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### Get in on the Act IV: Canada Quiz

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## Introduction

Canada Day presents a great opportunity to review or teach Canadian geography, culture and history especially to ESL students who are studying English in Canada. This quiz game can also be played whenever you need a break from the classroom routine.

*Canada Quiz* can be played as a competition like *ESL Jeopardy* with candidates from three teams competing against each other, or with individuals competing against the whole class. Having students stand in front of the class and race to hit a buzzer or ring a bell in order to answer the question first adds more action to the game. It's up to you as a teacher to decide on the rules or complications to make the game more interesting.

This package includes questions cards and strips. The answers to the multiple choice questions are highlighted.

Many of the questions relate to British Columbia, so if you're located in a different province feel free to add your own questions

## Directions

- (a) Divide the class into three teams. (If the class is small, students can play individually.) Put the questions into a container.
- (b) Have each team chose a candidate to come up to the front of the class and have them stand in a row or on three sides of a small table. Teams should change their candidates regularly to give everyone a chance.
- (c) Place a buzzer or bell within equal reach of all candidates, and instruct them not to touch the buzzer until you have finished reading the question. If anyone moves before you have read the question, he is disqualified and loses his turn.
- (d) The teacher draws a question and reads it out to the class. The first student to hit the buzzer or ring the bell answers the question. If she answers correctly, her team wins a point. If she answers incorrectly, her team loses a point. At the end of the game the team with the most points wins the game.

**What's the capital of Canada?**

- a. Toronto
- b. Montreal
- c. **Ottawa**

**What is the capital of British Columbia?**

- a. Vancouver
- b. **Victoria**
- c. Kelowna

**Who is the head of the Canadian government?**

- a. a President
- b. **a Prime Minister**
- c. a King

**What is Saskatchewan?**

- a. a river
- b. **a province**
- c. a native people

**What is the Governor-General?**

- a. **the Queen's representative**
- b. the leader of the opposition
- c. the Minister of Justice

**What city was known as "pile-of-bones"?**

- a. Calgary
- b. Edmonton
- c. **Regina**

**Who is the Prime Minister of Canada?**

- a. Paul Martin
- b. Jean Chretien
- c. **Stephen Harper**

**What animal is Canada's national symbol?**

- a. **beaver**
- b. moose
- c. polar bear

**In which province do most people speak French?**

- a. **Quebec**
- b. Ontario
- c. Manitoba

**What is a loonie?**

- a. a crazy person
- b. a waterbird
- c. **a one-dollar coin**

**How many official languages does Canada have?**

- a. one
- b. **two**
- c. three

**What is the Canadian word for "couch" or "sofa"?**

- a. divan
- b. sofa
- c. **chesterfield**

**What is Canada's national sport?**

- a. baseball
- b. cricket
- c. hockey

**Where is Inuvik?**

- a. in the Yukon
- b. in Nunavut
- c. in the Northwest Territories

**Who is Wayne Gretzky?**

- a. a famous politician
- b. a famous hockey player
- c. a famous rock star

**What is West Jet?**

- a. a skidoo
- b. a game
- c. an airline

**What is Wayne Gretzky's nickname?**

- a. The Great One
- b. The Big One
- c. The Only One

**What colour is the Canadian flag?**

- a. red, white and blue
- b. red and white
- c. blue and white

**Who is the only Canadian writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature?**

- a. Margaret Atwood
- b. Alice Munro
- c. Farley Mowat

**Whose face is on all Canadian coins?**

- a. the Queen's
- b. John A. Macdonald's
- c. nobody's

**What is Canada's national anthem?**

- a. The Maple Leaf Forever
- b. O Canada
- c. Canadian Sunset

**Who was the first Prime Minister of Canada?**

- a. William Lyon Mackenzie King
- b. Sir Wilfred Laurier
- c. Sir John A. Macdonald

**What natural resource is found Alberta known for?**

- a. coal
- b. gold
- c. oil

**Where are the Gulf Islands?**

- a. on the West Coast
- b. on the East Coast
- c. in the St. Lawrence

How many Great Lakes are there?

- a. four
- b. five
- c. six

What is Kraft Dinner?

- a. frozen food
- b. tv dinner
- c. macaroni and cheese

When did Canada become a country?

- a. in 1667
- b. in 1767
- c. in 1867

What is the RCMP?

- a. Canada's national police force
- b. a church group
- c. a response to an invitation

How many people live in Canada?

- a. over 25 million
- b. over 35 million
- c. over 45 million

What are the Leafs a short name for?

- a. the Toronto Maple Leafs
- b. the Green Party
- c. a kind of native bush

What is Crappy Tire?

- a. a flat tire
- b. a nickname for Canadian Tire
- c. a tire made in China

Who is Sarah Maclaughlin?

- a. a ballet dancer
- b. a singer-songwriter
- c. an actress

What does "It's had the biscuit" mean?

- a. it doesn't work anymore
- b. it's not hungry
- c. it's a cookie

In which province is Banff?

