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

Long and short vowels (TN3)
short e: wet, get, help, shell
long e: need, read, wheel, eat
short o: not, grow, top, for
long o: book, choose, food, roots

Find the answers (TN4)
1. Ryan Reynolds is a famous Canadian actor.
2. Ryan Reynolds was born in Vancouver.
3. He lives in New York now.
4. Ryan Reynolds received the Order of B.C. from the Premier and Lieutenant-governor.
5. The Order of B.C. is given to people who do special things to help their communities without expecting anything back.
6. 14 people received the Order of B.C. in 2023.

Missing words (TN5)
1. tortoise 2. spinach 3. sick, wet 4. better 5. people 6. home 7. B.C. 8. indoor

Who what when where why (TN5)
1. what 2. who 3. where 4. when

Resources & Discussion

Family Literacy Week (WCR2)

Visit Decoda's website for more information on Family Literacy Week:

https://decoda.ca/get-involved/family-literacy-week/

For "Let's have a family party!" activities, go to:
https://decoda.ca/resource/lets-have-a-family-party-backgrounder/

Enter our photo contest for a chance to win a prize. Contest ends January 28.

2024 trends (WCR4)

The comfort necklace and the "grandpa core" trends are both popular on social media platforms, such as TikTok and X (Twitter).

As a class, discuss the positives and negatives of social media trends.

Adjectives (WCR4)

Adjectives change sentences by adding a bit more meaning. For example, Jacky wore a blue shirt. "Blue" is an adjective. It tells you more about Jacky's shirt.
Find adjectives in the WCR and make sentences with them.

Long and short vowels

A long vowel sounds like its name, like the 'e' in the word 'heat.'

A short vowel does not sound like its name, like the 'e' in the word 'bet.'

Say each word below and put them into the correct column. After that, think of and write down two more words that belong in each column.

wet	shell	top	help
book	post	need	roots
get	grow	food	eat
not	choose	read	wheel

short e	long e	short o	long o
get	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Find the answers

Read 'Ryan Reynolds receives the Order of B.C.' in *The Westcoast Reader*.
Find the answers to the questions. Write your answers in full sentences.

1. Who is Ryan Reynolds?

_____

_____

2. Where was Ryan Reynolds born?

_____

_____

3. Where does he live now?

_____

_____

4. What did Ryan Reynolds receive from the Premier and Lieutenant-governor?

_____

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5. Who receives the Order of B.C.?

_____

_____

6. How many people received the Order of B.C. in 2023?

_____

_____

Missing words

Read 'Frank the Tank finds a home' in *The Westcoast Reader*.
Fill in the missing words in the following sentences.

1. Frank the Tank is a young giant _____*tortoise*_____ .

2. He was found in a _____ field in Richmond.

3. Frank was _____ . He had been outside in the cold and

    _____ weather.

4. The SPCA helped him get _____ .

5. Frank likes _____ . He follows them around.

6. Frank needed a _____ .

7. The SPCA found him a home in _____ .

8. His new owner has lots of _____ and outdoor space.

Who, what, when, where, why

Read 'King Charles III's face appears on new coins' in *The Westcoast Reader*.
For each underlined part of the sentence, circle the question word.

1. Canada has <u>new coins</u>.				
who	what	when	where	why
2. <u>King Charles III</u>'s face appears on the coins.				
who	what	when	where	why
3. The Royal Canadian Mint in <u>Winnipeg</u> are making the coins.				
who	what	when	where	why
4. The first batch of coins came out <u>last month</u>.				
5. who	what	when	where	why

Context clues

Reading helps you learn new words. You can use the words you already know to guess the meaning of a new word. Look for how words come together to give you information. These are called context clues.

1. Find the words below in *The Westcoast Reader*.
2. Use the tips above to figure out each word based on the context.
3. Circle the context clues that helped you figure out the word.
4. Write down what you think each word means.
5. Look in a dictionary. Is your definition similar?

nervous

_____

trend

_____

resolutions

_____

New Year's resolutions

Do you make New Year's resolutions?
If you do, list one or two below.

1. _____

2. _____

If you don't, explain why not;

I don't make New Year's resolutions because…_____

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