Unit 4 — Canada: Perspectives — Teacher copy

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1. Reading

Read the text and use it for the activities below.

Reading — *Whitehorse, Yukon*

Whitehorse was named after the white-foam rapids of the Yukon River. The town was founded as a stop on the gold-rush route. It is now the capital of the Yukon Territory. Many Indigenous peoples — First Nations such as the Kwanlin Dün and the Ta'an Kwäch'än — were already living in the area for thousands of years before Europeans arrived. Today their languages are taught in schools alongside English and French.

Grammar — past passive

Form: *was/were + past participle*.

- *Whitehorse **was named** after the rapids.*
- *The town **was founded** as a stop on the route.*
- *Indigenous languages **were spoken** for thousands of years before Europeans arrived.*

2. Practise

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1. Active → past passive: They named the town. → ___ ; Settlers founded the city. → ___ .
2. Choose: *Indigenous languages _____ (speak / past passive) for thousands of years.*

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3. Build 3 past-passive sentences about a place's history.

3. Your turn

Region reflection, 120 words. Write about an English-speaking region (Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa) — its name origin, who lived there before, what languages are spoken now. Use 4 past-passive structures.

Sample

Whitehorse, the capital of Yukon, was named after the rapids on the Yukon River. The town was founded as a stop on the Klondike gold-rush route. The land, however, had been lived on for thousands of years before Europeans arrived. Today the languages of the Kwanlin Dün and Ta'an Kwäch'än First Nations are taught in schools alongside English and French. In the long winter, when sunlight is short, daily life is reorganised around the cold. People joke that winter is not survived but negotiated.

4. Further reading / listening

- CBC Kids News — accessible Canadian news.
- Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada — official perspectives.

5. Teacher answer key

G. 1. *The town was named. The city was founded by settlers.*

2. were spoken.

M. 3. Open.