

Amazing Stories



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Welcome

This e-book is part of a series called Best of The Reader. The stories in the e-books are from *The Westcoast Reader*. It is a newspaper for adults who are improving their English reading skills.

To the reader

- ✓ You can use this book in a classroom, with a tutor, or on your own.
- ✓ Each story has exercises to go with it. These exercises can help you improve your English and reading skills.
- ✓ You can check your answers at the end of the book.

Three reading levels

Most of the e-books in this series have three reading levels. This book has only one level:

Level 3



To the teacher

There is a Teachers' Guide on this website. The guide has ideas and suggestions on how to use the e-books with learners.

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Haddy Saal-Keita with her six-year-old daughter Anta and her new baby

Students and teacher deliver baby

 Haddy Saal-Keita was writing an exam in her English class. Suddenly, she felt sick. She says, “I raised my hand and told the teacher I did not feel well.”

Teacher was worried

Jill MacLachlan is Haddy’s teacher. She was worried. Jill knew that Haddy was pregnant.

Jill told the students to take care of Haddy. Then she went to get help. When Jill returned to the class, Haddy said, “Jill, the baby is here.”

A special delivery

Jill, a security guard, and the students helped deliver Haddy’s baby. Then they called 9-1-1.

Firefighters took Haddy and her daughter to the hospital.

Haddy says, “It was a very special delivery.”

Students teased teacher

The students joked with Jill. They said, “Your exam was so hard you made Haddy go into labour.”

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Write your own sentences

Choose four phrases from the box below and use them in sentences.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

go into labour

get help

deliver a baby

raise (your) hand

take care of

feel sick

Tips for a pregnant woman

Use the words in the boxes to finish the sentences.

1. See a _____ right away.
2. Don't _____.
3. Go to the dentist for a _____.
4. Take prenatal _____ every day.
5. Don't _____ alcohol.
6. Drink milk and eat _____ with calcium.



drink

doctor


food

checkup

vitamins

smoke

It's never too late to say thank you

 Remo Pastro and Walter Fabian were schoolboys in 1978. They lived in New Westminster, BC.

Boys found tiny baby

One day, the boys were playing outside. They heard cries. They followed the cries to the porch of a vacant house. They found a tiny baby wrapped in a sheet under the porch.

Police took baby

The boys carried the baby home. They called the police. The police took the baby to the hospital.



Remo and Walter visited the baby in the hospital.

Couple adopted baby

There were articles about the baby in the newspaper. But the police could not find the mother or father. A young couple adopted the baby. They named him Thomas.



Thomas Pearson holds a 1978 photo of himself and his two rescuers.

An important reunion

Thomas Pearson contacted the police in New Westminster in 2006. He said he wanted to find Walter and Remo. He wanted to thank the men for rescuing him.

Thomas met Walter and Remo in January 2007. He finally had a chance to say thank you.

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Which happened first?



Which happened first? Write 1 on the line.
Which happened second? Write 2 on the line.

- 1** ___ Remo and Walter were playing outside. They heard cries.
 ___ The boys followed the cries to the porch of a vacant house.
- 2** ___ Remo and Walter carried the baby home.
 ___ They found a baby wrapped in a sheet under the porch.
- 3** ___ The boys called the police.
 ___ The police took the baby to the hospital.
- 4** ___ A couple adopted the baby. They called him Thomas.
 ___ The police searched, but they could not find the baby's parents.


A different ending

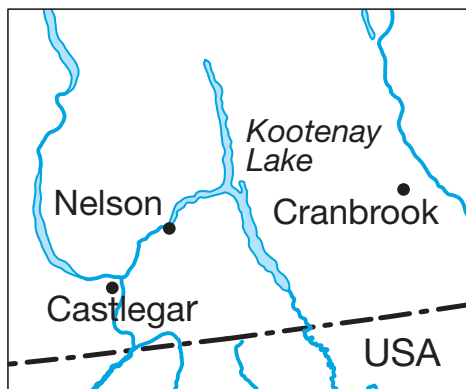
Can you think of a different ending for the story? Write it on the lines.

Pi is lost for 26 days



Charles and Jane and their cat Pi

 Pi (say: pie) is a three-year-old cat. He belongs to Charles Dawes and Jane Hansell. The couple lives in Nelson. Their house is near Kootenay Lake.



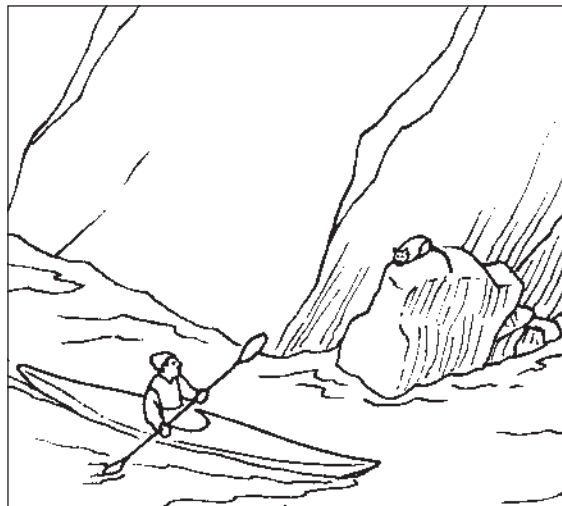
Pi got lost

Pi goes outside every day. He likes to explore. He usually comes home after a few hours.

