

# Happy Canada Day!



Enjoy the rest of this activity book with some Canada Day fun including games & trivia to enlighten your day in this difficult time and to keep you busy.



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## Canadian Trivia, Figures and Fun Facts

Canada's shoreline is the longest in the world at 151,600 miles. If a person were to walk its length at 20 km per day, it would take 33 years to complete it.

The world's largest dinosaur graveyard was uncovered in 2010, in the town of Hilda in northern Alberta. The site, which is 2.3 kilometres in area, contains thousands of bones belonging to a horned dinosaur called the Centrosaurus.

Canada is the 2nd largest country in the world, after Russia.

The longest street in the world is in Ontario; Yonge Street is 1,896 kilometres or 1178 miles. It starts at Lake Ontario and goes on until it reaches the border of Minnesota. Most of Yonge Street is best known today as Highway 11.

You wouldn't associate Canada with 'walled cities' but beautiful Québec City is the only walled city north of Mexico. It was the first city to be placed on UNESCO's World Heritage list.

Canada was invaded by the United States twice; in 1775 and 1812. Both attempts failed.

During WWII, the Province of Newfoundland was attacked by German forces.

Canada holds the record for the most gold medals ever won at the Winter Olympics; in Vancouver with 14 gold medals.

With only 3 people per square kilometre, Canada has one of the lowest population densities in the world along with other countries like Australia, Mauritania, Mongolia and others.



### Canada Day: 5 Fun Facts

#### What is Canada Day?

Canada Day is the national day of Canada. A federal statutory holiday, the occasion celebrates the anniversary of July 1, 1867, the effective date of the Constitution Act.



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#### Originally known as "Dominion Day"

On July 1, 1867, the British North America Act created the Canadian federal government.

This act stated that Canada would become an "independent dominion" (territory) of England, which is why Canada Day was originally called Dominion Day.

In 1982, Dominion Day changed to Canada Day after a vote in Parliament.

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#### Designing the Flag

To help them design the country's official flag, Parliament asked Canadians in 1963 to draft suggestions. Of the 3,541 patriots who responded, nearly 400 thought a beaver should be front and centre before finally deciding to use the iconic maple leaf.



#### Kanata

Canada's name was derived from the Huron and Iroquois Native American language. The word "kanata" translates to "village".



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#### Bottoms Up, cheers!

On the weekend of July 1st, across the entire country, Canadians drink 1.2 million litres of alcohol/beer.



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# Canada Day Word Search

Search for the hidden words going up, down, left and right.



M	O	U	D	F	B	P	P	C	N	T	O	I	R	T	A	P		
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K	Z	E	H	W	Z	I	T	A	B	Y	A	J	V	R	K	P		
U	K	M	I	P	V	Z	X	Q	J	U	F	W	A	R	W	P		
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G	V	A	N	C	O	U	V	E	R	Y	D	D	S	S	N	T		
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I	D	W	V	U	G	B	I	X	Y	F	L	E	A	F	U	T		
C	X	A	L	B	E	R	T	A	P	Q	T	C	P	L	A	E		
	R	O	K	A	M	M	O	T	H	W	D	Z	Z	X	A	U	X	
Y	N	O	I	T	A	C	I	F	I	N	U	U	X	G	A	C		

ALBERTA  
FLAG  
MONTREAL  
PATRIOT  
UNIFICATION

BEAVER  
LEAF  
ONTARIO  
TERRITORIES  
VANCOUVER

CANADA  
MAPLE  
OTTAWA  
TORONTO  
YUKON



How well do you really know the National Flag of Canada?  
Let's test your knowledge and find out!

