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

Word families (TN3)

1. mall, tall, hall, ball, fall
2. pay, hay, play, lay, may
3. tool, stool, wool, cool, fool
4. face, lace, pace, case, grace

True or false (TN3)

1. F 2. T 3. T 4. T 5. T 6. F 7. F 8. T

N-1-1 number quiz (TN4)

1. c 2. b 3. b 4. a 5. a 6. c

Finish the sentence (TN5)

1. b 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. a 6. b 7. a 8. b

Resources & Discussion

Financial Literacy Month (WCR 3)

The theme for Financial Literacy Month is "Managing Your Money in a Changing World."

To learn more, go to Canada.ca and search for Financial Literacy Month.

Robots can do human jobs (WCR4)

Machine learning, artificial intelligence and robotics have changed how people live and work in many ways. Some people think that robots are making the world a better place. Others are worried they will replace human workers.

Split your class into two groups. One group is in favour of robots and the other is against them. Give each group time to research supporting points for their perspective.
When time is up, split the group up into pairs where each pair has one member supporting and one member opposing. Let learner pairs share their own points.
Finally, ask learners whether they have changed their mind after listening to their partner.

Word families

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

1.	call	_mall, tall, hall…_
2.	away	_____
3.	pool	_____
4.	race	_____

True or false

Read '6,000 calls about bears' in *The Westcoast Reader*.
Write **T** if the statement is true. Write **F** if the statement is false.

1.	BCCOS stands for Bears of Canada Conversation Officer Service.	_____
2.	BCCOS officers killed more than 150 black bears so far in 2023.	_____
3.	Bears can easily find food in places where people live.	_____
4.	It is everyone's job to protect bears.	_____
5.	Do not feed a bear.	_____
6.	Run when you see a bear.	_____
7.	If you come across a bear, split up your group.	_____
8.	If possible, go indoors and keep pets inside when a bear is near.	_____

n-1-1 number quiz

Read the guide to n-1-1 numbers on page 2 of *The Westcoast Reader*.
Choose the correct n-1-1 number to call for the problems below.

1. People are fighting in the street.
   a) 311
   b) 511
   c) 911

2. The number I am calling is no longer in service.
   a) 311
   b) 411
   c) 811

3. My daughter has a fever. Can she take aspirin?
   a) 311
   b) 811
   c) 911

4. The traffic light by your house stopped working.
   a) 511
   b) 811
   c) 911

5. I just arrived in Canada. I want to find a job.
   a) 211
   b) 511
   c) 911

6. Someone's car hit a fire hydrant.
   a) 311
   b) 511
   c) 911

Finish the sentence

Find the answers on page 4 of *The Westcoast Reader*.
Draw a circle around the correct answer.

1. Sorty McSortface is a robot at a
   _____.

   a. coffee shop
   b. recycling centre

2. Sorty is a robot with big
   mechanical _____.

   a. claws
   b. eyes

3. Sorty is _____ 99 per cent
   of the time when he sorts things.

   a. right
   b. write

4. Artly Coffee is a coffee shop in
   _____.

   a. Colorado, U.S.A.
   b. Seattle, Washington.

5. Two robots named Jarvis and
   Amanda are the _____.

   a. baristas
   b. researchers

6. Mango is one of _____ robots at
   Amica Senior Lifestyles.

   a. too
   b. two

7. The robots were made in _____
   and loaned to UBC.

   a. Japan
   b. Seattle

8. Mango and Kiwi can talk, recognize
   faces and _____.

   a. cook
   b. give hugs

Financial Literacy Month

Read the tips on page of *The Westcoast Reader*.
Write your top three tips for avoiding money problems. Use complete sentences.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____