On November 4, 2007, Pi went out, but he did not come home. Charles and Jane looked everywhere for Pi. The couple could not find their cat.

A kayaker found Pi

On November 30, a kayaker was paddling along the shore of Kootenay Lake. He heard cries. He looked up and saw a cat. It was Pi.

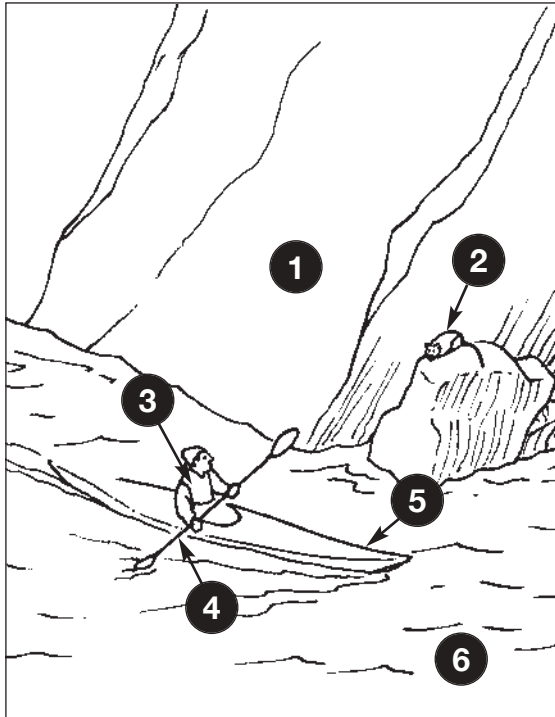


A very lucky cat

Charles and the kayaker rescued Pi. The cat was cold and wet. He was also very thin and weak. Charles says, "Pi fell off a cliff and couldn't go up or down. He is lucky to be alive."

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Label the drawing



Unscramble the letters and write the words on the lines.

1. flicf _____
2. tca _____
3. yakkera _____
4. ledapd _____
5. akayk _____
6. elka _____

Read the dates

- We write 04/13/10 or April 13, 2010.
- We say April thirteenth, twenty ten or April thirteenth, two thousand ten.

Work with a partner. Take turns reading the dates aloud.

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| November 11 | 03/30/96 |
| 11/19/2016 | July 1, 1865 |
| April 23, 1976 | 10/10/10 |
| June 4, 1980 | 01/12/00 |
| 03/19/56 | May 11, 2015 |

Match

Match the verb on the left with the correct noun on the right.

- | | |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. paddle ____ | a. a ladder |
| 2. ride ____ | b. a ball |
| 3. fly ____ | c. a kayak |
| 4. kick ____ | d. a stroller |
| 5. push ____ | e. a car |
| 6. drive ____ | f. a bike |
| 7. climb ____ | g. a kite |

Cat expressions

to fight like cats and dogs

What does it mean?

to argue or fight with someone often



Example: David and his sister fight like cats and dogs.

to take a catnap

What does it mean?

to have a short sleep



Example: My doctor told me that a catnap during the day might help me relax.

to let the cat out of the bag

What does it mean?

to tell a secret



Example: I really let the cat out of the bag when I told my dad about the surprise party.

to rain cats and dogs

What does it mean?

to rain very hard



Example: We didn't go on our picnic because it rained cats and dogs.

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Cat stories



A big surprise

In the summer, when the weather is warm, I often open the window in my bedroom.

One hot day, a stray cat came into my bedroom through the open window. She went under my bed and gave birth.

I woke up in the morning and heard kittens crying.

Now I have a mother cat and five kittens!

Peggy Joe
Vancouver



Leo

I have a black cat. His name is Leo. My neighbour doesn't like Leo. She says that black cats bring bad luck.

One day I saw my neighbour throw a rock at Leo. I was angry. I usually try to keep Leo inside now. I don't want my cat to get hurt.


Tony Ma
Kelowna

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Climber loses nine fingers

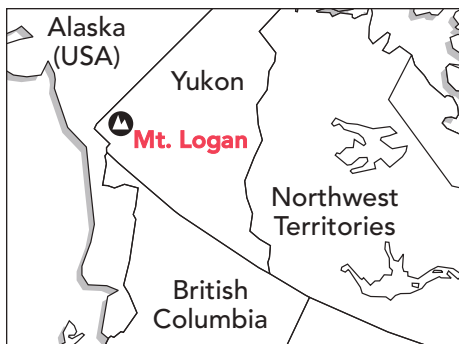


Erik Bjarnason with his daughter Ariyah (left) and son Shayman

 Erik Bjarnason is a firefighter in North Vancouver. In 2005, Erik and seven friends decided to climb Mt. Logan.

