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BULLYING (p. 1, 2 and 3)

With Christy Clark's announcement of a new anti-bullying plan for B.C. schools, with stories of bullying abound, and with a new school year upon us, we thought featuring this age-old problem was timely.

Of course, bullying isn't just reserved for the school ground. Ask your learners what bullying entails in the workplace or within communities. For example, "No Japs from the Rockies to the Sea" was used as an election motto in B.C. in the 1940s. Links on bullying can be found online.

WARNING: The exercise on page two discusses a sensitive topic. Some of the scenarios may not be suitable for your learners.

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THE KID AND THE PIPELINE (p. 1)

Ta'Kaiya Blaney has a YouTube video of her song called "Shallow Waters": www.youtube.com/watch?v=LkjlkuC_eWM

LONDON OLYMPICS 2012 (p. 3)

Before reading the story on page three of The WCR, ask learners to share any amazing highlights they remember about the summer Olympics. Ask learners to bring photos in of their favorite athletes from around the world. Go over the different types of Olympic sports. Talk about Canada's success, especially with women's soccer.

ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

Bullying (TN p. 2)

(1) social bullying (2) physical bullying (3) cyber bullying (4) verbal bullying (5) physical bullying (6) verbal bullying (7) verbal bullying (8) social bullying (9) several possible answers (10) physical bullying

Going to Mars (TN p. 3)

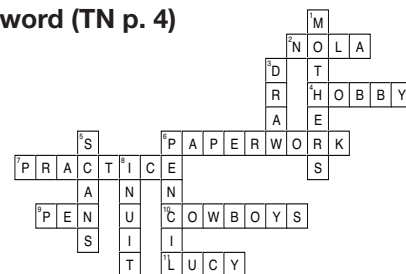
(1) red (2) 4th (3) machine (4) small car (5) Yellowknife

Same sounds (TN p. 3)

takes: name, place, Facebook, space, age, make

sad: another, at, fan hand, plan, landed

Crossword (TN p. 4)



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Bullying

Four examples of bullying are given on page two of *The Westcoast Reader*:

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verbal bullying, physical bullying, social bullying, cyber bullying

Read the sentences. Then write the type of bullying you think each story is talking about.

1. Three girls are talking at school. Another girl smiles and walks over to join them. The three girls turn their backs and walk away. _____

2. A small boy walks into the bathroom at recess. Two older boys push him against the wall as they leave the room. The little boy is afraid to go there alone next time. _____

3. A girl checks her text messages. She sees a message which says, "You're ugly." This is the third time she got this text. _____

4. A woman goes to the lunchroom at work. She wears a hijab. Every day another worker makes comments about her hair. He says he is just kidding. _____

5. A Grade 4 student is doing his math exercises. The student behind him makes a big mark on the student's paper. It is hard to erase. _____

6. A girl gets on the school bus. One older boy always calls out that she is a "squirt" or a "shrimp", meaning she is too small for her age. _____

7. A boy in Grade 6 tells a girl that he heard a bad story about her. The girl says, "It's not true!" Another girl is gossiping about her all the time. _____

8. Three boys are playing football. Every time this boy asks to join, they say they don't need anyone else to play. _____

9. In the early 1940s, politicians in B.C. said, "No Japs from the Rockies to the Sea." Japanese students at UBC were kicked out of the university. A student in high school was told by the school principal, "We're at war with your people. You have to leave." _____

10. Three different times, an Indian farmer in Abbotsford finds his pipes for watering his big vegetable fields are broken or smashed. _____

Going to Mars



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Each of these sentences has a mistake.
Cross out the word or words that are wrong.
Then write the correct information above the mistake.

Mars

Example: NASA wants people to go to ~~the moon~~.

1. Some people call Mars the “blue planet”.
2. Mars is the 5th planet from the sun.
3. A “rover” is a bike that went to Mars.
4. The rover is the size of a bus.
5. The landing place on Mars is called Vancouver.

Same sounds: Long A and Short A

place
at
Facebook
space
landed
hand
plan
name
fan
another
age
make

Say each word in the word bank.
Then write it in the correct list.
The “A” sound must be the same
as in the first word in the list.

takes

name _____

sad

another _____

Artists' crossword

Try the exercise. Then put your answers into the crossword puzzle.

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1. Lucy's shapes were of _____, children and families.
2. Johnston's first name
3. When Nola was young, she loved to do this.
4. Something we do for fun
5. This is the last thing Nola does with the drawing.
6. Nola doesn't like this part of her job. (across)
6. She first uses this to draw. (down)
7. Nola says a young artist must do this.
8. They live in Canada's North.
9. Nola draws over the pencil with this.
10. She drew pictures of these when she was a child.
11. She died in April. (first name)

