



O CANADA!

Canadian Trivia Quiz

How well do you know Canada? Invite your family or friends to test their knowledge on all things Canadian with this themed quiz.

Looking for an extra challenge? Modify the questions by removing the multiple choices to really stump the smarty-pants in your life.

Canadian Geography

1. What is the name of the deepest lake in Canada?

- A) Quesnel Lake
- B) Lake Superior
- C) Great Slave Lake
- D) Lake Huron

Answer C: Great Slave Lake. Located in the Northwest Territories Great Slave Lake is Canada's deepest lake. At 2,015 feet deep this Great Slave Lake is the 8th deepest lake in the world.

2. What is Canada's only officially bilingual province?

- A) Manitoba
- B) Quebec
- C) Ontario
- D) New Brunswick

Answer D: New Brunswick. Canada is a bilingual country recognizing French and English languages, the only officially bilingual province is New Brunswick. Quebec is the only all-French province. Government services are also offered in Indigenous languages in areas of Canada as well.

3. How many time zones does Canada have?

- A) 6
- B) 8
- C) 10
- D) 12

Answer A: There are 6 time zones in Canada (Pacific, Mountain, Central, Eastern, Atlantic and Newfoundland).

4. What is the tallest mountain peak in Canada?

- A) Mount Logan, Yukon
- B) Mount Fairweather, British Columbia
- C) North Twin, Alberta
- D) Mount Caubvick, Newfoundland

Answer A: Mount Logan in Yukon is Canada's tallest mountain. It is 5,995 metres high and is in Kluane National Park and Reserve.

5. The first Tim Horton's opened in what city?

- A) London
- B) Hamilton
- C) Barrie
- D) Collingwood

Answer B: Hamilton. The first Tim Horton's opened in Hamilton, Ontario in 1964. By 2018 there are 4,846 Tim Horton restaurants located in 14 countries around the world.

6. What province was the cocktail drink the "Caesar" invented in?

- A) Nova Scotia
- B) British Columbia
- C) Newfoundland
- D) Alberta

Answer D: Alberta. The Caesar was invented in Calgary, Alberta in 1969 by Chef Walter Chell.

7. What Canadian province or territory boasts the longest freshwater beach in the world?

- A) British Columbia
- B) Nunavut
- C) Ontario
- D) Prince Edward Island

Answer C: Ontario. Wasaga Beach, located in Ontario is the world's longest freshwater beach with 14 kilometres of sandy shoreline.

8. What is the largest country in the world?

- A) Canada
- B) The United States of America
- C) Russia
- D) China

Answer C: Russia. This is sort of a trick question. Canada is actually the 2nd largest country in the world. Not bad geographically speaking!

Canadian History

1. Who was Prime Minister of Canada for the shortest period of time?

- A) Kim Campbell
- B) Sir Charles Tupper
- C) Paul Martin
- D) John Turner

Answer B: Sir Charles Tupper was Canada's shortest-serving prime minister at 68 days. He was also the oldest person to become Prime Minister at 74 years of age.

2. Who is featured on the new \$10 Canadian bill?

- A) Emily Carr
- B) Agnes Macphail
- C) Viola Desmond
- D) Queen Elizabeth II

Answer C: Viola Desmond, a black woman from Halifax who took a stand for racial equality in a rural Nova Scotia movie theatre. It was 1946, and Viola Desmond caused a stir by refusing to move to a section of the theatre unofficially set aside for black patrons. Desmond was dragged out of the theatre and jailed.

3. What is the name of the Canadian who composed "In Flanders Fields"?

- A) Billy Bishop
- B) Margaret MacDonald
- C) Gen. Arthur Currie
- D) Lt.-Col. John McCrae

Answer D: Canadian physician Lt.-Col. John McCrae composed the poem "In Flanders Fields" in 1915.

4. When was the "loonie" introduced into Canadian currency circulation?

- A) 1987
- B) 1997
- C) 2007
- D) 2017

Answer A: 1987. The Loonie, featuring a loon design was introduced into circulation in 1987.

5. Who was the youngest person to become Prime Minister?

- A) Justin Trudeau
- B) Joe Clarke
- C) Brian Mulroney
- D) Alexander Mackenzie

Answer: B: Joe Clark became Prime Minister one day before his 40th birthday making him Canada's youngest prime minister at 39 years and 364 days old.

