


# THE WESTCOAST READER

## TEACHERS' NOTES

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### THE WESTCOAST READER IS MOVING (WCR, p. 4)

An announcement about this move was e-mailed to the WCR readership in October. If you did not receive this announcement and would like one, we will be happy to send you an email copy. Please send your request to: [wcreader@capilano.ca](mailto:wcreader@capilano.ca)

### Andong Song (WCR, p. 1)

Tell your students Andong Song came to hockey almost by accident. "When I was 6 years old, I kept getting sick as a child, and my mom tried finding a sport for me and hockey came up."

Ice hockey is becoming increasingly popular in China. At last year's Sochi Winter Games, the Canada-Sweden Olympic gold medal game attracted 120 million viewers in China. Remind your students that Canada's population is about 36 million.

Watch Andong being interviewed: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=5TaEksfc4v4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5TaEksfc4v4)

### Crisis in Syria (WCR, p. 1)

Before reading, pre-teach the vocabulary. Ask learners if they think Canada is doing enough to help refugees.

Why or why not? Map of Syria and more facts: [america.aljazeera.com/articles/multimedia/interactive-humanitariancrisisinsyria.html](http://america.aljazeera.com/articles/multimedia/interactive-humanitariancrisisinsyria.html)

Where do Canada's refugees come from? <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/canada-refugees-1.3239460>

### New species found (WCR, p. 1)

Tell learners that *Homo naledi* is a human ancestor. Ask learners how they think this new species is similar to humans.

More info with photos and a video: <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2015/09/150910-human-evolution-change/>

### Remembrance Day

Canadian Remembrance Day links, including poems – [www.hes.ednet.ns.ca/linkspages/pageslinks/linksremembranceday.htm](http://www.hes.ednet.ns.ca/linkspages/pageslinks/linksremembranceday.htm)

Poem "Home" by Somali-British poet Warsan Shire on what it means to be a refugee. Audio – [www.cbc.ca/player/AudioMobile/Sunday%2BEdition/ID/2675319647/](http://www.cbc.ca/player/AudioMobile/Sunday%2BEdition/ID/2675319647/)

Lyrics – <http://seekershut.org/blog/2015/09/home-warsan-shire/>

Follow Somali refugee Yahya Samtar's incredible journey (how he swam to freedom): [www.cbc.ca/radio/dnto/swimming-to-freedom-the-incredible-story-of-yahya-samatar-1.3220659/map-yahya-samatar-s-route-1.3222995](http://www.cbc.ca/radio/dnto/swimming-to-freedom-the-incredible-story-of-yahya-samatar-1.3220659/map-yahya-samatar-s-route-1.3222995)

### ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

#### Find the right word (TN p. 2)

(2) dementia (3) art (4) old (5) residents (6) sick (7) walls (8) class (9) gallery

#### True ✓ or false x (TN p. 2)

(2) T (3) F - Not high school, elementary school. He was six years old. (4) F - It was his former coach. (5) F - He wanted to learn hockey well. (6) F - Not the NBA, the NHL.

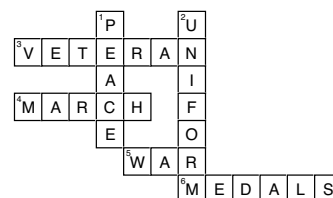
#### Comprehension (TN p. 3)

A. (1) so (2) not (3) for (4) about (5) through (6) have (7) behind (8) back  
B. Answers will vary; #5 will be challenging.

#### Comic and crossword (TN p. 4)

A. Answers will vary.

B.



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## Find the right word



**Read the story. Find the right word.**  
**Write it beside its meaning.**  
**The first letter of each word is there.**

1. You wear this on your foot.      s h o e
2. a brain disease      d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
3. paintings      a \_ \_
4. not young      o \_ \_
5. people living in a home      r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
6. not healthy      s \_ \_ \_
7. where you see art in the home      w \_ \_ \_ \_
8. a place to learn something      c \_ \_ \_ \_
9. This opened in September.      g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

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PHOTO OF ANDONG SONG - AP-ALAN DIAZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

## True ✓ or false x



**Write true or false next to each sentence below.**  
**If it is false, correct it.**

1. Andong Song will play on a <sup>an American</sup> ~~Canadian~~ hockey team. false
2. Andong fell in love with hockey. \_\_\_\_\_
3. He started playing hockey in high school. \_\_\_\_\_
4. His coach says, Andong “learned things very fast.” \_\_\_\_\_
5. He came to Canada to learn English. \_\_\_\_\_
6. Andong is the first Chinese player in the NBA. \_\_\_\_\_

# Comprehension



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## A. Choose the best word to complete the sentence. Write the words in the blanks.

1. George hurt his back, \_\_\_\_\_ he could not walk.  
a) so    b) with    c) but    d) when
2. George had his medals, uniform and photos,  
but \_\_\_\_\_ his cane.  
a) lose    b) not    c) with    d) was
3. He got a silver-tipped cane \_\_\_\_\_ his service during the war.  
a) when    b) by    c) for    d) with
4. Three or four times a year he would ask \_\_\_\_\_ his cane.  
a) look    b) for    c) in    d) about
5. The cane fell \_\_\_\_\_ a hole in the floor of the closet.  
a) close to    b) by    c) through    d) up
6. They knocked on the door and a man said,  
“I \_\_\_\_\_ something for you.”  
a) would    b) had    c) back    d) have
7. The cane was stuck \_\_\_\_\_ the furnace in his basement.  
a) under    b) in front of    c) behind    d) over
8. After 46 years, George got his cane \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) found    b) lost    c) back    d) over



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## B. With a partner, discuss this drawing.

1. Who is in the picture?
2. What is happening?
3. Where is it happening?
4. When is it happening?
5. Why is it happening?

# Comic and crossword

A. Read the comic. Then discuss what is happening in each picture.



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B. Use the Remembrance Day words in the word bank to fill in the crossword.

- veteran
- march
- uniform
- medals
- war
- peace