Mt. Logan

Mt. Logan is in Yukon. It is the highest mountain in Canada. It is 5,956 metres.



A storm hit

Erik and two of his friends climbed to 5,500 metres. Suddenly, there was a storm. The wind blew at 140 kilometres an hour and the temperature went down to -30°C .

The wind blew away the men's tents and extra clothing. Erik had no gloves. His fingers froze.

Helicopter rescued men

Erik and his friends built a snow cave. They used their radio to contact the other climbers.

After three days, a helicopter rescued the men.

It took them to a hospital. All three men had frostbite.



Erik lost nine fingers

Doctors amputated nine of Erik's fingers. He still has one thumb. Erik returned to his job as a firefighter after he recovered. He also continued to climb mountains.



Erik lost four fingers on one hand.

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How much do you remember?

Draw a line under the correct word or number to finish each sentence.

1. Erik Bjarnason is a firefighter / police officer in North Vancouver.
2. In 2005, Erik and five / seven friends decided to climb Mt. Logan.
3. Mt. Logan is in Yukon / Alaska.
4. Erik and two of his friends climbed to 15,500 / 5,500 metres.
5. Suddenly, there was a storm / tornado.
6. The wind blew at 140 miles / kilometres per hour.
7. The temperature went down to -30°C / -13°C .
8. The wind blew away the men's tent and extra food / clothing.
9. Erik had no toque / gloves and his fingers froze.
10. Erik and his friends used their radio / cellphone to contact the other climbers.
11. After three days, a snowmobile / helicopter rescued the men.
12. The men were taken to hospital. All three / seven had frostbite.
13. Doctors amputated nine of Erik's toes / fingers.
14. Erik returned to school / work after he recovered.
15. Erik also continued to climb / paint mountains.

Two amazing friends

Part 1: The rescue

 In December 2004, there was a tsunami in the Indian Ocean. Many rivers in Kenya were flooded. Flood water swept a group of hippos down a river and into the ocean. One of the hippos was a baby. He lost his mother. He got stuck near shore.



The hippo was stuck near shore.

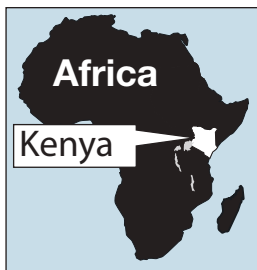


People rescued the hippo with a net. Then they put him in the back of a truck.

People rescue hippo

Many people helped save the baby hippo. They caught him in a net and pulled him to shore. They named the hippo Owen.

People took Owen to Haller Park near Mombasa.



Kenya is in eastern Africa. It is on the Indian Ocean.



Hippo is short for hippopotamus.



People found the hippo here.

Part 2: New home

Owen was too small to be with other hippos at the park. So workers put him with some giant tortoises. Owen walked over to a tortoise and stood beside it.

The tortoise's name was Mzee (say: mz-ee). He was about 130 years old.

The first few days

On the first day, Mzee hissed at Owen and tried to run away. But soon the tortoise started to accept Owen.

The next morning, Owen was sleeping beside Mzee. A man took a picture and put it on the Internet.



Stephen works at the park. He is tickling Mzee's chin.

- Mzee means "old man" in Swahili.



Many people saw this picture on the Internet.

Part 3: Amazing friends

Owen and Mzee became friends. People are very surprised because the two animals are so different.

Owen and Mzee are together all the time. They sleep, walk, eat, and swim together.



Mzee and Owen eat together.



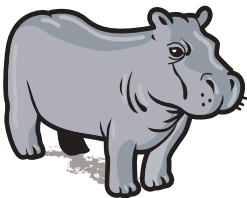
Mzee and Owen take a nap.

Owen's future

When Owen is an adult, he will weigh about 3,000 kilograms.

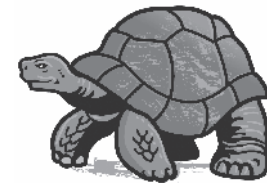
One day, Owen will live with other hippos in the park.

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Update

Owen and Mzee still live at Haller Park. But they are not together. Owen lives with Cleo, a female hippo.



True or false

Circle T if the sentence is true. Circle F if the sentence is false (not true).

- | | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Many rivers in Turkey flooded in 2004. | T | F |
| 2. Flood waters in Kenya swept a group of hippos into the ocean. | T | F |
| 3. One of the hippos lost his brother and got stuck near the shore. | T | F |
| 4. Many people helped to save the baby hippo. | T | F |
| 5. They named the hippo Owen and took him to a wildlife park. | T | F |
| 6. People at the park put Owen in an area with some tortoises. | T | F |
| 7. Owen walked over to a tortoise and stood under him. | T | F |
| 8. At first, the tortoise did not like Owen. | T | F |
| 9. But soon Owen and the tortoise were together all the time. | T | F |

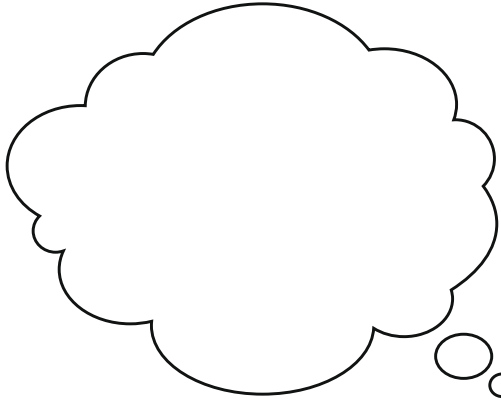
Missing letters

Add the missing vowels (a, e, i, o, u) to finish each word. All these words are on pages 14 to 16.

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|-------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1. K__ ny__ | 5. h__pp__ | 9. __ __t |
| 2. Afr__c__ | 6. t__rt__ __s__ | 10. k__l__gr__ms |
| 3. Ow__n | 7. sl__ __p | 11. __m__z__ng |
| 4. Mz__ __ | 8. w__lk | 12. fr__ __nds |

What are they thinking?

Look at the photo of Owen and Mzee.
What are they thinking?
Write it in the bubble.



 Show a partner what you wrote.

What do you think?


Children in many parts of the world love the story about Owen and Mzee.

- Why do you think they like the story so much?
- Write your ideas on the lines.



Mike Harcourt never gave up

Mike Harcourt is well known in British Columbia. He was the mayor of Vancouver from 1980 to 1986 and the premier of BC from 1991 to 1996.

 In 2002, Mike Harcourt had a serious accident. He slipped on the deck of his cottage on Pender Island. He fell six metres into the ocean.

Luckily, Harcourt's wife found him right away. She called 9-1-1. The Coast Guard came. They got Harcourt out of the water. He could not move his arms or legs.



The Coast Guard rescued Harcourt after he fell.

Doctors operated

An air ambulance took Harcourt to Vancouver General Hospital.

Harcourt had injured his spinal cord. Doctors operated on his injured spine. They were not sure if Harcourt would walk again.

Relearning to use his body

Harcourt was very athletic before the accident. He ran every day. Now he had to build his muscles again. He had to relearn to use his body.

He says, "I always believed I would walk again. I didn't want to give up on that idea."



Harcourt before the accident

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Physiotherapists helped

Harcourt spent three months in the hospital. Physiotherapists worked with him every day.

Harcourt learned to use his arms and legs again. He learned to walk again.



walker

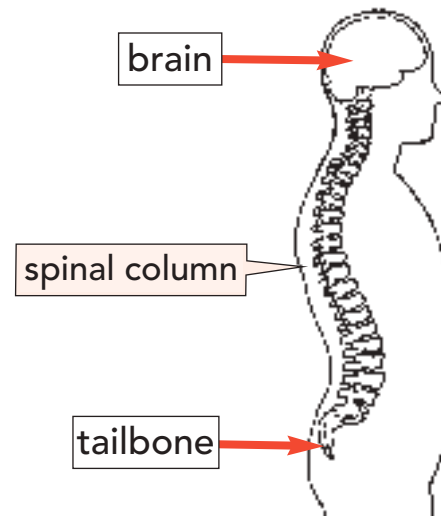
A physiotherapist helped Harcourt learn to walk again.

Lucky to be alive

Today, Mike Harcourt has a busy and active life. He says, "I am lucky to be alive. I am still working every day to get better."

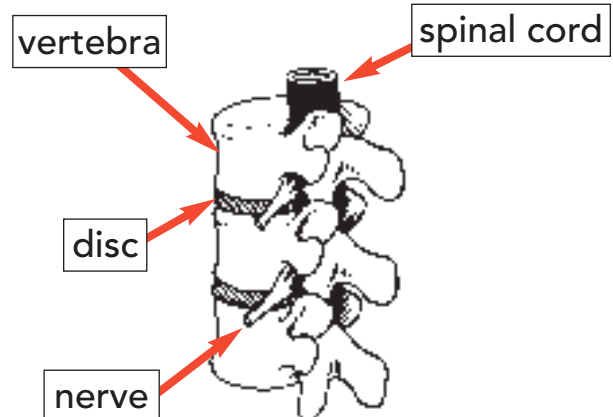
Did you know?

■ The spinal column goes from the base of the brain to the tailbone.



■ The spinal column is made up of small bones called vertebrae. These bones protect the spinal cord.

■ Nerves from the spinal cord go to every part of the body.



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Finish the sentences

These sentences are divided into two parts. Match each part at the top with a part from the bottom. Then write the second part of the sentence on the line.

