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TEACHERS' NOTES

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WARNING (WCR, p.1)

China considers Taiwan to be a part of China; therefore, the story about the new president in Taiwan may be a politically-sensitive topic for some.

PRE-READING: PREDICTING

Level one stories

- Give learners a cloze exercise by omitting vital information in a story. Students work in pairs.

For example, in "Build it yourself", leave phrases out such as "in Ireland", "in Richmond" and "at BCIT". Give hints about the information you are looking for. In "Woman, 80, lands plane", leave out verbs such as "have been", "enjoy", "does not feel" and "lies down". Learners can guess the missing places and verbs. Chart their predictions on the board, noting important vocabulary.

- After comparing predictions and going over the vocabulary, choral read each story two or three times. Learners can choose which pair of students have the most accurate or creative predictions.

CELEBRATE SPRING, WRITE A POEM

Read Simin Behbahani's biographical highlights here: <http://siminbehbahani.com/index.php/en/simin-s-life-english>

Higher level students may want to read her poem mentioned in the WCR: <http://siminbehbahani.com/index.php/en/my-country-i-will-build-you-again>

For homework, ask students to choose a WCR story and write a poem. Here is one sample by Ken Nesbitt to go with the story of Wilbur (WCR, p. 4): <http://www.poetry4kids.com/m/?pid=541#.Vq0dG-kXWlQ>

CELEBRATIONS IN MARCH

- Plan a field trip:

There are events organized across B.C. celebrating International Women's Day; there is the annual Vancouver Cherry Blossom Festival (March 21 to April 17, 2016) as well. St. Patrick's Day celebrations and Easter Sunday services take place in many communities.

ANSWERS TO EXERCISES

Pronunciation (TN p. 2)

(1) raw (2) crawl (3) paw (4) straw (5) saw (6) claw (7) law (8) bawl (9) draw (10) shawl

Questions 11-13 - answers will vary

A paw - a photo and examples of animals with paws: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paw>

Homonyms (TN p. 3)

(1) buy (2) paws (3) week (4) two or four (5) weighs (6) new (7) eight (8) to

What do they mean? (TN p. 3)

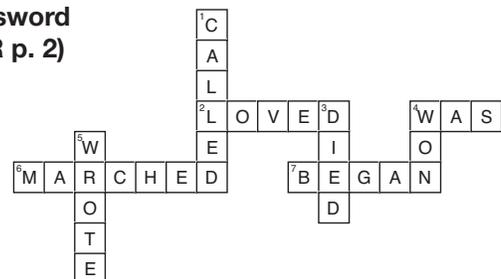
Challenging

(1) mechanic (2) professor (3) wage (4) accountant (5) refugee (6) colony (7) president (8) lawyer

Map (TN p. 4)

Ask students to identify the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. What cities or towns in these provinces were mentioned in this issue of the WCR? What other countries and cities were mentioned in this issue?

Crossword (WCR p. 2)



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Pronunciation - words with “aw”

Read the words in the word bank carefully.

Then look for a meaning for each one.

Write the correct “aw” word beside its meaning.

raw	claw	draw	bawl	crawl
paw	saw	straw	shawl	law

1. Not cooked _____
2. To move on your hands and knees _____
3. The foot of an animal with nails on it _____
4. You can use it to drink something. _____
5. You can cut wood with this. _____
6. The nail on a bird’s foot _____
7. A rule you must follow _____
8. To cry loudly like a baby _____
9. To make a picture with a pencil _____
10. A piece of fabric worn around your shoulders _____

Discussion questions.

Write your answers on another piece of paper.

11. Name three raw foods that you like.
12. Name three laws in Canada.
13. Name three animals which have paws.

Homonyms



PHOTOS: WILBUR – WAYNE LEIDENFROST/THE PROVINCE; HECTOR – COURTESY OF LISA KOROL

Some words sound the same but their spellings and meanings are different.

Say these words. Then choose the right word to complete each sentence.

two week ate knew for weighs pause buy
to weak eight new four ways paws by

1. I want to a pair of shoes today.
2. Hector lost his back
3. There are seven days in one.....
4. Please meet me at o'clock.
5. Now Wilbur is fat. He 34 kg.
6. The first legs for Hector did not work.
7. When she adopts Wilbur, he weighs only kg.
8. I am going school.

What do they mean?



Say each word, then write the number of its definition beside it.

refugee___ mechanic ___ accountant ___ president ___
lawyer___ professor ___ colony ___ wage___

1. fixes cars
2. teaches at a university
3. money for work
4. keeps financial records
5. escapes his or her country
6. a country controlled by another country
7. the head of a government
8. gives legal advice and goes to court

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Map

**A. Look at the map. Answer the questions.
Then write the province names on the map.**

1. In which province are the cities **Calgary** and **Edmonton**?

2. In which province are **La Loche** and **Regina**?

3. In which province are **Terrace** and **Fernie**?

**B. Write three more cities or towns in each province.
What is the capital city of each province?**



MAP - NOLA JOHNSTON