6. What province was the first to grant voting rights to women?

- A) Ontario
- B) Quebec
- C) Nova Scotia
- D) Manitoba

Answer D: Manitoba. In 1916 Manitoba was the first province to grant women the right to vote in provincial elections.

7. What year was Lesbian and Gay Pride Day (now known as Pride) established in Toronto?

- A) 1981
- B) 1991
- C) 1961
- D) 1971

Answer A: 1981. On February 5 1981, police arrested 300 men in raids on four bathhouses in Toronto. Lesbian and Gay Pride Day was established the same year as a reaction to the raids.

8. Which city's harbor was destroyed by a ship explosion in 1917?

- A) Vancouver
- B) Halifax
- C) St. John's
- D) Sydney

Answer B: The Halifax Explosion was the largest human-made explosion in history until the detonation of the atomic bomb.

Canadian Sports

1. Which former NHL player is known as the “Rocket”?

- A) Hector Blake
- B) Maurice Richard
- C) Bobby Orr
- D) Wayne Gretzky

Answer B: Maurice “Rocket” Richard played 18 seasons for the Montreal Canadiens from 1942 to 1960.

2. What consecutive years did the Toronto Blue Jays win back to back World Series titles?

- A) 1982 & 1983
- B) 1992 & 1993
- C) 2002 & 2003
- D) 2012 & 2013

Answer B: The Toronto Blue Jays became World Series champs in 1992 and again in 1993.

3. How many Canadian teams are in the NHL?

- A) 7
- B) 8
- C) 9
- D) 10

Answer A: 7. Of the 31 NHL teams, 7 are Canadian (the Montreal Canadiens, Toronto Maple Leafs, Ottawa Senators, Winnipeg Jets, Edmonton Oilers, Calgary Flames and Vancouver Canucks).

4. What is the name of the Canadian Golfer who won The Masters Tournament in 2003?

- A) Mike Weir
- B) Graham DeLaet
- C) Corey Connors
- D) Brooke Henderson

Answer A: Mike Weir was the first Canadian to win a major golf tournament, winning The Masters in 2003. He was also the first left-handed player to win The Masters.

5. How many Canadian cities have hosted the Olympics?

- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 4

Answer C: 3. Canada has hosted the Summer Olympics in Montreal, Quebec in 1976 and the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta in 1988 and in Vancouver, British Columbia in 2010.

6. What is the sport known as *baggaa’atowe* and *tewaarathon* in Indigenous languages?

- A) Hockey
- B) Lacrosse
- C) Wrestling
- D) Tag

Answer B: Lacrosse. Known as the Creator’s Game, *baggaa’atowe*, *tewaarathon* or lacrosse in English, was traditionally played by men. Games often lasted all day and were viewed as a form of spiritual celebration.

7. Which current NBA star’s father also played for the Raptors?

- A) Klay Thompson
- B) Andrew Wiggins
- C) Stephen Curry
- D) Kevin Love

Answer C: Stephen Curry. The father of both Stephen and Seth Curry, Dell Curry, played for the Raps from 1999 until 2002. The other players on the list also have fathers who played ball in the association. However, none of them took to the floor for Toronto.

8. What is a curling tournament called?

- A) Stone’s Throw
- B) Toast
- C) Sweep
- D) Bonspiel

Answer D: A bonspiel is a match or tournament between curling clubs. Curling originated in Scotland but has been a popular sport in Canada since 1807 when the first curling club was formed in Montreal.

Canadian Symbols

1. How many points are on the maple leaf featured on Canada's national flag?

- A) 3
- B) 7
- C) 9
- D) 11

Answer D: There are 11 points on the Canadian flag's maple leaf.

2. What animal is an official emblem of Canada?

- A) Moose
- B) Beaver
- C) Black bear
- D) Raccoon

Answer B: Beaver. The beaver became an official emblem of Canada in 1975 and has been featured on the Canadian nickel, postage stamps and several coat of arms.

3. When did Canada officially adopt its flag?

- A) 1867
- B) 1921
- C) 1957
- D) 1965

Answer D: 1965. The national flag of Canada featuring a red field with a white square and a stylized maple leaf at the centre was officially adopted on February 15, 1965.

