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## Welcome to Canada! Bienvenu au Canada!



Do you know the country in the North?



**Fill in the gaps with the words in the box below.**  
**Attention: There are more words than you will need.**

Ottawa	French	largest	Quebec
village	Toronto	Spanish	mountains
lake	Mexico	oak tree	Queen Elizabeth II
elk	lakes	tallest	The United States of America
Vancouver	Prince Albert	maple tree	beaver

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

The name Canada comes from the Huron-Iroquois word “kanata”, meaning a ..... or settlement.

The national capital is ....., Canada`s fourth largest city.

Canada has two official languages: English and ..... . About 60 % of Canadians speak English as their first language and about 20% have another mother tongue than the two official ones.

The biggest city in Canada is called ..... and has about 6.2 million inhabitants.

There is only one country bordering Canada: .....

Did you know that more than half of the ..... in the world are located in Canada? There are more than 3 million of them!

Canada has different national symbols. There is the national tree: ..... and the national animal: .....

The Canadian head of state is still .....



Upper Kananaskis Lake in Alberta, Canada

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## Canadian history



**Put the facts about the history of Canada in the correct order and think of a matching title for each part.**

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French and British settlers and fur-traders began to discover Canada in the 16<sup>th</sup> century. They both had strategic alliances with First Nations people. The French with the Huron Indians and the British with the Iroquois.  
After many years of war between the two nations, France had to surrender. In the Treaty of Paris (1763), Great Britain gained control over whole Canada.

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The First Nations people are original inhabitants of Canada. They came there about 50.000 years ago from Siberia. They were mainly hunters and traders.  
One group are the Inuit living in the north of Canada. They were called "Eskimos" by the other indigenous people which means "raw meat eaters".  
Today there are about 700.000 First Nations people living in Canada.

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The Italian Giovanni Caboto, later known as John Cabot, was the first European who discovered Canada. Under British flag he was trying to find a way from Europe to Asia (as Christoph Columbus did some years before) and found the coast of Newfoundland, which he thought was China, in 1497. He claimed the land for King Henry VII of England who paid for his expedition. Back in Bristol he told everyone he found a shorter way to Asia.

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The first Europeans to land on the Canadian coasts were neither French nor British. The Vikings were there about 500 years earlier. Around 1000 AD Leif Eriksson discovered the coast of Newfoundland and called it "Vinland". The indigenous people were called "Skraelinger" by the Vikings which means as much as weakling, wimp.  
The Vikings brought various things from Canada to Europe. There are stories that some even travelled back home with living polar bears.

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After World War I (1914 -1919) Canada became an independent nation. Nevertheless, the British Queen (or King) is still the official head of state as Canada is still part of the British Commonwealth. That's why Queen Elizabeth is the Queen of Canada.

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## Animals of Canada



Watch the following video about the wildlife of Canada and answer the questions about it:

Look at Canada's amazing wildlife: <https://youtu.be/Pi8xQzuKr3g>

Write down three interesting facts for every of the animals below.

	<b>Squirrel</b> ..... ..... .....
	<b>Grizzly and brown bear</b> ..... ..... .....
	<b>Chipmunk</b> ..... ..... .....
	<b>Beaver</b> ..... ..... .....
	<b>Racoon</b> ..... ..... .....
	<b>Moose</b> ..... ..... .....

Additional question: How can you protect yourself from bears?

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## Lacrosse – The Canadian summer sport



**Read the following information about Lacrosse.**

Lacrosse was played by First Nations peoples before the arrival of European colonists. The first documented description of the game was in 1637. The game was called baggataway and tewaarathon (which means “little brother of war”) and was played by two teams with 100 to 1,000 men each on a field that stretched from about 500 m long.

The first known game between whites and First Nations took place in 1843.

Today Lacrosse is played on a 102 m long field with two goals that are 1,83 x 1,83 m.

The Stick or Crosse used is between 101 and 183 cm long and made of wood, aluminum, titan or plastic with carbon.

There are more than 40`000 Lacrosse players in Canada only and about 250`000 Canadians playing Inter Crosse. Inter Crosse is similar to Lacrosse, but women and men play together and there is less body contact.

There is a professional Lacrosse league in Northern America where some players earn more than 1 million dollar per year.

In 1994 the parliament of Canada made Lacrosse the official summer sport of the country (while ice hockey is the official winter sport). Nevertheless the USA are the most recent world champion and also hold the record for most world championships won (10 times).



**Do you want to see real Lacrosse action?  
Check out these video highlights from Canada:**

2019 WILC Gold Medal Game: Highlights  
(Canada vs. Iroquois Nationals)

<https://youtu.be/ePgAhWqTLg4>

History of Lacrosse in 60 seconds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1rvmAh155g>

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## Lacrosse – Tasks



Choose one of the following tasks after having read the information about Lacrosse.

