

# THE WESTCOAST READER

## TEACHERS' NOTES



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### ANNOUNCEMENT

*The Westcoast Reader* will be back in September 2015.

We wish you a safe and wonderful summer!

### B.C. doctor (WCR, p. 1)

Before reading the story with your class, write the word AIDS on the board. Many students recognize the English acronym AIDS, as it is referred to in this way worldwide.

UN statistics on AIDS can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/pggump8>

### Digital storytelling (WCR, p. 2)

A special thanks to Surya Govender and Sara Yuen from [goldenthreadstories.ca](http://goldenthreadstories.ca). Surya and Sara provided the training for digital storytelling.

Rajeeta Samala, LINC Program Coordinator at Collège Éducacentre College, explains why she chose digital stories and [brainshark.com](http://brainshark.com) as a tool for a class project.

The instructors wanted everyone, including beginner students, to participate. Digital stories are a great way for every level of student to share their personal lives with their loved ones and classmates in one to three minutes with the help of pictures, words, music and technology.

Students also got to work on their L, S, R & W skills to create their projects. Rajeeta taught learners how to use the software. Later, most learners could work with minimum guidance from the instructors. Students could also work at home and help their classmates. Brainshark is more user-friendly than other apps such as iMovie and other websites such as StoryMaker, says Rajeeta.

Students celebrated all their hard work with a "Movie Night" when students could screen their movies.

### The love of mountains (WCR, p. 3)

Separate, more detailed stories on the Kafers and on the *Streetfront* climbers can be found online: "Climb every mountain" and "Vancouver students climb highest African mountain".

### B.C.'s tiny towns (WCR, p. 4)

These five tiny towns\* have a rich history (e.g. mining, logging, Spanish explorers, Japanese internment camps); however, over the years, these towns have become virtual ghost towns. Now each of the five towns featured is trying to reinvent itself.

\*Technically speaking, a village is fewer than 2,500 residents; a town is up to 5,000 residents; and a city is 5,000 or more residents.

### ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

#### The same sound (TN p. 2)

(1) oil (2) rise (3) grain (4) ship (5) spill (6) harm (7) bird (8) leave (9) year (10) pick (11) crabs (12) year (13) ask (14) new (15) beach (16) rise (17) bird (18) rise (19) grain (20) pipe (21) bird (22) new (23) year (24) leave

#### Smallest to biggest (TN p. 3)

(2) tiny, big, huge (3) good, better, best (4) busy, busier, busiest (5) bump, hill, mountain (6) one, a few, many (7) Zeballos, Slokan, Greenwood (8) least, some, most (9) person, couple, crowd (10) closet, living room, home

#### Baldo comic (TN p. 3)

Answers will vary.

#### Crossword (TN p. 4)

Challenging

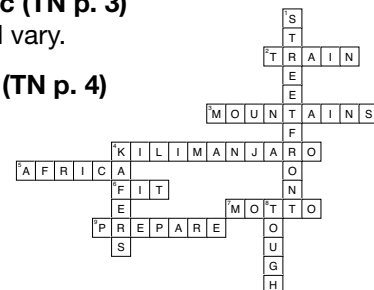


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## The same sound



PHOTO – CITY OF VANCOUVER

When two words end with the same sound, we say the words rhyme.

The words cat and that rhyme.

The words you and two also rhyme.

**Match words in the word bank with their rhyming words.**

(Some rhyme with more than one word!)

**Say each word in the word bank below; then write each word next to the word that rhymes.**

oil	spill	ship	harm
grain	bird	crabs	ask
leave	rise	new	beach
pipe	pick	year	

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|-----------------|----------|------------------|--|
| 1. spoil .....  | oil..... | 13. task .....   |  |
| 2. prize .....  |          | 14. few .....    |  |
| 3. rain .....   |          | 15. speech ..... |  |
| 4. whip .....   |          | 16. lies .....   |  |
| 5. quill .....  |          | 17. word .....   |  |
| 6. alarm .....  |          | 18. tries .....  |  |
| 7. heard .....  |          | 19. reign .....  |  |
| 8. grieve ..... |          | 20. swipe .....  |  |
| 9. queer .....  |          | 21. heard .....  |  |
| 10. quick ..... |          | 22. review ..... |  |
| 11. grabs ..... |          | 23. career ..... |  |
| 12. beer .....  |          | 24. weave .....  |  |

