

# The Westcoast Reader

## Teachers' Notes



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The exercises in these Teachers' Notes provide learning activities for a wide range of learners. They focus on helping learners develop reading strategies; increase their vocabulary; and improve their grammar, spelling, and pronunciation. Resources are included for extension activities and a discussion is included to help improve speaking and listening.

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### Answers

#### Cooking Class (TN2)

1. d 2. E 3. g 4. f 5. b 6. a 7. c

#### Fill in the Blanks (TN2)

1. mayor, 2. quit, 3. years, 4. youngest, 5. family, 6. business, 7. village, 8. December

#### True or False (TN3)

1. F 2. T 3. T 4. F 5. F 6. T 7. F 8. T  
9. F

#### A Secret Message (TN3)

Zen helps Yoshi. Their friendship keeps them young!

#### Missing Verbs (WCR4)

1. ran, 2. started, 3. running, 4. decided, 5. waited, 6. found

### Discussion

The half-marathon article and the recipe in this issue use imperial measures. Canada adopted the metric system in the 1970s, but has not fully converted to the metric system. Why? Brainstorm, then list, items commonly measured using the metric system and those measured using the imperial system. Discuss.

### Resources

#### Minimum wage in BC goes up (WCR1)

The BC Government has a page on its website about the [minimum wage](#).

November is Financial Literacy Month. The ESL Financial Literacy Toolbox ([esl-literacy.com/flt](http://esl-literacy.com/flt)) may provide useful information for people trying to live on minimum wage.

#### Hats for new babies (WCR1)

The Period of Purple Crying® website has information for parents on how to understand babies' crying ([purplecrying.info](http://purplecrying.info)).

#### Zen helps Hoshi get around (WCR2)

There are videos of Zen and Hoshi on [The Fluffy Duo](#) YouTube channel.

#### Baby sea otter rescued (WCR4)

The Vancouver Aquarium has a [Sea Otter Cam](#) and information on sea otters on its website.

## Cooking Class

Find the word that matches. Write the letter for the word on the line.

___	1. crushed	a. pepper
___	2. kidney	b. oil
___	3. tomato	c. broth
___	4. celery	d. garlic
___	5. olive	e. beans
___	6. red	f. stalks
___	7. chicken	g. paste

## Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words from the list.

Luke Strimbold was the \_\_\_\_\_ of Burns Lake. He \_\_\_\_\_ in September. He was mayor from 2011 to 2016.

Mr. Strimbold is young. He was 21 \_\_\_\_\_ old in 2011. Now he is 26. He was the \_\_\_\_\_ mayor in BC history.

Mr. Strimbold wants more time for \_\_\_\_\_, education and \_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ will choose a new mayor in \_\_\_\_\_.

business

December

family

mayor

quit

village

years

yet

## True or False

Circle **T** if the sentence is true or **F** if the sentence is false.

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| 1. A Burnaby woman was the victim of an internet scam.         | T | F |
| 2. A group called CroKnits makes a lot of hats for new babies. | T | F |
| 3. Hoshi is an American Eskimo dog.                            | T | F |
| 4. Once a year we change our clocks.                           | T | F |
| 5. Many communities have potluck suppers on Remembrance Day.   | T | F |
| 6. Half a marathon is 13.1 miles.                              | T | F |
| 7. Rialto lives at the Seattle Aquarium                        | T | F |
| 8. The minimum wage in BC went up in September.                | T | F |
| 9. Burns Lake is in Alberta.                                   | T | F |

## A Secret Message

Fill in the blank with the letter of the alphabet that comes before each letter.

Y D M      G D K O R      X N R G H.      S G D H Q

E Q H D M C R G H O      J D D O R

S G D L      X N T M F!

Write the message:

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## Think About It

The Burnaby LINC program helps people with reading and writing. It also helps people with other kinds of literacy.

Literacy means having the skills you need for your daily life.

What literacy skills would you like to improve? Why?

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## Missing Verbs

Choose the correct verb for each sentence.

1. A 12-year old girl \_\_\_\_\_ half of a marathon by mistake.

run, ran, running

2. She saw people \_\_\_\_\_ to run.

start, started, starting

3. Lee was \_\_\_\_\_ with the wrong group.

ran, run, running

4. She \_\_\_\_\_ to finish the race.

decide, decided, deciding

5. Lee's mother \_\_\_\_\_ for her at the finish line.

wait, waited, waiting

7. They \_\_\_\_\_ Lee in the other race.

find, found, finding