1. WHAT TYPE OF MAPLE LEAF IS IN THE CENTRE OF THE CANADIAN FLAG?  
 A) A mountain maple leaf  
 B) A silver maple leaf  
 C) A sugar maple leaf  
 D) A stylized maple leaf
2. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING SYMBOLS WAS THE FIRST TO EMERGE AS AN EMBLEM OF CANADA?  
 A) The beaver  
 B) The maple leaf  
 C) Hockey  
 D) The canoe
3. THE NUMBER OF POINTS ON THE MAPLE LEAF DEPICTED ON THE CANADIAN FLAG REPRESENTS THE NUMBER OF PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES IN CANADA.  
 True  False
4. IN 1921, WHICH COLOURS WERE PROCLAIMED BY KING GEORGE V AS THE OFFICIAL COLOURS OF CANADA?  
 A) Red, white and blue  
 B) Red and white  
 C) Green and yellow  
 D) Gold and blue
5. IN WHAT YEAR WAS THE CURRENT CANADIAN FLAG OFFICIALLY ADOPTED?  
 A) 1921  
 B) 1942  
 C) 1965  
 D) 1979
6. WHEN IS NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA DAY CELEBRATED EACH YEAR?  
 A) July 1  
 B) February 15  
 C) September 10  
 D) December 8
7. THE CANADIAN RED ENSIGN WAS USED AS AN OFFICIAL FLAG PRIOR TO 1965. WHICH OF THESE ELEMENTS WILL YOU FIND ON THAT FLAG?  
 A) British Red Ensign  
 B) The Royal Union Flag in the canton  
 C) Shield of the Coat of Arms of Canada  
 D) All these answers
8. TRUE OR FALSE: WHEN THE NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA IS DISPLAYED WITH THE FLAGS OF THE 10 PROVINCES AND 3 TERRITORIES, THE FLAGS OF THE PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES FOLLOW IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.  
 True  False
9. WHEN SHOULD A FLAG BE REPLACED?  
 A) At the end of the year  
 B) On February 15  
 C) When it is damaged
10. TRUE OR FALSE: THERE ARE STRICT LAWS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA.  
 True  False

**BONUS QUESTION**

THE STUDY OF FLAGS IS KNOWN AS "VEXILLOLOGY".

True  False

## Canada Scrabble

Use the clues to find words that are associated with Canada. For each answer, cross off the lettered tiles that you use. All the letters should be crossed off when the puzzle is complete.

L	B	E	A
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A	G	R	W
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Z	Z	L	Y
S	M	O	K
L	O	S	E
E	D	E	Y
S	C	O	L
Y	Y	D	R
U	O	N	U
K	F	R	P
E	I	C	E
N	C	H	C
A	T	O	R
R	I	B	O
R	E	D	U
O	N	T	O

1. Birds on Canadian dollars \_\_\_\_\_
2. Dam-building rodent \_\_\_\_\_
3. Canada's capital \_\_\_\_\_
4. Syrup tree \_\_\_\_\_
5. Canadian bear \_\_\_\_\_
6. Gretzky's sport \_\_\_\_\_
7. Winter glider \_\_\_\_\_
8. Bullwinkle, for one \_\_\_\_\_
9. Pancake topper \_\_\_\_\_
10. Chilly \_\_\_\_\_
11. Whitehorse's territory \_\_\_\_\_
12. One of Canada's languages \_\_\_\_\_
13. Frozen water \_\_\_\_\_
14. Canadian reindeer \_\_\_\_\_
15. Canadian flag leaf color \_\_\_\_\_
16. Canada's largest city \_\_\_\_\_



# Guess where?



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Match each image with the right province or territory on the map.

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# O Canada

Fill in the missing lyrics then find those words in the puzzle. Search horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forward, and backward.

