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TEACHERS' NOTES

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A note of thanks (WCR, p. 4)

The Westcoast Reader would like to thank all our devoted readers, the Ministry of Advanced Education, Capilano University, the English for Academic Purposes Department, our generous volunteers, contributors, contractors, and the businesses and community members who made this learning resource possible.

As many of you know, from this month, the WCR will now be produced off the Capilano University campus.

The new contact person is Leona Gadsby at Decoda (lgadsby@decoda.ca 604-681-4199, extension 409).

China changes one-child rule (WCR, p. 1)

Pre-teach the vocabulary. Give some examples of what rules are. Since this is a level-one story, we have used the word “rule” rather than “policy”. Challenge more advanced students to write out Canada’s and China’s populations, 35 million and 1.4 billion (35,000,000 and 1,400,000,000), respectively.

Ask learners what they think of China’s one-child rule or policy. What are the advantages and disadvantages of a policy like this? China claims the policy helped to prevent 400 million births; however, the policy also caused problems.

There are 35 million more men than women in China. Ask learners where they think these men will find wives. Also, China’s population is aging. By 2030, the number of seniors will double, putting incredible strain on government healthcare and pensions.

Five things to know about China’s one-child policy: www.cbc.ca/news/world/5-things-to-know-about-china-s-1-child-policy-1.3294335

Teen saves writer (WCR, p. 1)

Show learners what a defibrillator looks like. Tell learners that Ivy Zhang was near a library, so the 9-1-1 operator knew the staff would have this machine.

Who is George Bowering?

www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/george-bowering/

Student wins award (WCR, p. 3)

When we interviewed Judy Li, we learned so much valuable information, including about the British Columbia Heritage Fairs for students in grades 4 to 10.

To learn more: www.bcheritagefairs.ca and www.vancourier.com/community/vancouver-students-go-deep-at-heritage-fair-1.1939952

ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

Numbers 1, 2, 3 ... (TN p. 2)

A. (2) eight (3) fourteen (4) twenty (5) three (6) nine (7) four (8) fourteen (9) one (10) two

B. Answers will vary.

C. (1) 20, twenty (2) 0, zero (3) 100, one hundred

Find the same sound (TN p. 3)

Tape: save, name, change, made, take, day, play, game

Fast: man, had, alive, glasses, hats, apple, have

The word “happy” has a short A sound.

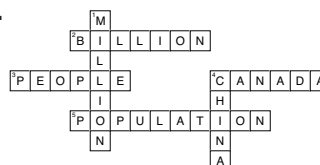
All mixed up and crossword (TN p. 4)

A. (1) China has the most people. (2) The rule was one child. OR One child was the rule.

(3) Couples can have two children. (4) Many men cannot find wives. (5) China made a rule in 1979.

OR In 1979, China made a rule. (6) About 35 million people live in Canada.

B.



ARTWORK – ISTOCKPHOTO

Numbers 1, 2, 3 ...

Read the number of things in each question.

Then find the correct word for each number in the word bank.

one two three four five six seven
eight nine ten eleven twelve thirteen
fourteen fifteen sixteen seventeen eighteen nineteen twenty

- 1) 6 bananassix..... 6) 9 people
- 2) 8 hats 7) 4 floors
- 3) 14 glasses 8) 14 years old
- 4) 20 shoes 9) 1 girl
- 5) 3 boys 10) 2 children

Make your own 5 (five) questions with numbers you did not choose. Test your classmates.

- 1. (example) 10 apples.....ten.....
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Try these questions. Write the answers and spell the numbers.

- 1. $10 + 10 =$
- 2. $10 - 10 =$
- 3. $10 \times 10 =$

The same sound

These words are from *The Westcoast Reader* stories.

Read each word in the word bank aloud.

Then write each word under the correct heading.

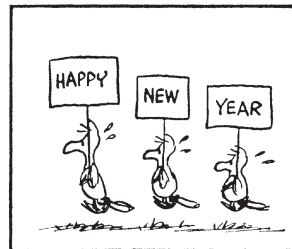
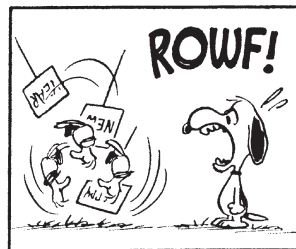
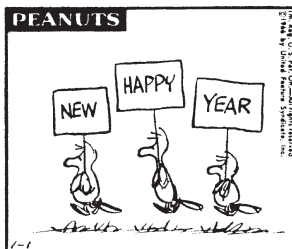
man	save	had	name	change
alive	made	take	glasses	hats
day	apple	play	have	game

Tape (long A)

age _____

Fast (short A)

ask _____



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Does “happy” have a long A or short A sound? _____

