

SECTION 1

ELLA FROM TANCOOK ISLAND

Lesson 2

Tancook Island

STUDY

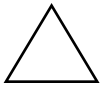
bay (bā). A large part of a sea or ocean partly surrounded by land.

ferry (fĕr•ē). A boat that carries people or goods across a body of water.

mainland (mān•lānd). The main part of a continent. Tancook Island is near the *mainland* of Nova Scotia.

shore (shōr). The land along the edge of the water.

village (vīl•ij). A small town.

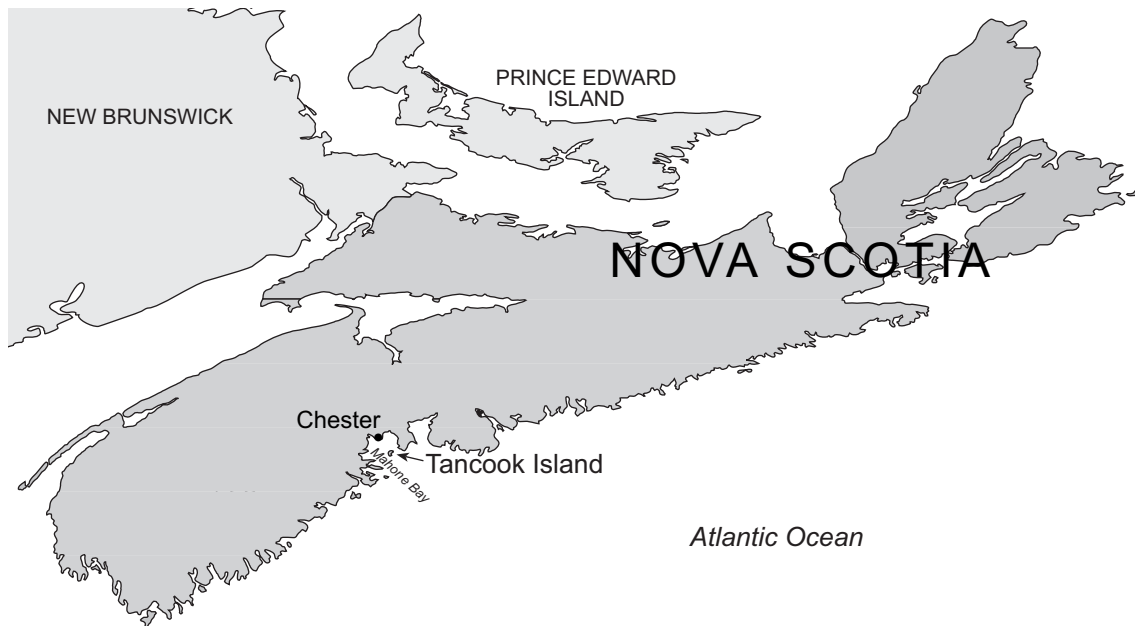


Say these words to someone.

Ella is a girl from Nova Scotia (nō•və skō•shə). Nova Scotia is in Canada. Can you find Canada on a globe or map? Now look at the east side of Canada to find Nova Scotia. Ella lives on a small island called Tancook Island.

Look at the map of Nova Scotia on page 5. Can you find Tancook Island in the Mahone **Bay**? It looks very small, doesn't it? It *is* small. It is so small that it would take only about 15 minutes to drive around the edge of it.

In the ocean around Tancook Island live many fish. Nearly all of the men from Ella's **village** are fishermen. They catch fish to sell.



If you would walk along the **shore** of the island, you would see many fishing boats. The boats belong to the village men. Every day they take their boats out into the bay to fish. Ella's father has a boat. Her big brother Ken is Father's helper on the boat.



Fishing boats along the shore.

Ken Wiedemann

Lesson 2

Tancook Island has nice weather. It is not too hot and not too cold. In the summer, the weather is warm. Spring and fall are cool and often foggy. In winter, the temperature often goes below freezing, and snow falls. Tancook Island often gets about 70 inches of snow.

Ella's house is at the edge of the village. From the front of the house, Ella can see the ocean and fishing boats.

There is only one school on Tancook Island. It is very small. There are only about 30 students in the school. All the children in grades 1-6 go there. After they finish Grade 6, they must go to a bigger school on the **mainland**. They must go by **ferry**. They ride the ferry across the six miles of water between Tancook Island and the mainland to go to school in the town of Chester.

Ella is in second grade, so she goes to the small island school. But her older sister Laura is in Grade 8. Laura rides the ferry to the school on the mainland. Ken has finished school already. He helps Father on the fishing boat.



Fill in the blanks.

1. Most of the men in Ella's village are

fishermen.

2. Tancook Island is in the part of the ocean called

Mahone Bay.

3. The land along the edge of the water is the

shore.



Answer these questions.

4. Could you walk around Tancook Island in one day?

yes

5. How do you know?

You could drive
around it in 15 minutes.

6. Do you think Ella ever has fish to eat?

yes

7. What makes you think so?

Her father is a fisherman.

△ 8. Would you like to live on Tancook Island?

△ 9. Why or why not?

Answers will
vary.