1. Mike Harcourt had _____
2. He fell into the ocean _____
3. Harcourt's wife found him _____
4. The Coast Guard rescued _____
5. An air ambulance took Harcourt _____
6. Doctors operated on _____
7. Physiotherapists helped Harcourt _____
8. Today, Mike Harcourt _____

- his injured spine.
- him from the water.
- an accident in 2002.
- right away and called 9-1-1.
- has a busy and active life.
- learn to walk again.
- from the deck of his cottage.
- to Vancouver General Hospital.



Protect yourself

📖 How can you protect yourself from a spinal cord injury?

✓ Always wear your seat belt.



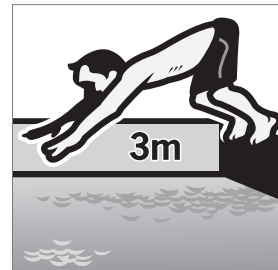
✓ Don't drink alcohol and drive.



✓ Always wear a helmet when you ride a bicycle or go skateboarding.



✓ Check water before you dive. Make sure the water is at least 2.5 to 3 metres deep.



✓ Wear boots with treads in the winter.




Spinal cord injuries

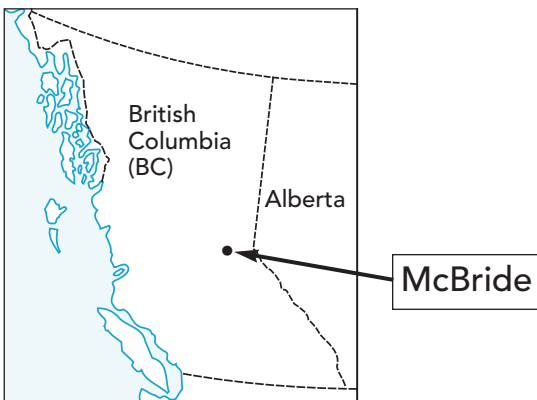
In Canada, the most common causes of spinal cord injuries are:

- car crashes
- falls
- sports injuries



People rescue trapped horses

 In December 2008, Logan Jeck was riding his snowmobile in the mountains near McBride, BC. The 21-year-old got a big surprise. He found two horses trapped in the snow.



Town decided to help

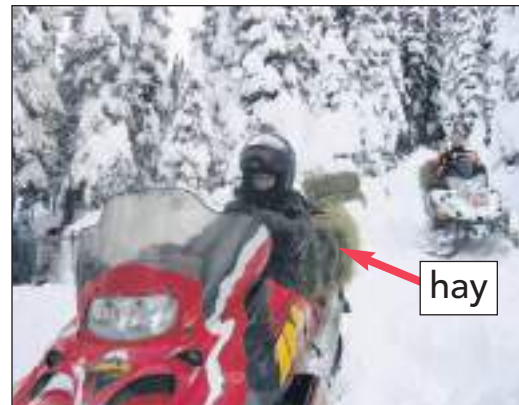
Logan told his father about the horses. People in McBride heard the news. They decided to try to save the horses.



The trapped horses had ice on their backs and were very thin.

People volunteered to help

✓ Volunteers took hay to the horses on snowmobiles.



✓ They put warm blankets on the horses.



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Finding a way out

People in McBride talked about how to get the horses out. They thought the horses were too weak to be lifted by a helicopter. They decided to dig a trench for the horses to walk through.

It took seven days to dig a one-kilometre trench. Volunteers shovelled snow for eight hours a day.



Volunteers took turns shovelling snow.

Finally, the trench was finished. Two men led the horses through the trench and out to a road.



The horses walked through the trench.

Free at last

After the horses came through the trench, volunteers walked the horses down a logging road. They walked for 28 kilometres to a farm.



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Update

A man in Edmonton owned the horses. He lost the animals on a hunting trip in September 2008. He later found the horses, but he was not able to get them out of the snow.

After volunteers rescued the horses, the British Columbia SPCA decided to find new owners for the animals. Sundance and Belle are doing well in their new homes.

Is it a, b, or c?

Circle a, b, or c to finish the sentences.

1. Logan Jeck was riding _____ in the mountains in December 2008.
a. his horse b. his snowmobile c. his bike
2. Logan found _____ trapped in the snow.
a. two cows b. three horses c. two horses
3. People in Logan's town decided _____ the horses.
a. to leave b. to try to save c. to ride
4. Volunteers _____ to get the horses out.
a. dug a trench b. hired a helicopter c. built a road
5. _____ the trench was finished.
a. In two days, b. On January 15, c. After a week,
6. The horses walked through the trench and _____.
a. onto a logging road b. into a nearby farm c. into a truck

Word groups

Read each pair of words and think about how they are alike. Write one word from the box that best finishes the word group.

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. farm, pasture, _____ | 5. road, path, _____ |
| 2. ice, snow, _____ | 6. save, liberate, _____ |
| 3. trench, ditch, _____ | 7. horse, mule, _____ |
| 4. surprised, amazed, _____ | 8. led, steered, _____ |

guided

canal

sleet

rescue

shocked

burro


barn

highway

A new heart helps Carrie win



Carrie Jung

 Carrie Jung lives in Vancouver. She is an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher.

