

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 | |
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| Match the meaning (TN3) | |
| 1. c 2. d 3. f 4. a 5. b 6. e | |
| Circle the correct answer (TN3) | |
| 1. b 2. a 3. c 4. b | |
| Fill in the blanks (TN4) | |
| 1. Professional 2. North America 3. 2023 | |
| 4. Pacific Coliseum, Seattle 5. 15 | |
| 6. Pacific Blue, Cream | |
| Verb tense (TN4) | |
| walk : walked | go : went |
| reject : rejected | marry : married |
| keep : kept | raise : raised |
| name : named | become : became |
| write : wrote | cry : cried |
| Find the answers (TN5) | |
| 1. Connor Belanger found the baby beaver. | |
| 2. Connor heard a loud squeak in the water. | |
| 3. Connor found the baby beaver in the Cowichan River. | |
| 4. The baby beaver got lost after the river pushed her out of her den and she was pulled away from her mother. | |
| 5. Connor's family helped the baby beaver by driving her to the North Island Wildlife Rescue Association in Errington. The family took turns holding the baby beaver. | |
| 6. The baby beaver's name is now Little Timbre. | |
| 7. The baby beaver was one week old when she was found. | |

| Resources & Discussion |
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| Yellow fish by the drain (WCR1) |
| Have you seen a Yellow Fish marking in your neighbourhood? |
| You can enter the City of Vancouver's photo contest by emailing a photo of the marked storm drain and its location to yellowfish@vancouver.ca . You will be entered into a random draw. |
| You can also get involved by contacting the City of Vancouver to pick up your free marking kit and start painting. |
| For more information, search for The Yellow Fish Program on Vancouver.ca. |
| Financial Literacy Month (WCR3) |
| Ask learners to imagine they have \$15 to spend . How would they make it go as far as possible in different situations, for example: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cooking a meal, • going out on a date, or • buying a gift for someone. |
| Have students write down their ideas, then share with a partner. Afterward, invite a few pairs to share their best money-stretching ideas with the class. |
| To learn more, go to Canada.ca and search for Financial Literacy Month . |

Match the meaning

Draw a line from the word to match the correct meaning.

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| 1. sus | a. A beauty trend where skin care and makeup products are used to create a very soft, smooth and glowing complexion |
| 2. chatbot | b. a joint project between two writers, musicians, designers, etc. |
| 3. lewk | c. giving the impression that something is questionable or dishonest |
| 4. butter skin | d. a computer program designed to respond with conversational or informational replies to verbal or written messages from users |
| 5. collab | e. the practice of spending many hours in bed during the day, often with snacks or an electronic device |
| 6. bed rotting | f. a play on the word 'look', meaning a particular style, fashion or outfit |

Circle the correct answer

Read 'Yellow fish by the drain' in *The Westcoast Reader*. Circle the correct answer.

- Storm drains carry water to rivers, creeks and the _____.
a. forests b. ocean c. our homes
- If the wrong things go into storm drains, the dirty water can harm _____, fish and other animals.
a. people b. buildings c. streets
- Volunteers paint or place decals of _____ fish beside drains.
a. red b. blue c. yellow
- More than _____ communities in Canada take part in this program.
a. 400 b. 200 c. 1000

Fill in the blanks

Read 'Women's hockey team to play first game.' Fill in the blanks with the correct word.

1. The PWHL stands for _____ Women's Hockey League.
2. PWHL is the top women's hockey league in _____.
3. It started in _____ so the best women players could play in one league.
4. PWHL Vancouver will play its first game at _____. It will be against another new team, PWHL _____.
5. Vancouver will play _____ home games this season.
6. The colours for the PWHL Vancouver team are _____ and _____.

Verb tense

Read 'A wartime nurse remembered' in *The Westcoast Reader*.

Fill in the blanks with the correct verb tenses.

| Present tense verbs | | | Past tense verbs |
|---------------------|--|----------|------------------|
| <u>walk</u> | | walked | |
| _____ | | rejected | |
| _____ | | kept | |
| _____ | | named | |
| _____ | | wrote | |
| | | | go |
| | | | marry |
| | | | raise |
| | | | become |
| | | | cry |

Find the answers

Read 'Teen saves baby beaver' in *The Westcoast Reader*. Find the answers to the following questions.

1. Who found the baby beaver?

2. What did Connor hear in the water?

3. Where did Connor and his mother find the baby beaver?

4. How did the baby beaver get lost?

5. How did Connor's family help the baby beaver?

6. What is the baby beaver's name now?

7. How old was the baby beaver when she was found?
