



# THE WESTCOAST READER

## TEACHERS' NOTES

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### DISCUSSION TOPICS

#### February is Black History month.

The story of Violet Desmond tells of a time when black people experienced racially prejudiced laws in Canada. The story about the re-naming of geographic areas in Quebec using the word "nigger" shows that we still have issues to examine to reduce racism in Canada. Other groups of people also experience prejudice. Ask your learners to talk about this idea.

1. What other groups of people experience prejudice in Canada?
2. How does the use of words like "nigger" and "squaw" cause hurt?

### PLAN FOR FAMILY DAY

1. Identify events planned in your community
2. Find family-friendly places they can go for a picnic or activity like skating or skiing
3. Locate these on a map
4. Discover transportation options to get to these events or places
5. Identify the members of their families
6. Talk about what to do for those who don't have family nearby



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### ELECTRICITY GOES UP

Bring in a BC hydro bill. Show students how to read this bill. Ask students how they pay for the bill. This may be a good time to teach or review writing a cheque.

Draw a large bank "cheque" on the board. Fill it in and sign it. Now draw another cheque and ask students to come up and fill it in. Give them different amounts to complete.

Ask learners if they have ideas to share about reducing their electric bill.

Go to [www.bchydro.com](http://www.bchydro.com) for more tips.

### ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

Verbs (TN p. 2)

(1) Wash (2) Hang (3) Turn down (4) Turn off (5) Use (6) Take

Cards (TN p. 3)

(1) Birthday (2) Wedding (3) Valentine's Day (4) Graduation

Bob and Zoe (TN p. 3)

(1) in (2) on (3) out (4) for

Viola crossword (TN p. 4)

(1) Nova Scotia (2) businesswoman (3) movie (4) usher (5) balcony (6) white (7) jail (8) sixty-four

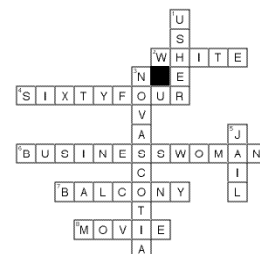


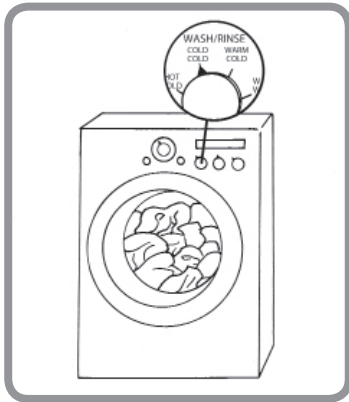
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# Verbs

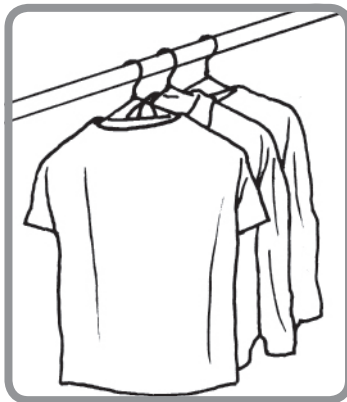


Tell a friend how to save money on their electricity bill.  
Choose the right verb from the box, and then write it on  
the line to complete the sentence.

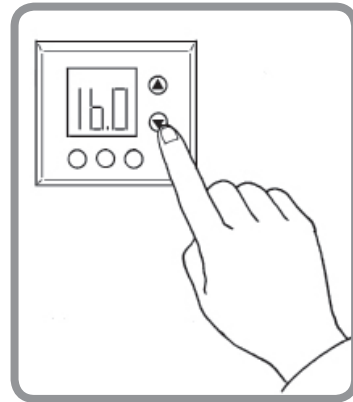
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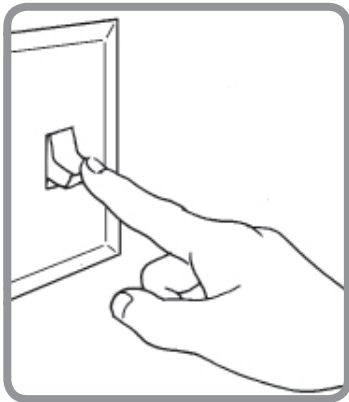
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load in cold water.



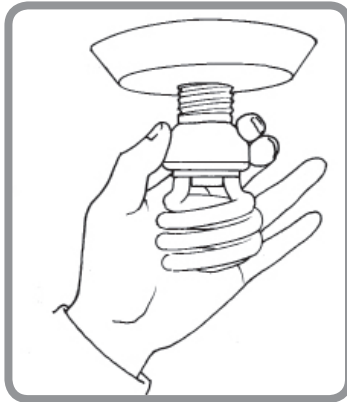
\_\_\_\_\_ clothes  
to dry.



\_\_\_\_\_ heat  
to 16 °C before you  
go to bed.



\_\_\_\_\_ the  
lights.



\_\_\_\_\_ good  
light bulbs.



\_\_\_\_\_ short  
showers.

# Cards

Some people send cards on Valentine's Day. They also send cards for other occasions. Choose a word from the box to go with each card. What special day is this? Write the word on the line.



1 \_\_\_\_\_



2 \_\_\_\_\_



3 \_\_\_\_\_



4 \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation    Valentine's Day    Wedding    Birthday

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# Zoe and Bob



Choose the right preposition from the box to complete each sentence.

1. Zoe and Bob are \_\_\_\_\_ love.
2. They were married \_\_\_\_\_ May 18, 1946.
3. They like to go \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They go to a pub \_\_\_\_\_ lunch.

for  
out  
in  
on

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# Comprehension (Viola Desmond)



Answer the questions below. Then fill the answers in the crossword.

1. What province was Viola born in? \_\_\_\_\_ (3 down)
2. What did Viola do (for work)? \_\_\_\_\_ (6 across)
3. Viola went to see a mechanic to get her car fixed. While she waited, what did she see? \_\_\_\_\_ (8 across)
4. In the theatre, who came and talked to her? \_\_\_\_\_ (1 down)
5. Where did he point? \_\_\_\_\_ (7 across)
6. What kind of people sat on the main floor? \_\_\_\_\_ (2 across)
7. Where did the police take Viola? \_\_\_\_\_ (5 down)
8. How many years did it take for the province to say sorry? \_\_\_\_\_ (4 across)