# Smallest to biggest

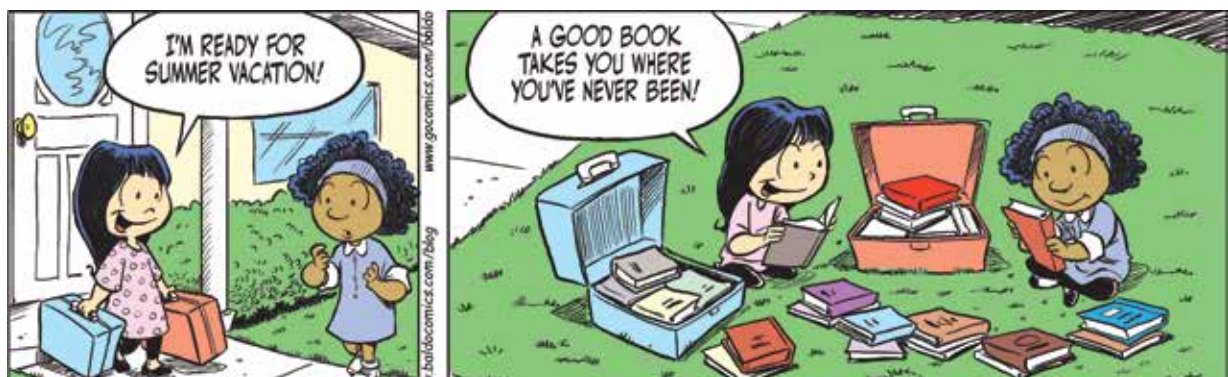


MAP – NOLA JOHNSTON

Write the words in order,  
from smallest to biggest.

1. city    town    village    village, town, city
2. huge    tiny    big    \_\_\_\_\_
3. best    good    better    \_\_\_\_\_
4. busier    busy    busiest    \_\_\_\_\_
5. mountain    hill    bump    \_\_\_\_\_
6. one    many    a few    \_\_\_\_\_
7. Greenwood    Zeballos    Slocan    \_\_\_\_\_
8. most    least    some    \_\_\_\_\_
9. couple    crowd    person    \_\_\_\_\_
10. closet    living room    home    \_\_\_\_\_

# Baldo



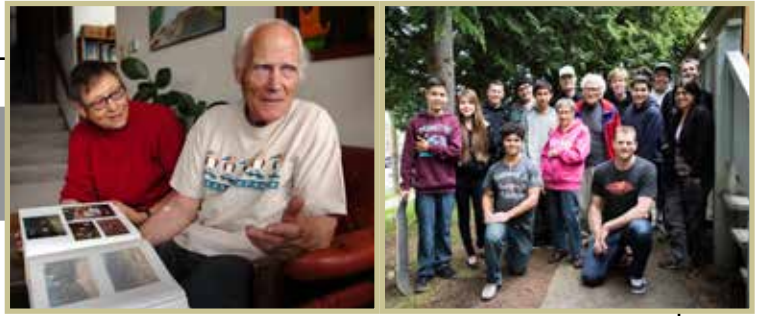
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Write three different sentences.

1. A good book \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A good book \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A good book \_\_\_\_\_.

# The love of mountains

PHOTOS – THE KAFERS: JON MURRAY/THE PROVINCE;  
KAFERS AND THE STREETFRONT STUDENTS: BARRY SKILLIN/VSB



**Fill in the blanks below.  
Then put the answers in the crossword.**

1. Britannia Secondary School has an alternative program called \_\_\_\_\_.
2. To \_\_\_\_\_ means to learn the skills needed to do something.
3. Martin and Esther Kafer love \_\_\_\_\_.
4. (down and across)  
Both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the students climbed Mt. \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The mountain is in \_\_\_\_\_.
6. To climb this mountain, a person must be \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Martin and Esther’s \_\_\_\_\_ is “Never give up!”
8. When life gets \_\_\_\_\_, never give up, they say.
9. Climbing is dangerous. Climbers who do not \_\_\_\_\_ do not come back.

Kafers	motto	Africa
tough	train	fit
prepare	mountains	
Kilimanjaro	Streetfront	

