

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. 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 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

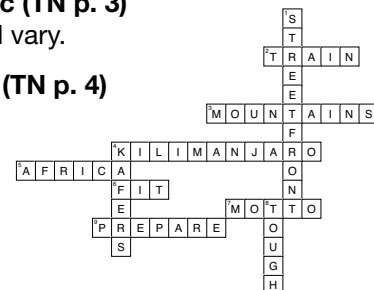


PHOTO OF WATERMELON - ISTOCKPHOTO

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. spoiloil..... | 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

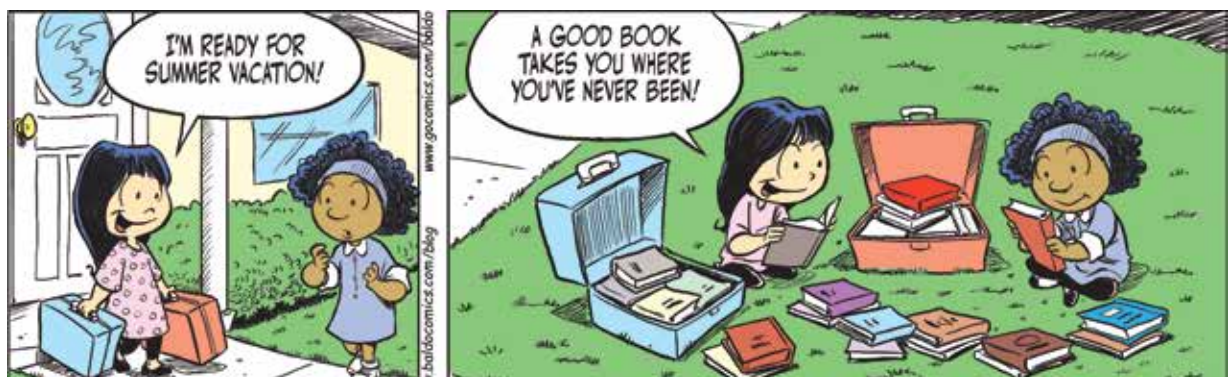


MAP - NOLA JOHNSTON

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 Slokan _____
8. most least some _____
9. couple crowd person _____
10. closet living room home _____

Baldo



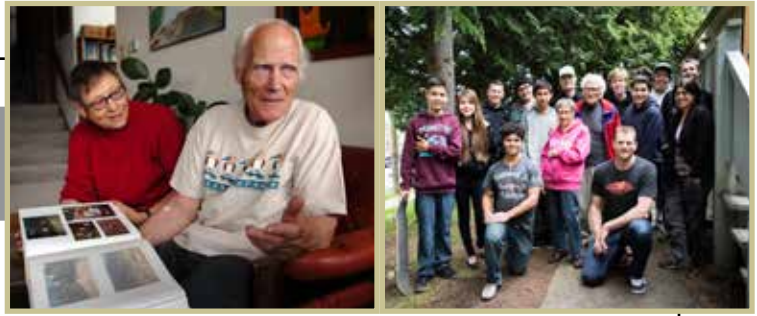
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Write three different sentences.

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	