- a. British Columbia
- b. Ontario
- c. Alberta

What are Canadians who go to a warmer place for the winter called?

- a. snowbirds
- b. gorbies
- c. prairie chickens

What famous event takes place every year in Calgary?

- a. the Stanley Cup
- b. the Stampede
- c. the National Exhibition

**Where were the 2010 Olympic Winter Games held?**

- a. in Calgary
- b. in Quebec City
- c. in Vancouver

**Which is a famous Canadian fictional character?**

- a. Harry Potter
- b. Anne of Green Gables
- c. Tom Sawyer

**What are the Maritimes?**

- a. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island
- b. Canada's Navy
- c. the East Coast music awards

**What is the St. Lawrence?**

- a. a river
- b. a street in Montreal
- c. one of the Great Lakes

**Which city is Canada's financial centre?**

- a. Toronto
- b. Montreal
- c. Vancouver

**Where is Stanley Park?**

- a. in Toronto
- b. in Vancouver
- c. in Montreal

**What is a Chinook?**

- a. a native Indian
- b. a warm mountain wind
- c. a sports car

**What is a ski-doo?**

- a. a jet ski
- b. a snowboard
- c. a snowmobile

**Where is the CN Tower?**

- a. in Vancouver
- b. in Calgary
- c. in Toronto

**What are the Kootenays?**

- a. a kind of bird
- b. an area in British Columbia
- c. a group of religious people

**What symbol is on the Canadian flag?**

- a. a beaver tail
- b. a maple leaf
- c. the north star

**What do Canadian often say at the end of a sentence or question?**

- a. huh?
- b. right?
- c. eh?

How many provinces make up Canada?

- a. eight
- b. ten
- c. twelve

What is Canada's seat of government called?

- a. the Senate
- b. the Congress
- c. Parliament

What are Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba called?

- a. the Prairie provinces
- b. the Western provinces
- c. the Maritimes

What does NHL stand for?

- a. National Health List
- b. National Hockey League
- c. National Housing Legislation

How many major political parties are there in Canada?

- a. two
- b. three
- c. four

What is a nickname for Canadians?

- a. Canucks
- b. Eskimos
- c. stubble jumpers

What is Tim Horton's?

- a. a department store
- b. a gas station
- c. a coffee and donut chain

Which team is a goalie a member of?

- a. a hockey team
- b. a baseball team
- c. a ski team

What game is played in a rink?

- a. basketball
- b. hockey
- c. chess

What is the CBC?

- a. a bank
- b. an organization for the blind
- c. the national television and radio broadcaster

How do Canadians spell labour?

- a. labor
- b. labore
- c. labour

When is Labour Day?

- a. in September
- b. in October
- c. in November

When is Canada's birthday?

- a. March 1
- b. July 1
- c. August 1

What circus group is from Quebec?

- a. Circus Roncalli
- b. Siegfried and Roy
- c. Cirque du Soleil

**What are the northern lights?**

- a. a clothing store chain
- b. Christmas lights
- c. an Arctic phenomenon

**What is Kokanee?**

- a. a brand of beer
- b. a river
- c. a highway

**Where is Moose Jaw?**

- a. in Alberta
- b. in Saskatchewan
- c. in Manitoba

**What is a Nanaimo bar?**

- a. a pub in Nanaimo
- b. a steel rod
- c. a sweet dessert

**Which city hosted the 1988 Winter Olympics?**

- a. Quebec City
- b. Toronto
- c. Calgary

**What do Canadians call a public toilet facility?**

- a. restroom
- b. bathroom
- c. washroom

**Which province is called the Rock?**

- a. British Columbia
- b. Quebec
- c. Newfoundland

**Where is Cape Breton?**

- a. in Nova Scotia
- b. in Newfoundland
- c. on Vancouver Island

**Which province is Canada's smallest?**

- a. Prince Edward Island
- b. Nova Scotia
- c. New Brunswick

**What kind of English do Canadians speak?**

- a. American
- b. British
- c. a mixture of both

**What do Canadians call homogenized milk?**

- a. whole milk
- b. homo milk
- c. 2% milk

**How do most Canadians spell?**

- a. American style
- b. British style
- c. a mixture of both

**Name a famous Canadian rock musician.**

**Name a famous Canadian jazz musician.**

**Name a famous Canadian writer.**

**Name a Canadian hockey team.**

**Name a famous Canadian movie actor.**

**Name a Canadian football team.**

**Name a famous Canadian television program.**

**Name a Canadian wild animal.**

**Name a Canadian movie.**

**Name a Canadian river.**

**Name a Canadian Prime Minister.**

**Name a Canadian lake.**

**Name a Canadian company.**

**Name a famous Canadian artist.**

**Name a Canadian National Park.**

**Name a Canadian classical music artist.**

**Name a famous Canadian athlete.**

**Name a Canadian hobby.**

**Name a famous Canadian poet.**

**Name a Canadian filmmaker.**

**Name a famous Canadian scientist.**

**Name one of the Southern Gulf Islands.**

**Name a Canadian singer-songwriter.**

**Name a Canadian mountain.**