

CHAPTER 6: THE PACIFIC REGION

A. COMPREHENSION

1. What is the third-largest city in Canada?
2. What is the name of the valley in south-central British Columbia in which a large amount of fruit is grown and wine produced?
3. Members of which ethnic group were forcibly moved during the Second World War from the coastal areas of BC to the centre of the province or to southern Alberta, even though these people were citizens of Canada?
4. How does the weather in Vancouver and Victoria compare to the weather in the rest of Canada?
5. What geographical feature covers most of the province of BC?
6. What natural resource in BC provides one of the largest parts of BC's economy?
7. Greater Vancouver includes several large municipalities in addition to the city of Vancouver. Name two of those.
8. What is the name of a very large and beautiful park located in Vancouver along the ocean?
9. The 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics took place in Vancouver and _____.
10. Vancouverites call their rapid transit system the _____.

B. VOCABULARY RECOGNITION

Place each of the following words in one of the sentences below:

balmy	ecologists
boutiques	exclusive
charm	livelihoods
declined	optional
domestic	wholesome

1. While it is more fun to shop in small _____ than in large busy department stores such as Wal-Mart or the Bay, it is usually more expensive.

2. Many people from Hong Kong chose to immigrate to Vancouver partly because the _____ climate was more similar to that of Hong Kong than that found in the rest of Canada.
3. West Vancouver is a very _____ neighbourhood and homes there cost a lot more money than they do in neighbouring North Vancouver.
4. Most parents want to ensure that their children eat very _____ foods so that they grow up to be healthy.
5. Having a driver's licence and paying for insurance are not _____ if you wish to own and drive a car.
6. While _____ can often help you get to know people, education and work experience are necessary to get and keep a good job.
7. As society becomes increasingly technical and automated, more and more people require extensive computer training to earn their _____.
8. _____ workers have more job security than temporary foreign workers.
9. When invited to go for a beer with his colleagues after work on Friday afternoon, the man _____ the invitation.
10. As society becomes increasingly aware of the importance of protecting our environment and living in sustainable ways, there are more and more jobs available for trained _____.

C. WORD FAMILIES

Use your dictionary to find the other words in the word family chart below.

VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
		exclusive	
	conservation		
replenish		-----	-----
warn			

Use each word from the table in one of the 14 sentences below.

1. The owner of a copyright has the _____ right to sell the product for which that copyright has been registered.

2. The _____ of John's name from the list of invitees to the party was disappointing and humiliating to John, as all his friends had been invited.
3. To _____ an individual from participating in a conversation for which he or she is present can be hurtful and mean-spirited.
4. She gets all her family's medications _____ from her community pharmacy because the pharmacists there all give her very good service and charge a reasonable price.
5. The _____ of the world's rainforests is a high priority for ecologists and pharmaceutical researchers alike, as the rainforest is a major source of the oxygen we breathe and of many medications we need to fight illness.
6. Older people are usually more _____ than younger people.
7. I dress much more _____ than my three daughters do.
8. Hotels are trying to _____ water by urging their guests to use the same towel and sheets for more than one night.
9. The server or the host is normally responsible for the _____ of the diners' coffee and water.
10. The lumber industry is now legally bound to _____ the forests after they have cut down all the trees. They plant seedlings so that new trees can grow where the old ones once stood.
11. The old man shook his cane _____ at the boys who were about to steal the peanuts he was using to feed the birds at the park.
12. The purpose of the red stop signs is to _____ drivers that they must stop and let other traffic go through the intersection before they themselves proceed.
13. The speeding driver felt lucky when the policeman decided to give him a _____ instead of a ticket.
14. The flashing yellow light is a _____ light which tells drivers they must be cautious and watch for other traffic.

D. DISCUSSION TOPICS

- » Vancouver is the most expensive city in Canada when it comes to real estate. This was not always the case. A number of factors have caused this change. Increasingly, young families no longer even dream of owning their own home and are reconciled to raising their children in small apartments. On the one hand, those who can't afford housing in Vancouver experience this as a problem. On the other hand, many urban planners see it instead as a solution to urban sprawl and the loss of valuable growing land resulting from everyone wanting to live in a house. What are your thoughts on this situation?

- » Older Canadians are familiar with the Queen Charlotte Islands but you will not find that name on any current map. They are now called the Haida Gwaii, the Haida name for these beautiful islands. This name means *islands of the people*. Canada's Aboriginal people are finding ways to reclaim their cultural identities after generations of having had them stolen along with their land, languages, and children. Can you think of other examples of changes that support our First Nations in regaining their sense of pride in and ownership of their culture and traditions?

- » The Okanagan Valley is one of the most beautiful locations in Canada. There, we find orchards growing fruit and vineyards producing wine that many Canadians love to enjoy. We also find that the small communities that used to be there to support these industries have been replaced by rapidly growing cities, three of which are Kelowna, Penticton, and Vernon. As these cities grow, valuable and beautiful agricultural land is being lost. A large tourist industry has sprung up as Canadians and Americans alike flood the area in summer to enjoy the wineries, restaurants, beaches, and hot-weather summer activities. This flood of people and the concurrent building of hotels, restaurants, and shops to serve them may be good for the economy, but it also threatens the very way of life that takes them there. How can we protect this precious place?