

Canada Day

Worksheet

Exercise 2: Canadian English

Read the text below. There are several things that are special about Canadian English. Can you spot them all?

Canada has two official languages: English and French. Canadian English is very similar to American English, but has some elements of British English too. For example, Canadians prefer to spell many words the British way and not the American way (*colour* instead of *color*; *centre* instead of *center*). Canadians also call the last letter of the alphabet 'zed' (like the British) and not 'zee' (like the Americans). A Canadian accent, though, is more similar to an American accent. This is why many people believe that famous Canadian singers like Justin Bieber, Celine Dion, Drake, Shania Twain and Neil Young are from the United States.

One particularly Canadian word is 'eh' (pronounced like the first letter of the alphabet). Canadians use this word quite a lot in informal conversation. It can appear as a

question tag ('You like it, eh?') and in a sentence ('We had pizza, eh, and Pepsi.'). A common way Canadians greet each other informally is, 'How's it going, eh?'

Exercise 3: Speak Canadian!

Here's your chance to speak like a Canadian. Find a partner who will speak Canadian with you. Decide on a topic of conversation (you can choose one below, or make up your own) and prepare a dialogue. Add 'eh' into your sentences and questions. Who sounds more Canadian?

- A Canadian tourist is lost in Paris and asks somebody for directions.
- A foreigner is visiting Canada and wants to know some information about the country.
- Two Canadians are complaining about the cold weather.
- You phone your Canadian friend to invite him or her to a party.

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Exercise 1: The Great White North Quiz



July 1 is Canada Day. How much do you know about Canada? Take the Great White North Quiz and find out.

- With a total area of 6,195,450 square miles, Canada is the _____ country in the world.
 - largest
 - second largest
 - smallest
 - third largest
- What is the capital of Canada?
 - Vancouver
 - Toronto
 - Ottawa
 - Detroit
- The Canadian flag is very distinctive. What is the symbol in the middle?
 - a maple leaf
 - a fir tree
 - an Arctic rose
 - a bear footprint
- Which of the following sports originated in Canada?
 - American football
 - baseball
 - basketball
 - ice-skating
- Canada is famous for its 'Mounties'. What are they?
 - people who have trekked across the Rocky Mountains
 - policemen on horseback
 - Indian cakes cooked on an open fire
 - a kind of whale
- What is the official name of the native people who live in the north of Canada?
 - the Eskimos
 - the Inuit
 - the Mohawks
 - the Sioux
- Which of the following famous actors or actresses is Canadian?
 - Pamela Anderson
 - Jim Carrey
 - Keanu Reeves
 - Ryan Reynolds
- What is the unit of currency in Canada?
 - the Canadian dollar
 - the American dollar
 - the Canadian pound
 - the British pound
- This animal is a national symbol of Canada. What is its name in English?
 - a moose
 - a weasel
 - a mountain goat
 - a beaver
- Canada has one of the biggest waterfalls in the world. What is it called?
 - Moosewood Waterfalls
 - Canada Chutes
 - Niagara Cascades
 - Niagara Falls
- Whose head is engraved on the back of every Canadian coin?
 - the Queen of England's
 - the Canadian prime minister's
 - a beaver's
 - Celine Dion's
- Canada Day is on July 1 and celebrates the day that Canada became a country. When did Canada become a country?
 - 1492
 - 1867
 - 1969
 - 2001