

The WCR

Westcoast Reader

Teachers' Notes

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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.

Answers

Missing letters (TN3)

1. cat
2. away
3. family
4. sad
5. looked
6. walked
7. called
8. name
9. people
10. found
11. microchip
12. home

Fill in the blanks (TN3)

1. Vancouver
2. host
3. BC Place
4. Qatar
5. Switzerland
6. Belgium

Vocabulary match (TN4)

1. d
2. b
3. f
4. a
5. e
6. g
7. h
8. i
9. c

Answers con't

Check your understanding (TN5)

1. Canada Day is July 1.
2. First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples lived here long before Canada became a country.
3. People celebrate Canada, but also think about Canada's full history.
4. A mosaic is a picture made from many small pieces.
5. People in Canada reported more than 450 ethnic or cultural origins in the 2021 Census.

Match it (TN5)

1. Pour milk into a pot.
2. Add rice, sugar and vanilla.
3. Cook on low heat.
4. Stir all the time.
5. Take pot off heat.
6. Stir in butter.
7. Serve warm or cold.

Resources & Discussion

Baby wildlife safety (WCR1)

Ask learners what to do if they find a baby animal. Practise: Do not touch it. Do not feed it. Call a wildlife rescue worker.

Kindness in the community (WCR4)

Ask learners to name small ways people help each other. Use the teddy bear and little free library stories to practise speaking in pairs.

Recipe TPR (WCR3)

Read the rice pudding recipe aloud. Ask learners to act out each verb: pour, add, cook, stir, take, stir in and serve.

Before you read

Look at the pictures and titles in The Westcoast Reader. Work with a partner. Talk about these questions.

1. Which story looks happy?
2. Which story is about food?
3. Which story is about animals?
4. Which story is about Canada?
5. Which story would you like to read first? Why?

Find it in the newspaper

Match the title with the topic.

Title	Topic
1. Lost cat comes home	___ a. A day to celebrate and think
2. Baby wildlife season	___ b. Students grow food at school
3. World Cup games come to Vancouver	___ c. Small book boxes in neighbourhoods
4. Beautiful B.C.	___ d. A pet returns to its family
5. What Canada Day means	___ e. A large soccer event
6. Strawberry rice pudding	___ f. Places to visit or learn about
7. Senior shares teddy bears	___ g. A simple dessert
8. Students grow potatoes in tubs	___ h. What to do if you find a baby wild animal
9. Little free libraries share books	___ i. A kind idea to help with loneliness

Answers: 1-d, 2-h, 3-e, 4-f, 5-a, 6-g, 7-i, 8-b, 9-c

Missing letters

These words are in the story "Lost cat comes home." Add vowels (a, e, i, o, u) to complete the words.

1. c _ _ t	5. l _ _ _ k _ _ d	9. p _ _ _ p l _ _
2. _ _ w _ _ y	6. w _ _ l k _ _ d	10. f _ _ _ n d
3. f _ _ m _ _ l y	7. c _ _ l l _ _ d	11. m _ _ c r _ _ c h _ _ p
4. s _ _ d	8. n _ _ m _ _	12. h _ _ m _ _

Fill in the blanks

Read "World Cup games come to Vancouver." Find the answers to fill in the blanks.

1. The FIFA World Cup is coming to _____ this June.
2. Vancouver is a _____ city.
3. Seven matches will happen at _____.
4. Canada will play _____ on June 18.
5. Canada will also play _____ on June 24.
6. Other teams coming to BC Place include Australia, Türkiye, New Zealand, Egypt and _____.

Vocabulary match

Match the word on the left with the meaning on the right.

Word	Meaning
1. microchip	___ a. a city where games are played
2. wildlife	___ b. wild animals and birds
3. wildlife rescue worker	___ c. an area of a town or city
4. host city	___ d. a small device that helps identify a pet
5. mosaic	___ e. a picture made from many small pieces
6. harvest	___ f. a trained person who helps sick or hurt wild animals
7. recipe	___ g. to pick food after it grows
8. community	___ h. instructions for making food
9. neighbourhood	___ i. people who live, work or gather together

Canada in your own words

Read "What Canada Day means." Write your answers in full sentences.

1. What do people do on Canada Day?

2. Why is Canada sometimes called a mosaic?

3. What is one thing you enjoy about living in your community?

4. What is one way people can show respect for Canada's full history?

Check your understanding

Read “What Canada Day means.” Find the answers to the questions. Write your answers in full sentences.

1. What day is Canada Day?

2. Who lived on these lands long before Canada became a country?

3. Why is Canada Day a time to celebrate and think?

4. What is a mosaic?

5. How many ethnic or cultural origins were reported in the 2021 Census?

Match it

Match the cooking words with the correct phrases from the strawberry rice pudding recipe.

Cooking word	Phrase
1. Pour	___ milk into a pot.
2. Add	___ rice, sugar and vanilla.
3. Cook	___ on low heat.
4. Stir	___ all the time.
5. Take	___ pot off heat.
6. Stir in	___ butter.
7. Serve	___ warm or cold.