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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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Discussion & Resources
<p>RCMP officers save a boa constrictor (WCR1)</p> <p>Some people think that snakes make great pets. Others think that having a snake for a pet is a terrible idea. Break your class into an even number of small groups. Have one side prepare to debate why snakes make good pets and have the other side prepare to debate why snakes make terrible pets. Set up your class for the debate or have two groups work together to present their respective arguments.</p>
<p>Drive safely this winter! (WCR1)</p> <p>ICBC has some helpful tips to keep people safe on winter roads. www.icbc.com/road-safety/driving-tips/Pages/Winter-driving</p> <p>Shift into Winter also has resources and tips on how to stay safe on the road this winter. (shiftintowinter.ca)</p>

True or False – A very wet fall in BC

Circle **T** if the sentence is true or **F** if the sentence is false.

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| 1. It was a very cold and wet fall in British Columbia. | T | F |
| 2. Warm fall weather is disrupting human behaviour. | T | F |
| 3. Bees are eating their winter supplies of honey. | T | F |
| 4. Over 800 millimetres of rain fell in the first 10 days of November. | T | F |
| 5. Farmers had to harvest their crops early. | T | F |
| 6. Part of the Squamish Valley also had floods. | T | F |
| 7. It rained 18 out of 31 days in Metro Vancouver in October. | T | F |
| 8. Several residents were forced to remain in their homes in Pemberton. | T | F |

Election in the United States

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

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| ___ | 1. candidate | a. a person who holds an office |
| ___ | 2. vote | b. a person who is trying to be elected |
| ___ | 3. official | c. a series of activities designed to produce a particular result |
| ___ | 4. party | d. an organization of people who have similar political beliefs and ideas |
| ___ | 5. campaign | e. something that happens as a result of an activity or process |
| ___ | 6. election | f. the official choice that you make in an election |
| ___ | 7. outcome | g. the process of choosing someone for office by voting |

Holiday Food

Many people have favourite foods they like to make for holidays.

What are three of your favourite holiday foods? What words would you use to describe them? These words are called adjectives.

Holiday	Food	Adjectives		
Díwali	sel-rotí (Nepal)	crispy	soft	chewy
Christmas	shortbread	buttery	sweet	crumbly

Write sentences - Winter Driving

Unscramble the words to make a sentence. Write your sentence on the line below.

1. route / plan / your

Plan your route.

2. yourself / extra / give / time

3. below / speed / drive / the / limit

4. drive / try / daylight / to / during

5. headlights / your / drive / on / with

6. extra / leave / space

7. comfortable / warm / wear / clothes

Deck the Halls!

Deck the Halls is an old Christmas and New Years' carol. The melody is Welsh and goes back to the 1500s. The English lyrics, or words, are from 1862.

We say we are going to "deck the halls" when we decorate the house for the holidays.

Find the "deck the halls" words in the word search puzzle below.

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a	n	r	g	i	t	g	r	a
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a	g	s	k	e	l	t	b	a
e	h	b	e	l	l	s	o	n
k	t	s	r	i	y	l	n	d
g	s	t	o	c	k	i	n	g
m	i	s	t	l	e	t	o	e

garland

bells

santa

stocking

gifts

mistletoe

snow

holly

tinsel

tree

lights

ribbon