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CALENDAR (WCR p. 2)

Family Day

Ask learners how they plan to spend this statutory holiday. Is there a person they would like to reach out to? What are family values? Tell students that this holiday started only two years ago in B.C.

Lunar New Year

Your learners may have fun finding out what animal year they were born under.

This year is the Year of the Sheep (Ram or Goat) according to the Chinese zodiac.

Valentine's Day

Have students practice writing messages. Bring in sample cards.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Introduce students to famous black Canadians; discuss Black History Month events.

Websites:

- www.curriculum.org/blackcanadians/people.shtml
- www.islandnet.com/~bcbhas/

ROLE PLAY

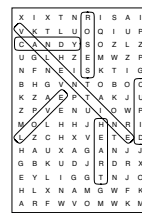
Give students a sample script of a simple "interview" role play. Demonstrate the role play. Then ask students to work in pairs. Students choose one newspaper story. One student plays the interviewer, and the other student becomes the interviewee (Kaillie Humphries, Dorothy Kostrzewa, John or Elsa Oakley, Joe Fortes, or George Stanley). Switch roles.

In interviews, learners can practice pronunciation and grammar (forming questions) and review vocabulary.

COMIC (WCR p. 2)

If the tables were turned, what would Snoopy the dog say to Charlie Brown? Explain to readers what "I can't stand" means. Students practice saying "I can't stand _____."

ANSWERS TO EXERCISES



Valentine's Day word search (WCR p. 2)

Pronunciation (TN p. 2)

Hard g: gum, glove, ghost, guests, gallery, against, garden, begin

Soft g: lodge, energy, change, engine, damage, gently, manage, aboriginal

Words that rhyme (TN p. 3)

teach, reach; their, square; cars, stars; worked, jerked; hours, flowers; were, stir; could, good; kind, find

Match (TN p. 3)

(1) f (2) d (3) a (4) b (5) e (6) c

Food scraps (TN p. 4)

Wrong items: used diapers, a plastic container, a plastic bag (ziploc), and a compostable/biodegradable plastic bag

Crossword (TN p. 4)

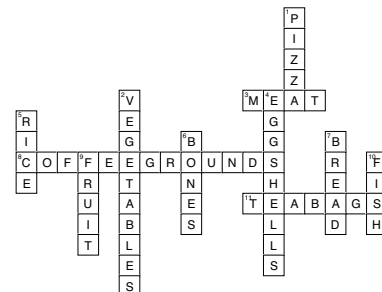


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Pronunciation

The letter **g** sometimes has a “hard” sound as in the word **girl**.

And sometimes **g** has a “soft” sound as in **page**.

Say the words in the word bank. Then write each in the correct list.

lodge	gently	glove	
gallery	ghost	aboriginal	
change	engine	manage	
garden	gum	energy	
begin	guests	against	damage

Hard g as in girl

gum _____

Soft g as in page

lodge _____

With a partner, write two different soft g and hard g words.
Test your classmates.

Words that rhyme



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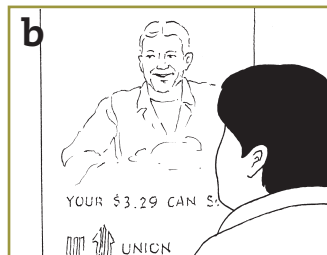
Say each pair of words. Do they sound alike?
Then underline the pairs of words that sound alike.

<u>best</u>	class	bags	teach	their
<u>chest</u>	stress	legs	reach	square
cars	bring	worked	hours	were
stars	hang	jerked	flowers	stir
hard	good	could	think	kind
heard	food	good	thank	find

Match



Match the correct drawings (a-f)
to the correct sentences (1-6).



- Elsa and John got married. ____
- “Are you married?” John asked. ____
- In 2008, John Oakley was not well. ____
- Elsa saw John on a poster. ____
- They shared their first kiss. ____
- John hugged people. ____

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Food scraps

Somebody was not careful.

He or she put four things that do not belong into the green bin.



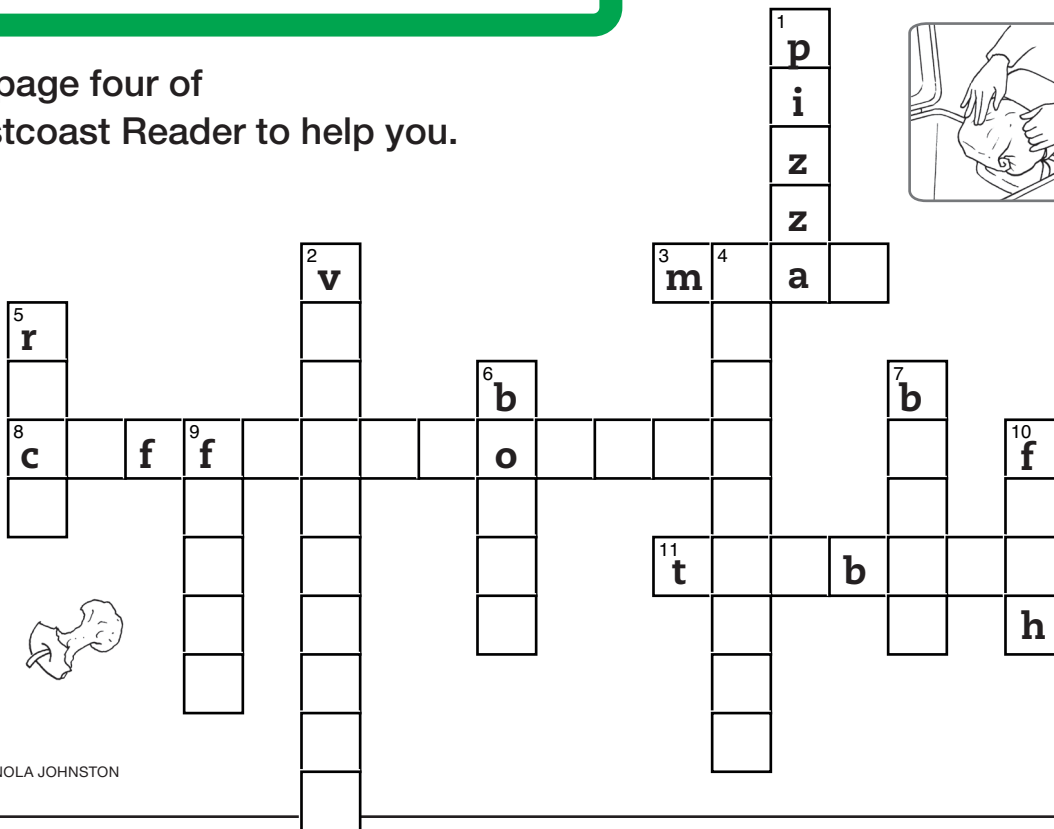
What things do not belong?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Complete the crossword.

Find the things that belong in the green bin.

Look at page four of
The Westcoast Reader to help you.



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