

Teachers' Notes



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Lots of Lees (p 1)

✓ Many surnames have meanings.

For example:

- Kim means “gold” in Korean.
- Ivanov means “son of Ivan” in Russian.
- Wang means “king” in Chinese.
- Silva means “forest” in Spanish.

Ask students if their surnames have meanings. Make a list on the board.

🔍 Find out about surnames at:
surnames.behindthename.com

Afghan women work together (p 2)

✓ Discuss co-operatives. Ask the students if they can think of other kinds of co-operatives. For example, a housing co-operative or a credit union.

✓ The prefix “co” means with or together. Ask students to make a list of words with this prefix—co-worker, co-sign, co-star.

Note: You may want to review prefixes before doing the exercise on page 3 of these notes.

Help toddlers learn (p 3)

✓ Bring a selection of children’s books to class. Ask the students to work in groups of two or three and choose one book to present to the class. They can talk about the story, cover, and illustrations. They could also do a book poster.

🔍 Find out about early literacy at:
www.ala.org/alsc/raise_a_reader.html
www.bornlearning.org

Going to the pharmacy (p 4)

✓ Ask students to think of other questions they might ask a pharmacist about a new medication. For example:

“Are there any side effects?”

“How soon will I feel better?”

“What if I miss a dose?”

“How should I store the medication?”

“Can I get a refill?”

✓ Ask students to list different forms of medicine. For example:

tablets	capsules
caplets	creams
ointments	drops
liquids	injections

🔍 Pharmacists are available to answer questions about medications from 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. by calling the BC NurseLine.

604-215-4700 (Vancouver area)

1-866-215-4700 (everywhere else in B.C.)

Students can visit *The Westcoast Reader* website to read and listen to articles.

www.westcoastreader.ca

Answers for exercise

What’s the word? (TN-3)

2. replay 3. impossible 4. unafraid 5. dishonest
6. irregular 7. indirect 8. uneven

How to read a medication label

Dr. Krinke gave Maritza a prescription for ear drops. Maritza went to the pharmacy. She got the prescription filled. Here is the label on the ear drops.

prescription number

name of pharmacy

doctor's name

patient's name

instructions

date the prescription was filled

name of drug

date the drug expires

drug identification number

how many times you can refill the prescription

Rx: 123456

Dr. Krinke

XYZ Pharmacy
400 Maple Street
Anywhere, BC

Maritza Smith

Put 3 drops into the affected ear 4 times a day for 7 days.

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Drug Exp. 2009 09

7.5 mL Garasone

Repeats: 0

DIN: 00682217

Look at the medication label above and write short answers on the lines.

1. What is the name of the drug? _____
2. When was the prescription filled? _____
3. What does DIN stand for? _____
4. How many times a day should Maritza use the drops? _____
5. How many refills can she get? _____
6. When does the drug expire? _____
7. How many days should Maritza use the drops? _____

What's the word?

One of the three prefixes next to the root word is right for that word.

Choose the correct prefix and write the new word on the line.

Note: Only one new word (co-operate) has a hyphen.

prefixes	root word	new word
1. co / in / dis	operate	_____ co-operate _____
2. un / re / in	play	_____
3. re / mis / im	possible	_____
4. un / mis / in	afraid	_____
5. un / dis / re	honest	_____
6. im / ir / pre	regular	_____
7. il / un / in	direct	_____
8. de / pre / un	even	_____

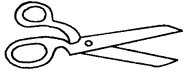
Finish the chart

Finish this chart with information about the four dogs that are native to Canada.

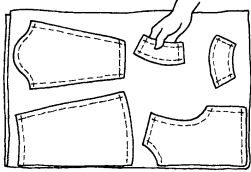
Breed of dog	Place in Canada	Type of work
Duck Trolling Retriever		
	Canada's Arctic	
		working on fishing boats
Tahltan Bear Dog		

Unscramble and match

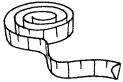
Unscramble the letters and write the word.
Then match the word and the picture.



1. peta eruasem



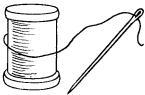
2. rossciss



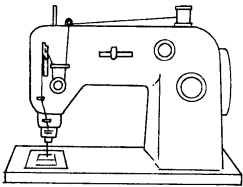
3. delene dna dareth



4. wenigs ciemhan



5. snip



6. naterpt

More ideas



Read *Go green in 2008* in the newspaper. Can you think of four more ways to use less water? Write your ideas on the lines.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____