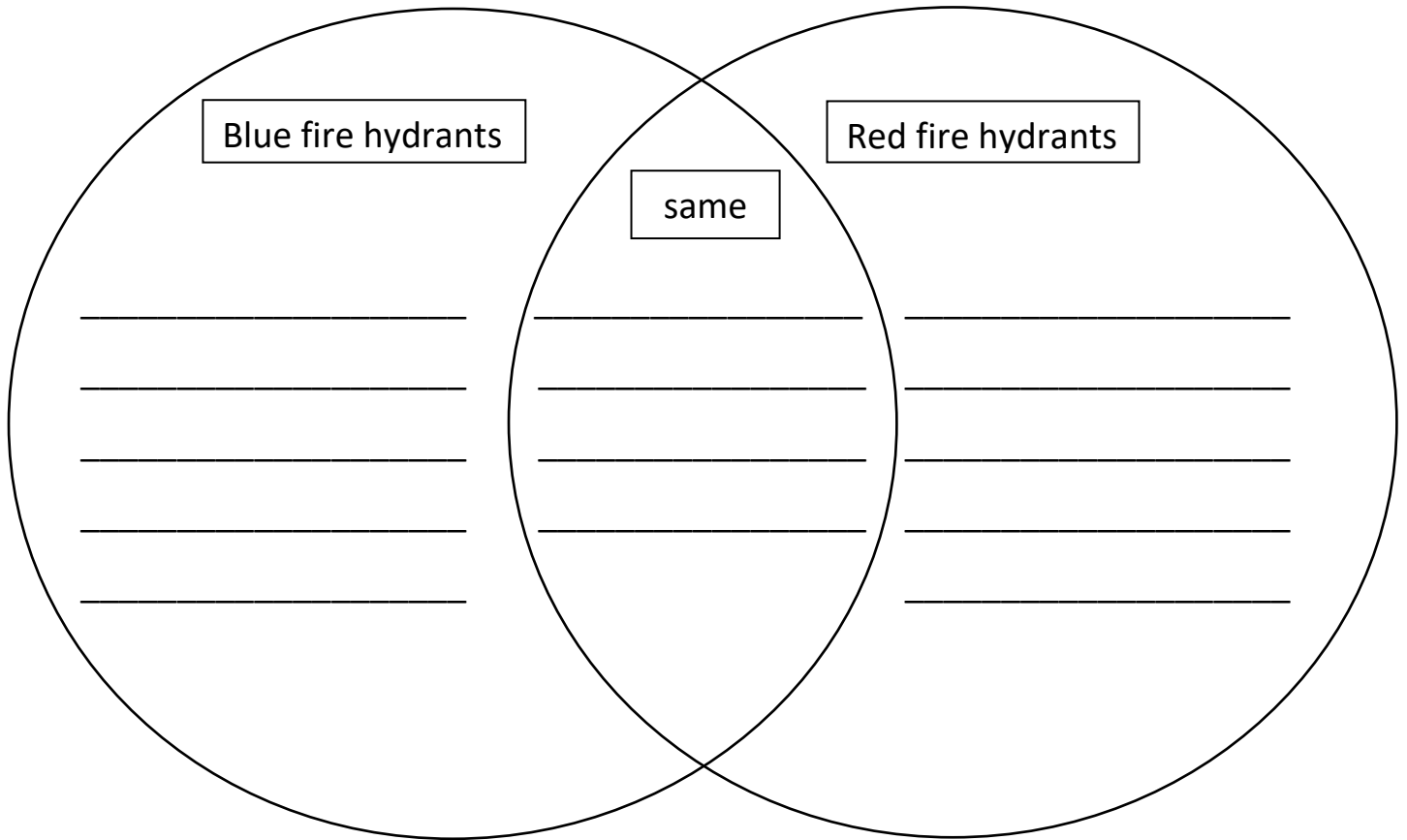
## Who, what, when, where, why

Circle the question word for the underlined part of each sentence.

1. <u>Vince Garcia</u> lives in Vancouver.
who                      what                      when                      where                      why
2. In <u>2014</u> , Garcia showed his friends a photo of his late father who lived in the Philippines.
who                      what                      when                      where                      why
3. They began to <u>make</u> chocolates as a hobby.
who                      what                      when                      where                      why
4. In 2021, the four friends opened a store on <u>Granville Island in Vancouver</u> .
5. who                      what                      when                      where                      why

## Same and different

Write details in the outer circles that tell how blue and red hydrants are different. Write details that tell how blue and red hydrants are the same where the circles overlap.



## Birds

Have you ever seen a hummingbird? If yes, where?  
What kind of birds did you see last year? Describe them. Use complete sentences.

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