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Thank you to the Province of BC for your support.

We are looking for a new source of funds to cover the website and delivery of the newspaper to ELSA and ESLAP programs. Please send ideas to the WCR editor.

Exploring the newspaper

Start working with your learners before they read any articles.

1. Ask them to look through the paper and pick a picture or a headline.
2. Ask them to tell about what attracted their attention. Why was that of interest?

Follow-up questions

1. International students in BC (p.1)
Did you or someone you know come to Canada to study?
Why do students from other countries come to Canada to go to school?
2. Canada Post makes changes (p.1)
Do you mail letters or bills?
How much does a stamp cost?
Is your mail delivered to your door?

4. Well-known rescuer dies (p. 2)
Have you been hiking, climbing or skiing in the mountains?
Have you ever been lost?
Do you know anyone who has been rescued?
5. The Paralympic Games (p. 2)
What do you know about the Olympics?
What do you know about the Paralympics?
6. Surrey wants a community court (p. 3)
What do you know about how a court works?
7. Gung Haggis Fat Choy (p. 3)
Have you been to a celebration of a different culture?
What do you think about starting a new event that mixes cultures?

Answers to exercises

What's the sport? (p.2)

1. wheelchair curling; 2. ice sledge hockey;
3. ice sledge hockey, alpine skiing;
4. biathlon; 5. cross-country skiing

How much do you remember? (p. 3)

1. billion; 2. mail; 3. more; 4. books; 5. rescue; 6. disabilities; 7. community; 8. celebration; 9. women's; 10. poetry

Word order (p. 4)

1. He built the chicken coop. 2. A pop-up library is a colourful box on the street. 3. Black slugs come out mostly at night. 4. The 2010 Paralympics were held in Vancouver. 5. Days start to be longer than nights. 6. St. Patrick's Day is an Irish holiday. 7. Set your clock forward one hour. 8. It is a day of fun.

Plurals (p. 4)

1. students; 2. countries; 3. ways; 4. libraries; 5. disabilities; 6. slugs

Use the internet to find out more

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What's the sport?

Write the names of the Paralympic sports on the lines under the clues.

Clues



ice sledge hockey



biathlon



wheelchair curling



alpine



cross-country skiing

1. Athletes throw a rock and use a broom in this sport.

2. In this sport, athletes use a curved stick to pass and shoot a puck.

3. Athletes wear helmets in these two sports.

4. Athletes cross-country ski and shoot a rifle in this sport.

5. This sport has short, medium and long ski races.

Exercise courtesy of *Best of the Reader*
Illustrations by Guy Parsons

How much do you remember?

1. International students spend \$2 _____ a year in BC.
2. Canadians want their _____ delivered to their homes.
3. Stamps will cost _____ starting in April.
4. A pop-up library is a new way to share _____.
5. Tim Jones worked with North Shore _____.
6. Athletes in the Paralympics have _____.
7. A _____ court helps people stop committing crimes.
8. Gung Haggis Fat Choy is a _____ of Scottish and Chinese cultures.
9. March 8 is International _____ Day.
10. Haiku is a style of _____ from Japan.
11. Write your own sentence here.

Word order

Write the words in the correct order.

1. He the coop chicken built.

2. A pop-up library is a box colourful street on the.

3. Black slugs out come at mostly night.

4. The 2010 Paralympics held were Vancouver in.

5. Days longer to be start than nights.

6. St. Patrick's Day is an holiday Irish.

7. Set your forward clock hour one.

8. It is a fun of day.

Plurals

Change each of the underlined words to a plural. Print the new word in the sentence.

Hint: In some cases you add an 's'. In other cases, you change the 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'.

1. One student learned to spell.

1. Many _____ learned to talk.

2. Canada is one country.

2. Europe has many _____.

3. Driving a car is one way to get there.

3. Other _____ to get there are the bus or an airplane.

4. Nelson has one library.

4. Vancouver has several _____.

5. Josh has one disability.

5. Maria has two _____.

6. I saw a slug in the garden.

6. He saw ten _____ in the lawn.