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♥ Teachers' Notes by Tracy Defoe

Young Whale Rescued (p.3)

Sam the young whale was rescued because he was calling for help. People say he was calling his mother.

- Discuss what your class members called their mothers. How would they call for help?

Big Salmon Caught (p.2)

Canada started using the metric system almost 40 years ago. Why is Mike Gage's salmon 61.5 pounds and not 28 kilos?

- Here are some clues for your class discussion
- ✓ The fisherman is 73 years old.
- ✓ Most Canadians refer to their own weight in pounds, not kilos.

Body language and estimating

- Show your class some body language. Show them how a fisherman describes the size of his catch, arms spread wide. Show how we shrug and raise our hand to show we don't know. And how a flat handed wrist flap can indicate "more or less" when we talk about a number. Now use them estimating weight.

Talking about numbers

- You can do our weight estimation exercise as a pair activity. Ask each pair to talk and decide on an answer together. You can extend to estimating the weight or height of other objects, or each other!

Matching (p. 4 of Teachers' Notes)

Try this matching exercise as a small group exercise.

Sunrise Soya (p.2)

Extend learning with a trip to the grocery store to find product and flavour names. Or check the Sunrise Soya website for pictures of packaging, full nutritional labels and recipes. Smoked Tofu, anyone?

Use the internet to find out more

Sunrise Soya

<http://www.sunrise-soya.com/soy-products/sunrise-tofu.php>

Canadian Olympic team

<http://olympic.ca/>

Answers to exercises

■ Big Salmon Caught

Mike Gage, like most BC fisherman, has always recorded salmon in pounds.

■ How much does that weigh?

1. Hayley Wickenheiser 77 kg or 170 lbs
2. Sam 1000 kg or 2200 lbs
3. Roast Turkey 8 kg or 17.6 lbs
4. Inflated soccer ball 0.450 kg or 1 lb

Note: We don't know how much Sam the orca weighs. Adult male orcas weigh about 9,000 pounds, and at birth an orca weighs about 350 lbs. We estimated!

■ How much do you remember?

1. Kamloops
2. calling
3. Sunrise
4. salmon
5. Russia
6. four
7. soccer
8. Halloween
9. Westcoast Reader

■ Matching

1. a
2. e
3. g
4. h
5. c
6. f
7. d
8. b
9. Sunrise Recognize
10. Shoes Jerseys
11. Girls Boys
12. Readers Writers Mothers

How much does that weigh?

Canadians use both pounds and kilograms when they talk about weight. Stores show prices for both weights. Most people say their own weight in pounds.

Write your answer in kilograms and pounds. 1 kg = 2.2 lbs. 1 lb = 454 g

Example



About 28 kg

About 65 lbs

1.



About _____ kg

About _____ lbs

2.



About _____ kg

About _____ lbs

3.



About _____ kg

About _____ lbs

4.



About _____ kg

About _____ lbs

How much do you remember?

1. BC has paramedic bike squads in Vancouver, Victoria and _____.
2. People on boats heard Sam the young orca whale _____.
3. _____ Soya is a family tofu business.
4. Another name for a Tyee _____ is a Chinook.
5. The 2014 Winter Olympics are in Sochi, _____.
6. Hayley Wickenheiser already has _____ Olympic medals.
7. A barber raises money so refugee children can play _____.
8. Children ask their neighbours for treats on _____.
9. Tamara Lee is the new staff member of the _____.
10. Write your own sentence here.

Matching

Which words go together best? Draw a line.

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| 1. October 11 | → | a. International Day of the Girl Child |
| 2. Soccer | | b. Ambulance |
| 3. Turkey | | c. Tyee Salmon |
| 4. Orca | | d. Haircut |
| 5. Fisherman | | e. Cleats |
| 6. Olympics | | f. Sochi |
| 7. Barber | | g. Thanksgiving |
| 8. Paramedic | | h. Whale |

Which words have the same last sound? **Circle** them.

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| 9. Sunrise | Shirts | Recognize |
| 10. Shoes | Jerseys | Shorts |
| 11. Girls | Boys | Students |
| 12. Readers | Writers | Mothers |