Carrie had a serious illness

For seven years, Carrie was very sick. She had a serious illness. Doctors told her she needed a new heart.

Carrie had a heart transplant

Carrie had to wait a few years for a new heart. Finally, in 2002, she had a heart transplant.

After her transplant, Carrie began to run to keep fit. She found that she loved to run.

Carrie competed

Carrie competed in the World Transplant Games in Thailand in 2007. The Games are for people who have had organ transplants. About 1,000 athletes from 70 countries competed in the Games.

Carrie won two medals

Carrie won a gold medal in the 200-metre race and a silver medal in the 100-metre race. She says, “When I compete, I always think about my new heart and the gift I received from my donor.”

Update

- ♥ The World Transplant Games were in South Africa in 2013.
- ♥ Carrie won a silver medal and two bronze medals at the Games.

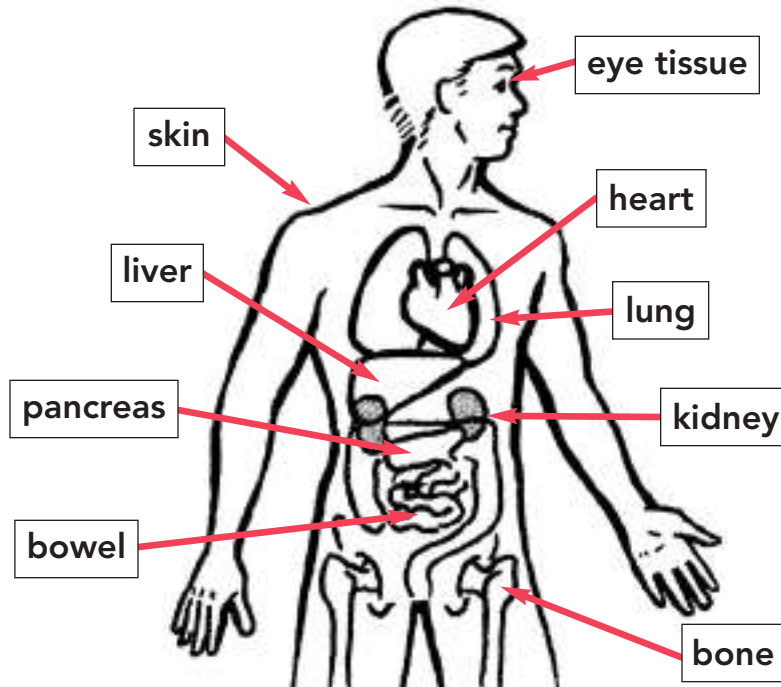


Carrie ran in the 4 x 100-metre relay.

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What can doctors transplant?

Here are some parts of the body that can be transplanted.



A mother's story

Use the words in the box to finish the sentences.

My son Paul died in a car _____ five years ago. He was 24 years old.

When he was 18, he told us that he wanted to _____ his organs if he died.

After the accident, doctors transplanted five of Paul's _____.

I miss my son and think about him every day, but I am happy to know that his healthy organs are helping other people _____.

Story by Sally Saunders as told to Joan Acosta/March, 2013

donate

live

crash

organs

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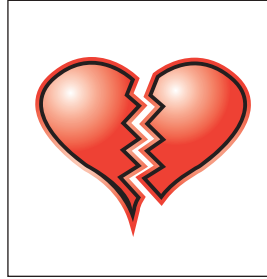
Put a circle around the correct answer.

- Who is Carrie Jung?
 - a science teacher
 - a doctor
 - an ESL teacher
- What did doctors tell Carrie that she needed?
 - a liver transplant
 - a new heart
 - eye surgery
- When did she get a transplant?
 - 5 years ago
 - in 2002
 - six months ago
- Why did Carrie start to run?
 - to meet people
 - to train for the Olympics
 - to keep fit
- Where were the World Transplant Games in 2007?
 - in Edmonton
 - in China
 - in Thailand
- How many medals did Carrie win in the 2007 World Transplant Games?
 - two
 - one
 - four

Heart puzzles

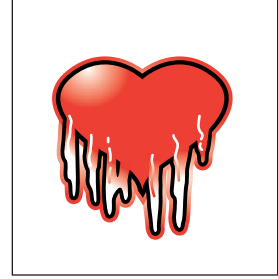
Can you guess these expressions? They all have the word "heart" in them. Write the answers on the lines.

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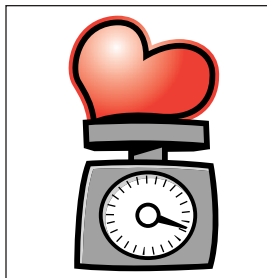
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2. _____

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3. _____

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4. _____

♥ Discuss the meaning of each expression with a classmate.


