

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		
Match the meaning (TN3)		
Part 1		
1. b 2. e 3. g 4. h 5. a 6. c 7. i 8. d 9. f		
Part 2		
1. election, 2. voters 3. right 4. B.C.		
5. candidate 6. MLA 7. electoral district		
8. ballot 9. vote		
Find the answers (TN4)		
1. 1949, 2. seven 3. Ninety-three 4. 31		
5. 20 6. 14 7. 19 8. three		
How many (TN4)		
pin, can, cop, an, no, in, pan, car, nap, pail, nail, rain, veil, pain, lop, lap, par, cap, ...etc.		
Missing letters (TN5)		
Halloween	decorate	scary
spider	webs	October
tradition	fun	paper
Finding words (TN5)		
noon, too, choose, good, mood...etc		

Resources & Discussion
2024 Provincial General Election (WCR2)
Elections BC has a variety of educational resources and videos about voting for newcomers to Canada: https://elections.bc.ca/2024-provincial-election/outreach-and-education/educational-resources/
Resources for classrooms: https://studentvote.ca/bc/
Many ways to vote in B.C. (WCR3)
Ask learners to name four different ways to vote: advance voting, final voting day, at a district electoral office and by mail.
Thanksgiving (WCR4)
Thanksgiving is a time to express gratitude. Have learners pair up and ask each other "What are three things you're grateful for?" Then, have them write their answers.
October is Library Month
Libraries are more than just places to find books—they promote cultural awareness, engage with the community, provide educational programs and much more. The Decoda Literacy Library is free for anyone in B.C. to borrow. This October, every patron who borrows or places a hold on a book will be entered into a draw for a \$25 Indigo gift card.

Match the meaning

Part 1. Draw a line from the word to match the correct meaning.

1. B.C.	a. area in B.C where voters elect one MLA to represent them.
2. MLA	b. British Columbia
3. voter	c. freedoms and protections guaranteed by law
4. ballot	d. the formal way we choose MLAs
5. electoral district	e. Member of the Legislative Assembly
6. right	f. a person who is running to be an MLA
7. vote	g. a person who votes
8. election	h. a list of candidates used during voting
9. candidate	i. the action of choosing a person to represent you

Part 2. Fill in the blanks with the words above, making sure you use each word only once.

1. British Columbia will hold a provincial _____ on October 19, 2024.
2. A _____ who is in hospital or lives in a care facility can vote by phone.
3. Employees have the _____ to take time off work to vote.
4. The political party with the most elected MLAs forms the _____ provincial government.
5. The _____ with the most votes wins and becomes the MLA for their electoral district.
6. Each _____ has one seat in the provincial Legislature.
7. Voters in each _____ will vote for one MLA to represent them.
8. Candidates are listed on the voting _____.
9. You _____ by marking an 'x' or filling in the circle next to one candidate's name.

Find these answers

Scan *The Westcoast Reader*. Fill in the numbers where they belong.

20	seven	14	1949
three	19	Ninety-three	31

1. The first time an Indigenous person was elected as an MLA was in _____.
2. Gallant saw a shark about _____ metres long.
3. _____ Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) will be elected.
4. Halloween is October _____.
5. Nicholas Bennett is a _____-year-old swimmer from Parksville.
6. Advance voting is closed on Monday, October _____.
7. British Columbia will hold a provincial election on October _____, 2024.
8. Then the farm got _____ more donkeys. Earl sleeps and eats with them.

How many?

How many words can you make from the letters in 'provincial'?

Provincial

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Missing letters

Fill in the missing letters in the following words.

H _ l l w _ _ n	d _ c _ r _ t _	s c _ r _
s p _ d _ r	w _ b s	_ c t _ b _ r
t r _ d _ t _ _ n	f _ n	p _ p _ r

Finding words

Find words in *The Westcoast Reader* that has the double 'oo' sound.

Example: **hoo**ves

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Voting

Have you ever voted? What was voting like for you?
