

Conversation Café

Canada Day

Canada Day is on July the 1st every year. Canadians all around the world celebrate the day when their nation became a country on July 1, 1867. Today, it is a federal national holiday. Canada Day is a time for Canadians to party. There are festivals and events all over the country.



Canadian communities around the world also join in the fun. Most of the celebrations are outdoors. They include parades, fireworks and music concerts. There are also citizenship ceremonies for people becoming new citizens. Canada Day is quite a colorful occasion and it celebrates the nation's multi-ethnicity.

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you think of when you hear the word "Canada"?
2. What kind of country is Canada? How important is Canada?
3. What do you know about Canadian history?
4. What do you think are the advantages of being Canadian?
5. What do you know about Canada's indigenous peoples?
6. What are some differences between Canada and the USA?
7. What is Canada famous for?
8. Do you have any negative images of Canada?
9. What does a typical Canadian look like?
10. What is there to see and do in Canada



O Canada - Our National Anthem

Our anthem has 4 verses.

Here is the 4th verse:

*Ruler supreme, who hearest humble prayer,
Hold our dominion within thy loving care;
Help us to find, O God, in thee
A lasting, rich reward,
As waiting for the Better Day,
We ever stand on guard.*

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.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Are you familiar with all the verses of O Canada?

- ❖ Who is our, “Ruler Supreme?”
- ❖ Do you agree that we should pray humbly for Canada? Do you do this?
- ❖ Do you know what the words, “the Better Day” refer to?
If you do, explain their meaning.

Canadian English:

Eh? This is the most versatile Canadian word of all.
Some Canadians end many of their words in “eh,”
It is similar to the word hey, but sometimes used like, right?
The world has unlimited uses. Here are some of the ways it’s used:

- To end a question
- To say hello to someone at a distance
- To affirm something, like saying sure thing
- To show surprise as in you are joking?



Washroom

It’s the Canadian word for restroom or bathroom.

“She had to go to the washroom.”



Click

An alternative for this word is kilometer. Some spell the word as Klick also.

“The house is about five clicks away.”