Did you think *Nova Scotia* sounded like a funny name? Far across the ocean from Nova Scotia is a country called *Scotland*. Long ago, when people first came to Canada to live, they named part of the land *Nova Scotia*, which means "New Scotland." Maybe the long-ago settlers thought the new land looked like the far-off country of Scotland.



Do these activities.

10. *Nova Scotia* means “ New Scotland .”

△ 11. What is the name of your country, state, or province?

△ 12. In the encyclopedia, look up the name you wrote for Number 11. See if you can find out how your country, state, or province got its name. You may ask your teacher to help you.

Lesson 3

Fisherman’s Daughter

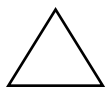


lobster (läb•stər). A hard-shelled sea animal with two large claws, eaten for food.

lobster pot (läb•stər pät). A trap used to catch lobsters.

ocean floor (ō•shən flör). The solid ground beneath the ocean.

swamp (swämp). To fill with water and sink.



Say these words to someone.



A lobster fisherman unloading his pot.

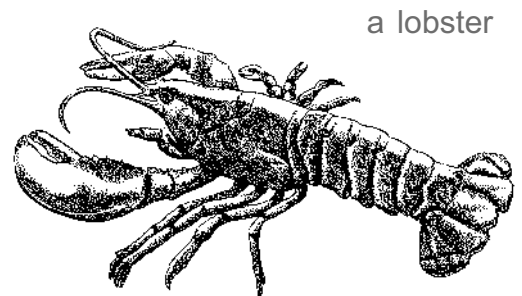
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One day Father said Ella could go with him on the fishing boat. After breakfast, she walked with Father and Ken down to the shore.

Father checked to make sure the boat was ready for the day's work. Ken filled the gas tank. Ella climbed into the boat and put their lunch in a safe place.

First they went to check the **lobster pots**. The pots were down on the **ocean floor**. Father and Ken pulled up the pots and scooped the **lobsters** out. Ken put a wooden peg in each lobster's claw before he dropped it into the ice box.

"Why do you put those pegs in, Ken?" asked Ella.



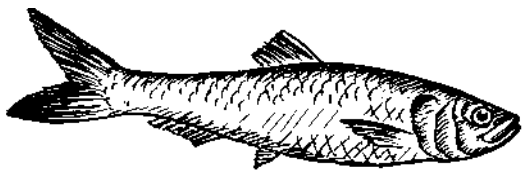
a lobster

“Well, you know how these claws can pinch, don’t you?”

Ella nodded. She remembered the time when she picked up a lobster and it had grabbed her finger with its claws.

“If we didn’t put pegs in their claws, they would fight and hurt each other. Then they wouldn’t be good to sell.” He scooped the last lobster out of the pot and pegged its claws. Father baited the pot and dropped it back into the water.

Father moved the boat farther out into the water. Before long Father said he was ready to put out the net. He and Ken spread the net. Then all three of them relaxed while they ate lunch.



herring

After a while Father said it was time to pull in the net. Ella could see many flopping, squirming fish—

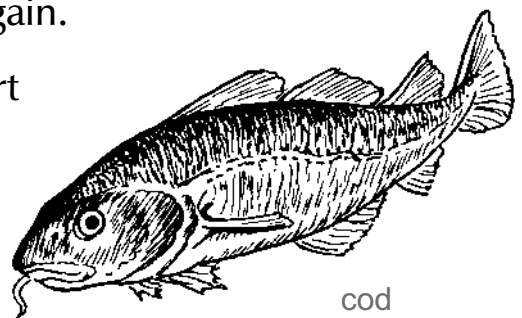
big cod and smaller herring. Father and Ken used a dipper net to scoop the fish out of the water. When they finished, they set the net again.

Finally Father said it was time to start back to the island. “It is a long ride back, and we have a big load.”

“Is it bad to have a big load?” asked Ella.

“It is more dangerous,” Father said. “If the wind blows hard, a big load makes it easier for the boat to **swamp**.”

Ella sat back and let the cool breeze blow in her face. Before long, her eyes drooped shut and she was asleep.



cod

Two hours later she sat up and blinked. "Did you have a good nap?" Father asked. "We're almost home."

"Good," said Ella. "It was fun to go with you today, but now I'm ready to be at home again."



Circle the best answer.

1. Father and Ken use nets, pots to catch lobsters.
2. They use nets, pots to catch fish.



Find and circle these words in the word box.

3. fishing
4. boat
5. net
6. pot
7. lobster
8. herring
9. cod



Fill in the blanks with Study Words.

10. If a boat would swamp, it might go all the way to
the ocean floor.



Read the paragraph and answer the question.

Let's suppose that Father and Ken and Ella took some lobsters home for Mother to cook for supper. When Ella saw Father and Ken taking the lobsters out of the lobster pots, they were green. But if Mother cooks them for supper, they will not stay green. They will change color.

11. Look up *lobster* in an encyclopedia or dictionary to find out what color lobsters turn when they are cooked. They turn red.

Lesson 4

Shopping With Mother

WE REMEMBER



Write the word beside its meaning.

1. mainland the main part of a continent
2. lobster hard-shelled sea animal eaten for food
3. shore land along the edge of the water
4. village a small town