

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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<p>Choose the correct word (TN3)</p> <p>1. flamingos 2. years 3. species 4. staff 5. animals</p> <p>Find the answers (TN3)</p> <p>1. CPKC stands for Canadian Pacific Kansas City. 2. The CPKC Holiday Train starts in Montreal. 3. The CPKC Holiday Train is 1,000 feet long. 4. The CPKC Holiday Train helps food banks by collecting food or money from people who watch their show for free. 5. The CPKC Holiday Train will visit Golden, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Kamloops, Port Moody and more.</p> <p>Recipes (TN4)</p> <p>1. b 2. d 3. e 4. a 5. c 6. h 7. f 8. g</p> <p>Holiday word search puzzle (TN5)</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>t</td><td>r</td><td>e</td><td>a</td><td>t</td><td>a</td><td>f</td><td>h</td><td>f</td><td>p</td></tr> <tr><td>f</td><td>q</td><td>b</td><td>x</td><td>w</td><td>v</td><td>o</td><td>s</td><td>q</td><td>r</td></tr> <tr><td>d</td><td>i</td><td>s</td><td>h</td><td>f</td><td>b</td><td>o</td><td>h</td><td>t</td><td>k</td></tr> <tr><td>h</td><td>m</td><td>h</td><td>o</td><td>l</td><td>i</td><td>d</td><td>a</td><td>y</td><td>f</td></tr> <tr><td>a</td><td>f</td><td>e</td><td>n</td><td>d</td><td>p</td><td>w</td><td>t</td><td>j</td><td>e</td></tr> <tr><td>f</td><td>a</td><td>n</td><td>o</td><td>u</td><td>z</td><td>y</td><td>e</td><td>b</td><td>c</td></tr> <tr><td>s</td><td>p</td><td>e</td><td>c</td><td>i</td><td>a</td><td>t</td><td>x</td><td>d</td><td>i</td></tr> <tr><td>w</td><td>b</td><td>j</td><td>q</td><td>y</td><td>u</td><td>a</td><td>z</td><td>w</td><td>p</td></tr> <tr><td>a</td><td>p</td><td>h</td><td>c</td><td>u</td><td>i</td><td>t</td><td>u</td><td>r</td><td>e</td></tr> </table>	t	r	e	a	t	a	f	h	f	p	f	q	b	x	w	v	o	s	q	r	d	i	s	h	f	b	o	h	t	k	h	m	h	o	l	i	d	a	y	f	a	f	e	n	d	p	w	t	j	e	f	a	n	o	u	z	y	e	b	c	s	p	e	c	i	a	t	x	d	i	w	b	j	q	y	u	a	z	w	p	a	p	h	c	u	i	t	u	r	e
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Resources & Discussion
<p>CPKC Holiday Train (WC1)</p> <p>To track where the train is at, visit: https://www.cpkcr.com/en/community/HolidayTrain</p> <p>Holiday song (WCR2)</p> <p>Select a well-known holiday song with repetitive and simple lyrics, such as 'Jingle Bells', 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas', or 'Frosty the Snowman'. Prepare a handout with the song lyrics but leave blank spaces for the key words (for example, nouns, verbs or adjectives). You can decide how challenging you want to make the task with the number of blanks. Introduce the song to the class. Discuss the vocabulary and meaning to ensure everyone understands.</p> <p>Play the song all the way through without the students writing anything. This allows them to become familiar with the melody and rhythm. After the first listen, handout worksheet and play the song again. Pause briefly at each blank space to allow learners to listen carefully and fill in the missing words.</p> <p>Replay if needed, depending on the skill level of your class.</p> <p>Finally, check answers together by asking learners to share what they filled in.</p> <p>Optional: Have the class sing along to the song after completing the activity to reinforce pronunciation.</p>

Choose the correct word

Read 'Two male flamingos hatch baby chick' in *The Westcoast Reader*. Circle the correct word for each sentence.

1. Two male (flamingos / flamingo) live at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park.
2. They are at least 40 (yeares / years) old.
3. This helps keep their (species / specie) strong.
4. The (staffs / staff) gave them a fake egg to see what they would do.
5. Many (animals / animales) of the same sex can raise babies together.

Find the answers

Read 'Holiday train helps food banks' in *The Westcoast Reader*. Find the answers to the questions. Write them in full sentences.

1. What does CPKC stand for?

2. Where does the CPKC Holiday Train start its journey?

3. How long is the CPKC Holiday Train?

4. How does the CPKC Holiday Train help food banks?

5. Name two towns in B.C. that the CPKC Holiday Train will visit.

Recipes

Match the words on the left with the correct letter to form a complete sentence.

1. shred	a. the candy into a flat and even layer about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch.
2. peel	b. the chicken breasts and return to the pot.
3. remove	c. the mixture onto parchment paper in two equal circles.
4. press	d. the potatoes, wash them well and cut into slices or cubes.
5. pour	e. ladle from heat.
6. wrap	f. the sugar with a wooden chopstick until it melts into a light caramel colour.
7. stir	g. salt to taste.
8. add	h. in plastic wrap and form the rice into a ball around the filling.

Music

Who is your favourite singer or band? Describe their music and why you like them.

Words

How many words can you make by using the letters in the word 'gatherings'?

gatherings

Holiday word search puzzle

Find these words in the word search puzzle.

culture

holiday

recipe

food

share

special

dish

famous

treat

home

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f	q	b	x	w	v	o	s	q	r
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