

# ELSA NET

*Instructors*

## *Resource Bulletin: Field Trips and Guest Speakers*

### Field Trips

Ensuring that your field trip is a productive and valuable learning experience for students takes a lot of planning such as contacting organizations, preparing assignment sheets, and stimulating students' interest. Despite these challenges, a carefully integrated field trip offers exceptional learning potential for all students. The table below helps you find field trip ideas related to themes you are teaching and suggests corresponding stages for a successful field trip.



Themes	Field Trip Ideas	Prepare	Apply	Follow-up
<b>Canada</b>	Canadian Citizenship Ceremony / Law Courts	Examine roles and responsibilities Prepare questions Role play interviews	Interview a lawyer and/or judge Observe cases Take notes	Create a presentation showcasing responsibilities of a judge or lawyer
<b>Community</b>	CBC Radio / Local Senior's Home / Port of Vancouver	Brainstorm questions Learn history/ meaning of organization	Observe and ask questions (guide) Take notes	Share and compare notes/outcomes
<b>Education</b>	Colleges / Universities	Research available programs/courses	Interview staff Take notes	Design ads about interesting courses
<b>Emergencies</b>	Fire Hall / Canadian Coast Guard / Police Station	Examine roles and responsibilities Role play 911 calls	Observe and ask questions (guide) Take photos/notes	Make a collage Write a thank you card
<b>Employment</b>	Services Canada / Local Employment Centre	Research services offered	Ask questions Take notes	Use the organization's services
<b>Environment</b>	Vancouver Convention Centre / Covanta Energy	Introduce meaning of 'being green'	Ask questions Take notes	Create a diagram of how to save energy
<b>Food</b>	Save-on-Foods Nutrition Tour / Food Stores	Ask for directions Study nutritious food	Shop for recipe items	Create a presentation about a recipe
<b>Shopping</b>	Malls / Local Shops	Practise role playing: find/purchase/ return items	Ask for items Find/purchase items Shop on a budget	Present items in poster or presentation form
<b>Seasonal</b>	PNE / Fruit Picking / Burnaby Village Museum	Introduce Canadian culture/holidays	Participate in Canadian culture	Create a poster with photos/memories
<b>Transportation</b>	YVR Airport / Tourist Information Centre	Review public transit Explore websites	Take public transit Complete assignment	Review assignment sheet

## Guest Speakers

Guest speakers in your classroom can enrich a lesson, provide specialized expertise, stimulate interest, and help students connect classroom learning to real-world applications. An outside presenter should be arranged well in advance (confirm the visit a few days before as well), let the guest speaker what to expect, the English level of the class and the topics that are of interest. Encourage the speaker to solicit questions and ask your students to formulate and prepare questions ahead of the presentation. The table below helps you find guest speaker ideas on several themes along with corresponding stages for a valuable educational experience.



Themes	Guest Speaker Ideas	Prepare	Apply	Follow-up
<b>Community</b>	Local Newspaper Editor / Community Centre Programmer / Port Vancouver	Read related brochures, community newspapers and websites	Ask questions for follow-up activity Take notes	Introduce newspaper to other classes Register for program with Centre
<b>Emergencies</b>	811/911 Call Centre / Red Cross / Emergency Social Services (ESS) / Fire / Police (RCMP) / Paramedic	Examine roles and responsibilities Role play 911 calls Practise vocabulary	Role play emergency calls/situations Ask questions	Prepare checklist for emergencies Present and teach other classes
<b>Employment</b>	WorkSafe BC Official	Research WorkSafe BC (role in BC)	Get information for follow-up activity	Create a 'good to know' brochure
<b>Environment</b>	BC Hydro Street Team	Study energy related vocabulary	Ask questions Take notes	Apply for BC Hydro promotions
<b>Family</b>	Neighbourhood House / Family Services of Greater Vancouver	Research organizations' websites	Ask questions Take notes	Fill out an application form to volunteer/participate
<b>Health</b>	Pharmacist / Fraser Health / BC Cancer Agency	Prepare interview style questions for guest speaker	Ask questions and take notes for follow-up activity	Create awareness raising school campaign
<b>Housing</b>	Real Estate Agent / Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre	Brainstorm questions about students' personal real estate/rental experience	Ask questions about experienced situations Take notes	Role play tenant-landlord/realtor-buyer situations
<b>Law</b>	Crime Stoppers / Corrections Canada	Research and investigate roles and responsibilities	Ask questions Role play situations	Practise more police-citizen situations (how to react)
<b>Transportation</b>	CBSA Officer / Skytrain / ICBC Official	Prepare interview questions	Ask questions Take notes	Create a travel poster/checklist

 **ELSA Net Training**

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“Language is not a genetic gift, it is a social gift. Learning a new language is becoming a member of the club — the community of speakers of that language.”

~ Frank Smith ~