4. When did "O Canada" become the official national anthem?

- A) 1880
- B) 1917
- C) 1967
- D) 1980

Answer D: 1980. Written and composed in Quebec in 1880, "O Canada" was approved as Canada's national anthem in 1967 however it was not officially adopted as Canada's national anthem under the National Anthem Act until June 27, 1980.

5. What bird won Canadian Geographic's contest to become a new Canadian emblem?

- A) Loon
- B) Gray jay
- C) Bald eagle
- D) Canada goose

Answer B: The gray jay was declared the winner of the National Bird Project after two years and 50,000 votes. Canadian Geographic submitted an official request to have the gray jay recognized as a symbol of Canada. The gray jay is also known as the whiskey jack or Canada jay.

6. The motto of the Dominion of Canada is "A Mari Usque Ad Mare". What is the English translation of this Latin phrase?

- A) From sea to sea
- B) From far and wide
- C) Over land to sea
- D) On ship and on horse

Answer A: From sea to sea. The practice of attaching an inscription to a coat of arms or a crest has been honoured by the Dominion of Canada.

7. Which of the following is NOT an official symbol of Canada?

- A) Maple tree
- B) Maple leaf tartan
- C) Canadian horse
- D) Maple leaf

Answer D: Though the maple leaf may be considered one of the most prominent symbols of Canada, it has not been adopted as an official symbol or emblem.

8. What is Canada's National Sport?

- A) Hockey
- B) Lacrosse
- C) Basketball
- D) A and B

Answer D: A and B. Canada has two national sports. Our country's national winter sport is hockey and our national summer sport is lacrosse.

Canadian General Trivia

1. Which of the following was NOT a Canadian invention?

- A) Paint roller
- B) Peanut butter
- C) The electric wheelchair
- D) Cheese slicer

Answer D: The cheese slicer. The cheese slicer is a Norwegian invention.

2. What colour is a lobster's blood?

- A) Blue
- B) Purple
- C) Green
- D) Red

Answer A: Blue. A lobster's blood, like their invertebrate relative's snails and octopi, appears blue due to the presence of hemocyanin which contains copper which appears blue when linked with oxygen.

3. What was Canada's contribution to NASA's space shuttle program?

- A) The Shuttle Remote Manipulator System (SRMS)
- B) The Heads-Up Display (HUD)
- C) The ejection seat
- D) Canada has never been a part of NASA's space shuttle program

Answer A: The Shuttle Remote Manipulator System. The Shuttle Remote Manipulator System, also known as the Canadarm is a remote-controlled mechanical arm used to deploy, maneuver and capture a variety of objects from astronauts to satellites and cargo.

4. Actor Kiefer Sutherland is grandson to which Canadian politician?

- A) Lester B. Pearson
- B) John George Diefenbaker
- C) Tommy Douglas
- D) Ernest Manning

Answer C: Kiefer Sutherland's maternal grandfather, Tommy Douglas, was the Premier of Saskatchewan from 1944 to 1961. Tommy Douglas is often described as the Father of Medicare.

5. Which painter was NOT a member of the Group of Seven?

- A) Franklin Carmichael
- B) Tommy Thompson
- C) A. Y. Jackson
- D) Arthur Lismer

Answer B: Though Tommy Thompson is often associated with the Group of Seven, he died before its official formation.

6. Who founded a brewery in Montreal in 1786?

- A) S. O'Keefe
- B) R. Sleeman
- C) J. Molson
- D) A. Keiths

Answer C: J. Molson founded Canada's oldest and largest brewery and introduced steamship travel to Canada. His investments in Montreal helped to transform the city from a colonial outpost to a cosmopolitan centre.

7. Before Drake's music career took off, he gained recognition for starring in which television show?

- A) Corner Gas
- B) Degrassi: The Next Generation
- C) Trailer Park Boys
- D) Canadian Idol

Answer B: Degrassi: The Next Generation. Aubrey Drake Graham played the character Jimmy Brooks in the Canadian teen drama.

8. What does Red Green refer to as "the handyman's secret weapon"?

- A) Super glue
- B) Intelligence
- C) Pocket knife
- D) Duct tape

Answer D: Duct tape. The title character on the Red Green Show is known for his humorous do-it-yourself shortcuts using duct tape as the "handyman's secret weapon."