Canada's biggest tree is in BC

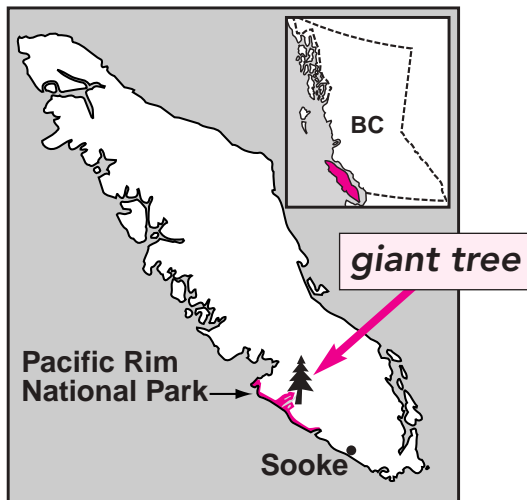


Maywell Wickheim stands next to Canada's biggest tree.

👉 Story on page 30

Maywell Wickheim found the giant tree

 The biggest tree in Canada is a Western red cedar. It is in Pacific Rim National Park on the west coast of Vancouver Island.



How big is the tree?

The tree is 55.5 metres (182 feet) high and has a circumference of 18.6 metres (61 feet). It is about 3,000 years old.

Finding the tree

Maywell Wickheim found the tree in 1988. He was 77 years old at the time.

Maywell grew up near Sooke. He began to hike in the forest when he was a schoolboy. He said, “My friends and I were always looking for really big trees.”

A pioneer family

Maywell’s father was Norwegian. He was one of the first settlers in Sooke. The Wickheim family had a small farm with a few sheep and cows.

Maywell had many jobs during his working life. He built houses and boat docks. He also worked as a tugboat operator and a logger.

Maywell loved to explore the forest. He was always looking for more giant trees.

Maywell Wickheim measures the circumference of Canada’s biggest tree.



61 feet



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Correct the errors

One word in each sentence is not correct. Cross out the incorrect word and write the correct word above it.

1. The biggest tree in Canada is a Western white cedar.
2. It is in the Pacific Rim National Forest.
3. The tree is about 3,000 centuries old.
4. It is 55.5 kilometres high.
5. It has a diameter of 18.6 metres.
6. Maywell Wickheim climbed the tree in 1988.
7. Maxwell grew up near Sooke.
8. He began to bike in the forest when he was a schoolboy.

