

The 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	Discussion & Resources
Talking to Bears (TN2) 1. bears 2. cubs 3. leave 4. video 5. turned 6. work 7. yard 8. good	Talking to bears (WCR2) Watch Jordan's video on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/jordan.cote2/videos/10155561875415460 For more information on bear safety go to: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/misc/bears/bearsaf.html As a class, discuss whether Jordan's response to the bears is typically Canadian. Are Canadians friendly people?
Compound Words (TN2) 1. kickboxing 2. daycare 3. chopsticks 4. backyard 5. understand 6. downtown	Gord Downie (WCR4) To learn more about the Secret Path go to: http://secretpath.ca/#About
Fact or Inference? (TN4) 1. F 2. F 3. F 4. I 5. F 6. F 7. F 8. I 9. F 10. I 11. I 12. F 13. F 14. F	Tables from chopsticks (WCR1) As a class, discuss the importance of reduce/reuse/recycle. Break class into small groups. Have each group discuss one of the three Rs, and brainstorm and/or research ways that practice can help protect the environment.
Vocabulary (TN4) 1. d 2. b 3. a 4. h 5. i 6. c 7. j 8. g 9. f 10. e	
Winter Holiday (TN4) Have students share their winter holiday memories with us on Twitter. Have them: 1. Take a photo. 2. Tweet their photo with a caption. 3. Tag @WestcoastReader and include hashtags #WestcoastReader and #winter2017	

Talking to Bears

Find the right word to finish each sentence.

Jordan asked three bears to leave his backyard. A mother bear and her two _____ were in his yard. He asked them to _____ nicely.

Cote took a _____ of the bears. In the video, Cote says, "I need you guys to go. Okay? I need you to go. Thank you."

The mother bear and her two cubs _____. They started to leave.

Then, Cote said, "I got to go to _____. Hope you enjoyed my _____. Have a _____ day. Bye now."

bears

good

turned

work

leave

cubs

video

yard

Compound Words

Draw a line between the words that go together. Write the new word on the line.

kick

care

kickboxing

day

stand

chop

town

back

boxing

under

yard

down

sticks

Fact or Inference?

A fact is something that is true. An inference is something we believe is true because of what we have seen, heard or read.

Read *Daycare worker keeps children safe* in *The Westcoast Reader*. Write (F) if the statement is a fact (F) or (I) if it is what you think because of what you read.

1. Chelsi Sabbe runs a daycare centre.	F
2. Chelsi knows judo, karate, and kickboxing.	
3. One day Chelsi and her daycare children went to the park.	
4. Chelsi was watching the children.	
5. A man came to the park.	
6. The man was a stranger.	
7. The man grabbed one of the children.	
8. The children were scared.	
9. Chelsi fought the man.	
10. Chelsi was very brave.	
11. A neighbour was watching Chelsi and the children play.	
12. The neighbour called the police.	
13. The police caught the man.	
14. Chelsi loves her daycare children.	

Vocabulary

Find the meaning that matches the word. Write the letter for the meaning on the line.

<u> d </u>	1. appreciate	a. known by many people
<u> </u>	2. community	b. a group of people
<u> </u>	3. famous	c. hard to believe
<u> </u>	4. graphic	x be grateful for
<u> </u>	5. history	e. the force within a person or a people
<u> </u>	6. incredible	f. used as a place to live
<u> </u>	7. Indigenous	g. to arrange or plan something
<u> </u>	8. organize	h. the use of pictures or drawings
<u> </u>	9. residential	i. things that happened in the past
<u> </u>	10. spirit	j. native to a particular place

Winter Holiday

Do you celebrate a special day or enjoy special food during the winter holiday?
Describe what you do and why you like it.
