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.

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Answers	Resources & Discussion
Circle the Word (TN1) Use Libby to read and listen 1st line – ice cream 2nd line – faith **Fill in the blanks (TN1)** Crows remember kindness 1. British Columbia; 2. crows; 3. upset; 4. gutter; 5. firefighters; 6. wildlife; 7. minor; 8. surprising; 9. feathered; 10. kindness. **True or False (TN2)** Terry Fox's story still helps people 1 T; 2 T; 3 F; 4 T; 5 F; 6 F; 7 T; 8 F; 9 F; 10 T **Good questions (TN2)** **Surrey basketball player makes history** Who - Eesher Singh Sarai What – He is the first Canadian Sikh to wear a turban while playing basketball at that level (Division 1). His faith is important to him. When – 2026 Where - Winthrop University in South Carolina **More than one** 1 goal; 2 community; 3 hours; 4 list; 5 dream; 6 beginnings; 7 vote; 8 audiobooks; 9 schedule; 10 libraries.	**Celebrate Literacy Month** We have included a calendar of ideas to celebrate Literacy Month. Encourage learners to participate in the daily activities and celebrate their learnings in your discussions. **2026 General Local Elections** British Columbia will hold general local elections on October 17, 2026. Check out Elections BC for more resources: 2026 General Local Elections | Elections BC **September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.** It is a day to honour the children who were taken from their families, those who never returned home, survivors, and the families and communities affected by Canada's residential school system. This subject may be painful or triggering for some learners. Introduce it with care, avoid asking learners to share personal experiences, and allow learners to step away from the discussion if needed. The linked resource provides additional information and context. National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - Canada.ca

Circle the Word

Read ‘Use Libby to read and listen”’ in *The Westcoast Reader*. Circle the word in each row that does not belong.

audiobook	card	fees	library	staff	ice cream
faith	borrow	listen	read	tablet	phone

Fill in the blanks

Read ‘Crows remember kindness’ in *The Westcoast Reader.* Fill in the blank.

1. Leah Wilson lives in _____.
2. One day, she saw many _____ flying around a house.
3. The birds sounded _____.
4. One crow was stuck in a _____.
5. Leah asked some _____ for their help.
6. She took the injured crow to a _____ rehabilitation centre.
7. The crow had _____ injuries.
8. Then something _____ happened.
9. The first gift was a _____ bundle.
10. Sometimes acts of _____ can come back in surprising ways.

True or False

Read 'Terry Fox's story still helps people' in *The Westcoast Reader.* Read each sentence and circle whether it is true (T) or false (F).

T or F	Terry Fox was diagnosed with bone cancer when he was 18 years old.
T or F	The doctors had to remove one of his legs.
T or F	He ran 52 km per day.
T or F	Terry learned to walk on a prosthetic (artificial) leg.
T or F	Fred, his brother, started the "Marathon of Hope".
T or F	Terry ran all across Canada.
T or F	Logan had cancer when he was a young child.
T or F	Terry didn't see anyone else who had cancer.
T or F	Fred talked to the students about running.
T or F	Since 1980 more than $1 billion has been raised.

Four questions – who, what, where, when, how

Read 'Surrey basketball player makes history' from the *Westcoast Reader*. Every good news story must answer "who, what, when, and where". Write your answers in the correct lines below.

Who? _____

What? _____

When? _____

Where? _____

More than one

Write the singular or plural form for each word.

	Singular	**Plural**
1.	goal	goals
2.		communities
3.	hour	
4.		lists
5.		dreams
6.	beginning	
7.		votes
8.	audiobook	
9.		schedules
10.	library	

Your summer

How did you spend your summer? Did you watch any of the FIFA World Cup? Write about your best memory from this summer.

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