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

Rescuers carry a big dog to safety (TN1)
1. Paws 2. Night 3. On a stretcher

A family gives $10 million for care (TN2)
1. $10 Million 2. Granddaughter 3. Health center

Father and Son build libraries (TN1)
1. Father and son 2. Wood 3. A book

A pig named Jessica (TN3)
1. A pig 2. Kept her bed tidy / walked around the yard
3. That animals are not all the same / they have habits and personalities / they must be treated with care and respect

Financial Literacy (TN2)
1. No – don't share your PIN 2. What do I need to pay this month?

Choose your own words (TN3)
Read 'Sergeant Tommy Prince served with Courage'. Has the learner used each word correctly? Are there words your learner did not understand?

Comprehension (TN2)
1. Read 'Simple open apple pie.' 2. 4 medium apples 3. 400F or 200C 3. 35–45 minutes 4. Golden crust and apples soft

Circle the words that start with S (TN1)
'Father and son build libraries'
Son, share, stories, small

Good questions (TN3)
'A pig named Annie teaches Jessica'
Who: Jessica and Annie. *What*: Jessica learned all about Annie's personality and habits. Jessica watched and cared for Annie. It changed the way Annie thought about farming. *When*: Annie lived for 16 years. It's unclear how much of that time was with Annie. *Where*: on a farm in Creston B.C.

Fill in the blank (TN1)
'Rescuers carry a big dog to safety'
1. Big 2. Walk 3. Call 4. Workers

True or False (TN2)
'A family gives $10 million for care'
1. F – digestive center 2. T 3. T 4. F – 2029

Resources & Discussion

November Special Days

Financial literacy month
Encourage your learners to find someone they can trust to talk about their money with. Suggest someone at their bank, an accountant or a tax filing clinic.

Remembrance Days
There are three moments to remember the men and women who have served Canada:

1) Veterans' week (Nov. 5 – 11)
Read a story, visit a memorial or thank a veteran. The library will have information about local events.

2) Indigenous Veterans Day (Nov. 8)
Honour First Nations, Inuit, and Metis veterans. Read the 'Tommy Prince' story in this issue. Notice the courage Tommy showed during his service and afterward. It took courage for him to advocate for better living conditions for Indigenous communities.

3) Remembrance Day (Nov. 11)
At 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month, people pause for two minutes. We remember people who served during war, conflict and peace. Wearing a poppy is one way to show remembrance and respect.

Choose your own words

Read ‘Sergeant Tommy Prince served with courage’ in *The Westcoast Reader*. Choose any three (3) words that interest you. Write a sentence using each word.

1)
2)
3)

Comprehension

Read ‘Simple open apple pie’ in *The Westcoast Reader*. Answer the following questions.

How many apples do you need? _____

How hot is the oven? _____

How long does the pie bake in the oven? _____

How do you know it is done? _____

Circle all the words that start with S

Read ‘Father and son build libraries’ in *The Westcoast Reader*.

Son	Father	Library	Wood
Brings	Together	Book	Share
Outside	Each	Stories	Also
Neighbours	Small	Project	Make

Good questions

Read ‘A pig named Annie teaches Jessica’ 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? _____

Fill in the Blanks

Read ‘Rescuers carry a big dog to safety’.

Fill in the details missing in the following sentences.

A _____ dog goes for a _____.

Her owners _____ for help.

Rescue _____ come at night.

True or False

Read ‘A family gives $10 million for care’.

Write T if the sentence is true. Write F if the sentence is false and write the correct detail on the line.

_____ The money will help a new cancer center for people in B.C.

_____ Their granddaughter, Mikaela, has Crohn’s disease.

_____ The new center will make care easier to find.

_____ The center is expected to open in 2031.

What do you think?

Read the ‘Kindness Calendar’ in *The Westcoast Reader.* There are eight (8) different things you can do to show kindness. Which one did you try? What did you think after you tried it?

Write a sentence about it.

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