

Comprehension check

1. According to the writer, what information does the Welcome to Canada Handbook lack?
2. Who are the “shouty downstairs neighbours” that the writer refers to, and why are they so called?
3. What was the aim of the public service announcements described in the article?
4. Why does the writer claim those announcements have “traumatised” a generation of Canadians?
5. Which side of the pavement should you walk on?
6. How can living in Canada help you to give up smoking?
7. What unfounded complaints might a Canadian make?

Vocabulary

Find words in the text that correspond to the definitions below:

- a) Lacking something that you need (para 1): _____
- b) Strange (para 2): _____
- c) Learned through asking questions and careful observation (para 2): _____
- d) American word for “pavement” (para 5): _____
- e) Unnecessary worry or excitement (para 6): _____
- f) (Multi-word verb) Going somewhere quickly for a short time (para 7): _____

**Watch the public announcement videos mentioned in the article.
Do you think they are effective? Why/why not?**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Km4f-eRE4Kc> (Astar the Robot)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AuLkMBAFZg> (Don't Put It In Your Mouth)