

# THE WESTCOAST READER

## TEACHERS' NOTES



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### AUDIO RECORDING - VOLUNTEERS

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### B.C. GETS A NEW LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR (p. 1)

Explain the role of lieutenant-governor (a symbolic five-year position), when and why the post was established: [www.ltgov.bc.ca/ltgov/role.htm](http://www.ltgov.bc.ca/ltgov/role.htm).

Discuss Steven Point, B.C.'s first aboriginal lieutenant-governor from October 1, 2007 – November 1, 2012. What are some of Point's milestones? What kind of role model was he in many aboriginal communities?

Explain Guichon's family background. For example, her family arrived in B.C. from France in the 1860s in search of gold. How did the family become farmers? Guichon now has 1,400 cows, 25,000 hectares of pasture, and 1,100 kilometres of fencing. How will she manage two jobs?

### NOBEL PEACE PRIZE (p. 1)

Do your learners agree with the Nobel Peace Prize going to the European Union this year? Who would they rather see the prize go to?

Post photos and simple bios of three people you think the prize could have gone to. For example, Malala Yousafzai, an outspoken Pakistani teenage activist who was recently shot? Ask readers to vote on who should have won the prize.

### NEW WORLD RECORD (p. 1)

Ask learners to think about Felix Baumgartner. What was the most dangerous or riskiest activity or thing they ever did or tried? Go to our website and watch the entire amazing freefall.

### HOLIDAY SEASON

Go over the feature holidays for December (Hanukkah and Christmas).

Go to our website to learn some holiday safety tips such as driving in winter and shopping: [www.thewestcoastreader.com](http://www.thewestcoastreader.com).

### ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

#### Holidays: True or False (TN p. 2)

(1) T (2) F (a temple) (3) F (8 days) (4) F (This year, it begins on Dec. 8.) (5) T (6) T (7) F (It celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.) (8) T (9) T (10) F (on the 12<sup>th</sup> day) (11) T (12) T

#### Nobel Peace Prize (TN p. 3)

(1) The EU (2) 27 (3) million (4) 60 (5) Germany (6) debt (7) organizations

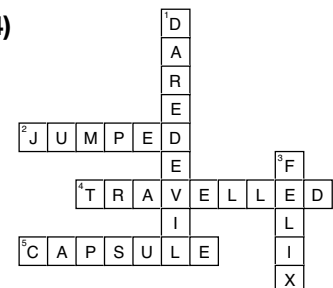
#### Garfield (TN p. 3)

Explain to learners the expression "boy" and the general difference between fiction and non-fiction. Students' answers will vary.

#### New world record (TN p. 4)

(1) Felix was born in Austria. (2) He has jumped 2,500 times. (3) People call him a "daredevil." (4) Felix jumped out of a capsule. (5) He travelled 1,342 km per hour.

#### Crossword (TN p. 4)



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## Hanukkah: True or false



Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false. If the statement is false, write down the correct statement.

1. Hanukkah is a Festival of Lights. \_\_\_\_
2. Oil was used to purify a church. \_\_\_\_
3. They needed to burn the oil for 12 days. \_\_\_\_
4. Hanukkah is celebrated on December 25. \_\_\_\_
5. The holiday is a Jewish holiday. \_\_\_\_
6. There are nine candles on a Hanukkah menorah. \_\_\_\_

## Christmas: True or false



Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false.  
If the statement is false, write down the correct statement.

7. Christmas is a Festival of Lights. \_\_\_\_
8. Christmas is celebrated on the same day each year. \_\_\_\_
9. This holy day is a Christian celebration. \_\_\_\_
10. The eighth day is called the Epiphany. \_\_\_\_
11. Three kings followed a star. \_\_\_\_
12. The three kings brought gifts to baby Jesus. \_\_\_\_

## What do you celebrate in December?

Do you celebrate any holidays or events in December?  
Tell a classmate how you celebrate this day and why.

ILLUSTRATIONS — ISTOCKPHOTO

# Nobel Peace Prize



Fill in each blank with a word (or number) from the word bank.

PHOTO – FRANCOIS LENOIR/REUTERS

debt      27      million      organizations      Germany  
60      The European Union (The EU)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2012.
2. There are \_\_\_\_\_ European countries in the European Union.
3. Within these countries, there are 500 \_\_\_\_\_ people.
4. There have been \_\_\_\_\_ years of peace in Europe.
5. Angela Merkel is the Chancellor of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. People say the European Union has so much \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Most Nobel Peace Prizes go to people, not to \_\_\_\_\_.

# Garfield

Read the comic. What do you think Garfield will write after “And...”?



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# New world record



Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence. Write the sentence.

PHOTO — JAY NEMETH/RED BULL STRATOS/CONTENT POOL  
VIA GETTY IMAGES

1. Austria/born/was/Felix/in

\_\_\_\_\_

2. times/he/jumped/has/2,500

\_\_\_\_\_

3. call/“daredevil”/him/people/a

\_\_\_\_\_

4. jumped/of/out/a/capsule/Felix

\_\_\_\_\_

5. 1,342/travelled/he/km per hour

\_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the crossword.

Find the words about Felix in the word bank.

- Felix
- jumped
- capsule
- daredevil
- travelled