S	X	S	C	C	H	A	G	H	B	V	K	Z	P	G
E	T	E	S	I	R	L	N	H	O	S	C	L	T	E
T	U	R	A	V	O	B	O	Z	L	M	L	A	R	R
B	O	R	A	L	H	P	R	T	G	K	E	N	N	X
P	I	X	T	E	A	M	T	W	O	G	Q	D	D	C
B	M	F	A	T	H	T	S	N	V	B	D	N	U	Z
B	C	M	R	P	N	Y	K	R	V	T	A	D	F	S
D	A	I	B	P	Y	J	B	R	P	T	S	E	O	X
H	O	P	S	A	F	S	K	G	S	S	R	N	B	X
T	I	I	C	A	H	U	Y	G	E	X	S	F	V	D
G	U	A	R	D	X	Q	R	N	E	Z	W	T	H	W
Z	Q	I	E	W	L	R	F	B	R	M	Y	E	S	Y
G	J	D	Y	V	F	D	S	N	F	P	A	E	A	P
P	T	T	K	N	G	R	I	V	I	Q	H	X	U	Q
J	I	L	A	D	A	N	A	C	T	W	N	F	X	H



O \_\_\_\_\_! Our \_\_\_\_\_ and native \_\_\_\_\_!  
True \_\_\_\_\_ love in all thy \_\_\_\_\_ command.  
With glowing \_\_\_\_\_ we see thee \_\_\_\_\_,  
The \_\_\_\_\_ North \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!  
From far and wide,  
O Canada, we \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ for thee.

## Match the flag to the Canadian province or territory

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### Canadian Provinces and Territories

- A. Quebec
- B. Nunavut
- C. Nova Scotia
- D. Ontario

- E. Prince Edward Island
- F. Northwest Territories
- G. New Brunswick
- H. Yukon
- I. Alberta

- J. British Columbia
- K. Manitoba
- L. Saskatchewan
- M. Newfoundland and Labrador

## NOW, LET'S CHECK YOUR ANSWERS!

**1. D** A stylized maple leaf. To be fair, this is a bit of a trick question because the leaf on the Canadian flag does not represent any specific species of maple. However, it is inspired by the leaf of the sugar maple.

**2. A** The beaver. One of Canada's first emblems was... the beaver! This is because of the importance of the beaver to the fur trade, which was a major economic factor that drove exploration in Canada from the 17<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**3. False** The design of the stylized maple leaf on Canada's National Flag is meant to help keep the symbol visible and distinct when seen from far away and in windy conditions. Its 11 points are solely a feature of graphic design, and do not reflect Canada's provinces and territories.

**4. B** Red and white. Red and white became Canada's national colours by proclamation of King George V in 1921. Besides a historical connection to France and Britain, two of Canada's founding European nations, red and white might also represent the red of autumn maple leaves, and the white of the snow.

**5. C** 1965. The national flag of Canada was declared official by proclamation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on January 28, 1965.

**6. B** February 15. The National Flag of Canada was first raised on Parliament Hill, in Ottawa, on February 15, 1965. February 15 was declared National Flag of Canada Day in 1996 to honour this important anniversary.

**7. D** All these answers. The Canadian Red Ensign features a red background, the Union Jack and the shield of Canada's coat of arms in the fly. The Canadian Red Ensign was a popular patriotic symbol of Canada. However, it was never the national flag of Canada. Before our current National Flag was adopted in 1965, the official national flag of Canada was the British Union Jack.

**8. False** The flags of the provinces and territories are displayed according to the order in which they entered Confederation, starting with the provinces, and followed by the territories. If more than one province joined in a given year, their flags are ordered by their population at the time of their joining. This gives the following order: Ontario (1867), Quebec (1867), Nova Scotia (1867), New Brunswick (1867), Manitoba (1870), British Columbia (1871), Prince Edward Island (1873), Saskatchewan (1905), Alberta (1905), Newfoundland and Labrador (1949), Northwest Territories (1870), Yukon (1898) and Nunavut (1999).

**9. C** When it is damaged. As a sign of respect, the National Flag must be in good condition when it flies. If it is no longer in good condition because it is frayed or has faded colours, it must be replaced with a new flag.

**10. True** There are laws that regulate the commercial use of the flag. However, there are no laws that govern how private individuals and organizations display the flag. There are customs and conventions for proper use of the flag and the Government of Canada has certain rules that are followed on government property throughout the country. These act as guidelines and good practice for everyone to follow.