- 1) You are an exchange student in Canada. Write an **email** to a friend in Switzerland, explaining him the game Lacrosse.
- 2) Would you like to play Lacrosse yourself? Write a **note** to your sports teacher. Explain why you would or wouldn't like to try that game in your next sports lesson.
- 3) Imagine you just visited the national Lacrosse championship in Canada. Write a short **report** for the local newspaper on the game you saw. You may invent teams, players and the final result.
- 4) You have a **discussion** with your Canadian friend about the national summer and winter sports of Switzerland. Can you explain to him, which sports that should be from your point of view?
- 5) I (don't) like sports! Write a **message** to a friend and tell him about your passion for sports or why you don't like sports at all. Imagine what she or he would reply.





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## Find the Canadian stuff



Take a good look at the word search puzzle below. Can you find the hidden Canadian words?

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

There are 10 hidden words to find. Write them into the box below:


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## Race across Canada



**Start your trip through Canada. You travel from the East Coast to Vancouver on the West Coast. Who will be there first?**

**Material:** Dice, token, action cards, destination cards

	Take the destination card of the city you have reached.		Take an action card and read what you must do.
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### Action cards

You want to visit an ice hockey game. Move to the next destination to see your favorite team playing.	Oh no, you have a flat tire on your car. Move back to the last destination to get it repaired.	There is too much snow on the road to move on. You miss a turn and wait until the weather gets better.	A friendly Canadian showed you a shortcut to your next destination. Move forward to the next city.
During a stop, a bear ate your lunch. You need to go back to your last destination to buy some food.	You forgot to buy maple syrup as a souvenir at your last destination. Go back there and get some!	You go for a tour on a canoe and get two steps closer to the next destination. Move forward!	Building an igloo with the Inuit is great fun but takes a lot of time. You miss one turn.
You enjoy the Canadian nature and forget to move on over all that beauty. You miss a turn.	Gosh! The weather is terrible at your current position. You better move on quick. Go straight to the next destination.	There is a moose blocking the way.  You can't drive on and miss a turn.	A fairy boat takes you across the lake in front of you.  You may move forward steps 2.
A Canadian friend invites you to a Lacrosse game. But you need to be there soon. Move forward to the next destination.	Have you been to Toronto yet? It's definitely worth a visit!  Move to Toronto (forward or backwards)	Some friends from Montreal want to have dinner with you.  Go straight to Montreal.	Where is your camera? It seems you lost it somewhere. Go back to the last destination and search it.
It's Canada Day! All the people are celebrating, and the streets are empty. Take three steps ahead.	Some tourists need help with their caravan. You take them back to a garage. Go back to your last destination.	A Mountie stops you because you were speeding.  You have to move two steps backwards.	Roll the dice again.  Even numbers (2,4,6) make you go ahead and odd numbers (1,3,5) backwards.











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## Destination cards

<p><b>1 – St. John`s</b> </p> <p>You arrived at the easternmost city in North America and one of the oldest on the continent.</p> <p>Do you remember in which country John Cabot who discovered St. John`s was born? If you do, move two steps ahead. If not, wait for your turn to roll the dice again.</p>	<p><b>2 – Halifax</b> </p> <p>Halifax has its name from a city in England. Can you name another city in Northern America that has its name from a European city?</p> <p>If yes, move two steps ahead. If no, move two steps backwards.</p>
<p><b>3 – Montreal</b> </p> <p>No, Montreal isn't the Canadian capital. Do you remember the name of it? If yes, move one step ahead. If no, move backwards two steps.</p>	<p><b>4 – Toronto</b> </p> <p>Toronto is the hometown of many famous Canadians. Can you name a celebrity coming from Canada? If yes, you move on two steps. Otherwise you miss a turn and stay in Toronto.</p>
<p><b>5 – Winnipeg</b> </p> <p>Tell a good joke in English to make the people in Winnipeg laugh. If somebody in your group laughs too, move two steps ahead. Otherwise stay in Winnipeg and wait for your turn to move on.</p>	<p><b>6 – Churchill</b> </p> <p>Churchill is called ice bear capital of the world. During wintertime they come to the shore and wait for the sea to freeze to start hunting for seals. Draw an ice bear on a piece of paper. If your colleagues can tell what it is, move on two steps. If stay at Churchill and miss a turn.</p>
<p><b>7 – Nunavut</b> </p> <p>Nights are very cold in Nunavut (down to -50 degrees). Can you name three things to keep you warm during a night in Nunavut? If yes, move forward one step. If no, move backwards one step.</p>	<p><b>8 – Edmonton</b> </p> <p>The professional ice hockey team from Edmonton is called "Oilers". Do you know another North American ice hockey team? If yes, move forward one step. If no, move backwards one step.</p>
<p><b>9 – Dawson City</b> </p> <p>You have arrived at the capital of the Yukon territory. During the time of the Gold Rush (1896- 99), many people moved here. Can you name three other metals apart from gold? If yes, move forward one step. If no, move backwards one step.</p>	<p><b>10 – Vancouver</b> </p> <p>You have finally reached Vancouver, the last destination of your trip. To fly back home, solve the following problem correctly: Your flight leaves Vancouver at 4.30 pm and arrives at Zurich at 1.40 pm. The time difference between the two cities is 9 hours. How long did your flight take?</p>