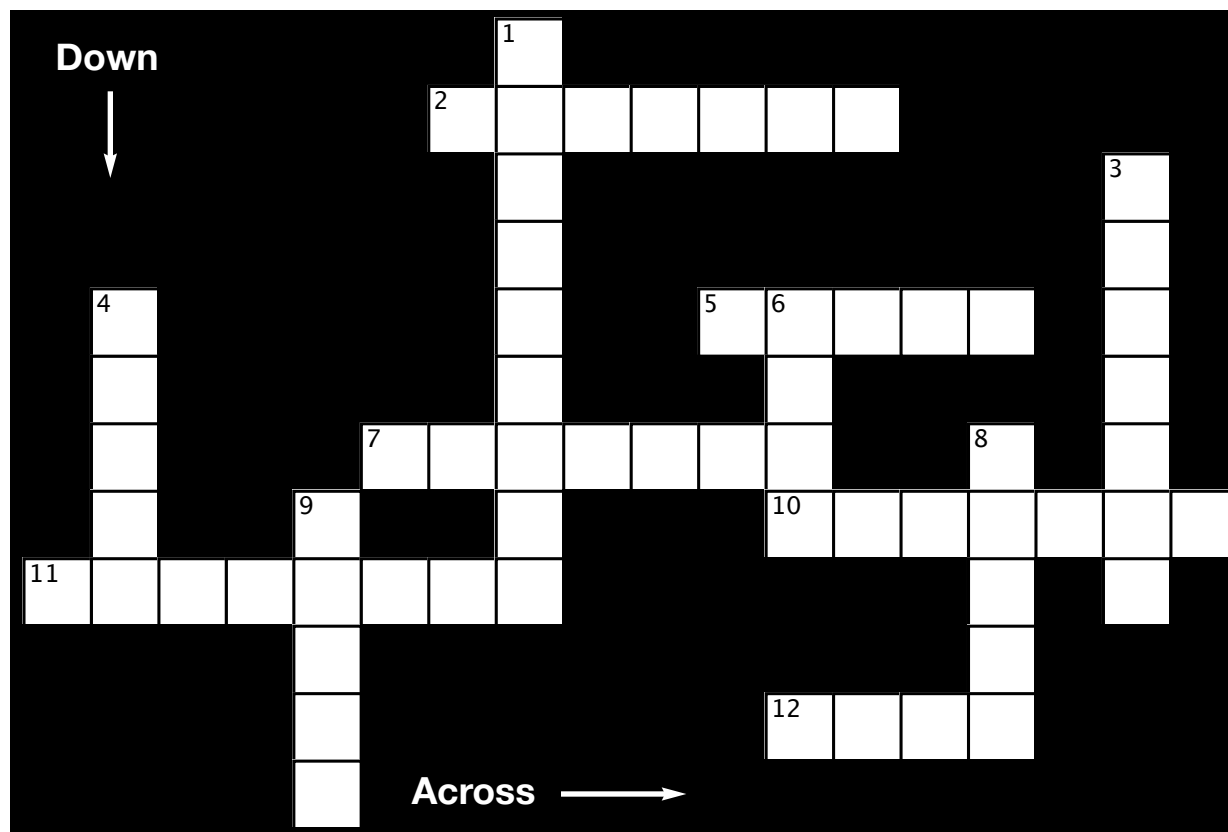


What's the meaning?

Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

- | | |
|----------------------|--|
| ___ 1. circumference | a. the first people to live in a new area |
| ___ 2. dock | b. to find out the size of something |
| ___ 3. pioneers | c. a person whose job it is to cut down trees for wood |
| ___ 4. measure | d. a long structure built out into the water |
| ___ 5. logger | e. the distance around the edge of a circle |

Crossword: Amazing stories



Across

2. Mike Harcourt was the ___ of BC.
5. Haddy had her baby in ___.
7. Owen and Mzee became ___.
10. People in McBride rescued two ___ horses.
11. Mzee is a giant ___.
12. Doctors amputated ___ of Erik's fingers.

Down

1. On Mt. Logan, Erik got ___ on both hands.
3. A ___ found Pi.
4. Owen is a ___.
6. Pi was ___ for 26 days.
8. Mike Harcourt injured his ___.
9. Remo and Walter ___ a baby.

Answers for exercises

Tips for a pregnant woman (p 6)

1. doctor
2. smoke
3. checkup
4. vitamins
5. drink
6. food

Which happened first? (p 8)

1. 1,2
2. 2,1
3. 1,2
4. 2,1

Label the drawing (p 10)

1. cliff
2. cat
3. kayaker
4. paddle
5. kayak
6. lake

Match (p 10)

- 1c 2f 3g 4b 5d 6e 7a

How much do you remember? (p 13)

1. firefighter
2. seven
3. Yukon
4. 5,500
5. storm
6. kilometres
7. -30° C
8. clothing
9. gloves
10. radio
11. helicopter
12. three
13. fingers
14. work
15. climb

True or false (p 17)

- 1F 2T 3F 4T 5T 6T 7F 8T 9T

Missing letters (p 17)

1. Kenya
2. Africa
3. Owen
4. Mzee
5. hippo
6. tortoise
7. sleep
8. walk
9. eat
10. kilograms
11. amazing
12. friends

Finish the sentences (p 21)

1. Mike Harcourt had an accident in 2002.
2. He fell into the ocean from the deck of his cottage.
3. Harcourt's wife found him right away and called 9-1-1.
4. The Coast Guard rescued him from the water.
5. An air ambulance took Harcourt to Vancouver General Hospital.
6. Doctors operated on his injured spine.
7. Physiotherapists helped Harcourt learn to walk again.
8. Today, Mike Harcourt has a busy and active life.

Is it a, b, or c? (p 25)

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

Word groups (p 25)

1. barn
2. sleet
3. canal
4. shocked
5. highway
6. rescue
7. burro
8. guided

A mother's story (p 27)

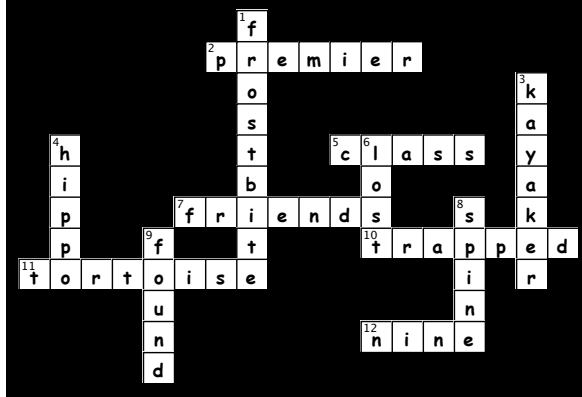
- crash, donate, organs, live

5Ws and How (p 28)

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

Answers for exercises

Crossword (p 29)



Correct the errors (p 30)

1. white>red
2. Forest>Park
3. centuries>years
4. kilometres>metres
5. diameter>circumference
6. climbed>found
7. Maxwell>Maywell
8. bike>hike

What's the meaning? (p 30)

1e 2d 3a 4b 5c

Scavenger hunt



Look quickly for the answers in this e-book.

1. Two of Maywell Wickheim's jobs

2. A city in Kenya

3. Two causes of spinal cord injuries

4. The number of days Pi was lost

5. The colour of the medals
Carrie Jung has won