**Bonus question. True** Vexillology is the study of flags. Vexillologists, or flag experts, often consider the National Flag of Canada to be a particularly well-designed flag.



## Answer key: Guess Where?

1. Quebec; 2. New Brunswick; 3. Ontario; 4. Manitoba; 5. Northwest Territories;
6. British Columbia; 7. Prince Edward Island; 8. Nova Scotia; 9. Alberta; 10. Saskatchewan;
11. Newfoundland and Labrador; 12. Nunavut; 13. Yukon;

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2. New Brunswick. "Rocks at Hopewell, N.B." Hopewell, New Brunswick, no date. Reference no. a021073.
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4. Manitoba. "Canadian National Railways station and yards, Winnipeg, Manitoba." Winnipeg, Manitoba, no date. Reference no. a047871-v8.
5. Northwest Territories. "Dog teams carrying mail." Mackenzie River, Northwest Territories, 1923. Reference no. a059980-v8.
6. British Columbia. "First through train between Montreal and coast, [B.C.]" British Columbia, 1886. Reference no. a066579.
7. Prince Edward Island. "On the shore near Cavendish, Prince Edward Island National Park, P.E.I." Near Cavendish, Prince Edward Island, 1953. Reference no. e010949138-v8.
8. Nova Scotia. "Lobster traps and markers on shore below." Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Aug. 1952. Reference no. e011175872-v8.
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10. Saskatchewan. "Saskatoon & Wheat, children outside of Reliance Grain Co Limited grain elevator." Saskatchewan, between 1939-1951. Reference no. e010980239-v8.
11. Newfoundland and Labrador. "Newfoundland cod being dried out on fishing flakes at Pouch Cove." Pouch Cove, Newfoundland and Labrador, October 1948. Reference no. e010948808-v1.
12. Nunavut. "People watching a plane arrive, Cape Dorset, Nunavut." Cape Dorset, Nunavut, 1960. Reference no. e010835984-v8.
13. Yukon. "Alaska Highway." Yukon, ca. 1943-1965. Reference no. e010781534-v8.



## Canada Scrabble

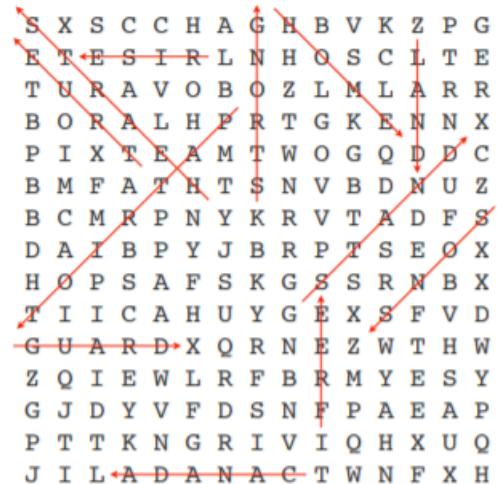
(solution)

1. Birds on Canadian dollars	loons
2. Dam-building rodent	beaver
3. Canada's capital	Ottawa
4. Syrup tree	maple
5. Canadian bear	grizzly
6. Gretzky's sport	hockey
7. Winter glider	sled
8. Bullwinkle, for one	moose
9. Pancake topper	syrup
10. Chilly	cold
11. Whitehorse's territory	Yukon
12. One of Canada's languages	French
13. Frozen water	ice
14. Canadian reindeer	caribou
15. Canadian flag leaf color	red
16. Canada's largest city	Toronto

## Canadian Provinces and Territories

(solution)

A. Quebec	- 3
B. Nunavut	- 10
C. Nova Scotia	- 5
D. Ontario	- 2
E. Prince Edward Island	- 7
F. Northwest Territories	- 8
G. New Brunswick	- 6
H. Yukon	- 12
I. Alberta	- 4
J. British Columbia	- 13
K. Manitoba	- 9
L. Saskatchewan	- 1
M. Newfoundland and Labrador	- 11



O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.  
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!  
From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

# Colouring Page

