

THE WCR LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Photo by Martha Perkins
Chris Thoreau, owner of Food Pedalers

Adapted from *WE Vancouver*

Food Pedalers

Level 1

We see more and more bicycles in Vancouver. Maybe you have a bicycle. Or your friend has one.

Chris Thoreau and Gavin Wright use bicycles in their business.

The name of their business is *Food Pedalers*.

They pedal their bikes right to your door!

They deliver vegetables.

The vegetables come from local farms.

“We bring the farmer’s market to you,” Chris and Gavin say.

People can order online.

Then, Chris and Gavin arrive by bike, rain or shine.

For the teacher:

This exercise may be too difficult for your learners.

You can adapt it and pre-teach this vocabulary. Supply illustrations wherever possible.



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Bicycle pedal



Photo by Les Bazso/The Vancouver Sun
Food peddlers in Vancouver

Food pedalers

Many companies choose names which have double meanings to catch the attention of customers. “Food Pedalers” could also be “Food Pedlars”.

Many words sound almost the same but have different spellings and meanings.

For example, **pedal** and **peddle**; **pedaler** and **pedlar**

Pedal:

noun – any control or lever which is operated by the foot or feet

If I want to go faster in my car I must press the gas pedal.

verb – to operate something with your foot or feet

Pedal your bike faster! We're late.

Peddle:

verb – to sell things or ideas

I am going to peddle music lessons to my mother. Maybe she will let me take piano.

Pedlar or peddler:

noun – a travelling seller of small things, sometimes carried in a pack

My mother told me that a pedlar brought pots to her door.

(Exercise on next page)

Exercise:

Choose one of these words to complete each sentence:

pedal or pedals

pedaler

peddle

pedlar or peddler

1. Chris and Gavin will _____ vegetables to your door.
2. If I want to stop my car, I must use the brake _____.
3. I don't believe in that so don't _____ that idea to me, please.
4. I saw a man open his backpack and take out some things.
I think he's going to _____ them.
5. She's a _____. She sells perfume door to door.
6. If you want to learn to play a piano, you must know where the soft _____ is.
7. This bike is too big for him. His feet cannot reach the _____.
8. A woman outside of the store wants to _____ credit cards.

(Answers and links on the next page)

Answers:

1. pedal 2. pedal 3. peddle 4. peddle 5. pedlar/peddler 6. pedal 7. pedals 8. peddle

Links:

More about the pedalers:

<http://ubcfarm.ubc.ca/>

<http://www.foodpedalers.ca/>