

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

Word endings (TN2)

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

What's the question? (TN3) (Answers may vary.)

- When can you visit Canada's parks for free?
- Who died in November 2016?
- Who played soccer in Vancouver?
- What fell on the town of Ain Sefra in Algeria?
- When will the price of food go up in Canada?
- What is the most congested city in Canada?
- What is called ultra-running?
- Who is the youngest Canadian athlete to win a gold medal?

Dos and Don'ts (TN4) (answers may vary)

- Do get seven hours of sleep.
- Don't drive when you are usually sleeping.
- Do stop for a break every two hours or every 200 kilometres.
- Don't eat heavy foods.
- Do travel with someone who is awake.
- Don't do all the driving.

Resources & Discussion

Leonard Cohen: a Canadian artist (WCR1)

<https://www.leonardcohen.com/>

Driven to distraction? (WCR3)

<http://exchange.aaa.com/safety/roadway-safety/drowsy-driving/?zip=V4M+0A1&devicecd=PC&referer=www.aaa.com#.WIFXeFMrL3i>

Is your news fake or real? (WCR4)

Read the fake news article in the WCR as a class. Ask students how they differentiate between real and fake news. Discuss.

The following links contain a fake news lesson plan and research report:

<http://ww2.kqed.org/lowdown/wp-content/uploads/sites/26/2016/12/Fake-news-lesson-plan.pdf>

<https://sheg.stanford.edu/upload/V3LessonPlans/Executive%20Summary%2011.21.16.pdf>

Word Endings

A verb is an action word and a noun is a person, a place or a thing. Sometimes a word ending is added to a verb to make a noun.

Match the verb in the first column with the noun in the second column.

	Verbs	Nouns
<u>f</u>	1. organize	a. development
—	2. attend	b. assessment
—	3. develop	c. attention
—	4. congest	d. distraction
—	5. distract	e. information
—	6. inform	* organization
—	7. assess	g. congestion

Build Your Vocabulary

Write sentences using three of the words from the lists above. If you don't know the meaning, look it up. Be sure to use at least one verb and one noun!

1.
2.
3.

What's the question?

Read the Westcoast Reader. Write a question for each of the answers below. Begin your questions with "Who, What, When or Where."

1. What is the world's newest mammal?

The world's newest mammal is the olinguito.

2. _____?

You can visit Canada's national parks for free this year.

3. _____?

Leonard Cohen died in November 2016.

4. _____?

John Thorrington played soccer in Vancouver.

5. _____?

Snow fell on the town of Ain Sefra in Algeria.

6. _____?

The price of food will go up in Canada in 2017.

7. _____?

Vancouver is the most congested city in Canada.

8. _____?

Running in 50 to 100 kilometre races is called ultra-running.

9. _____?

Penny Oleksiak is the youngest Canadian athlete to win a gold medal.

What is your favourite song?

Write a paragraph about your favourite song. Include:

- the name of the song
- why you like it
- how you feel when you sing or listen to it

Dos and Don'ts

Write three things to do and three things not to do when you drive.
When you are finished, compare your answers with a classmate's.

1. Do _____.
2. Don't _____.
3. Do _____.
4. Don't _____.
5. Do _____.
6. Don't _____.