

Canada



Quick Facts

Capital City:

Ottawa

Population (2022):

over 38 million

Languages:

French and English

Currency:

Canadian Dollar

Flag:



Where Is Canada?

Canada is a country in North America.

It shares a land border with the United States of America to the south.

It has a separate border with the US state of Alaska to the north-west.

Canada is bordered by three seas: the Atlantic Ocean to the east, the Arctic Ocean to the north and the Pacific Ocean to the west.



The Flag of Canada



This has been the flag of Canada since 1965.

It has a white square in the centre which contains a red maple leaf with 11 points.

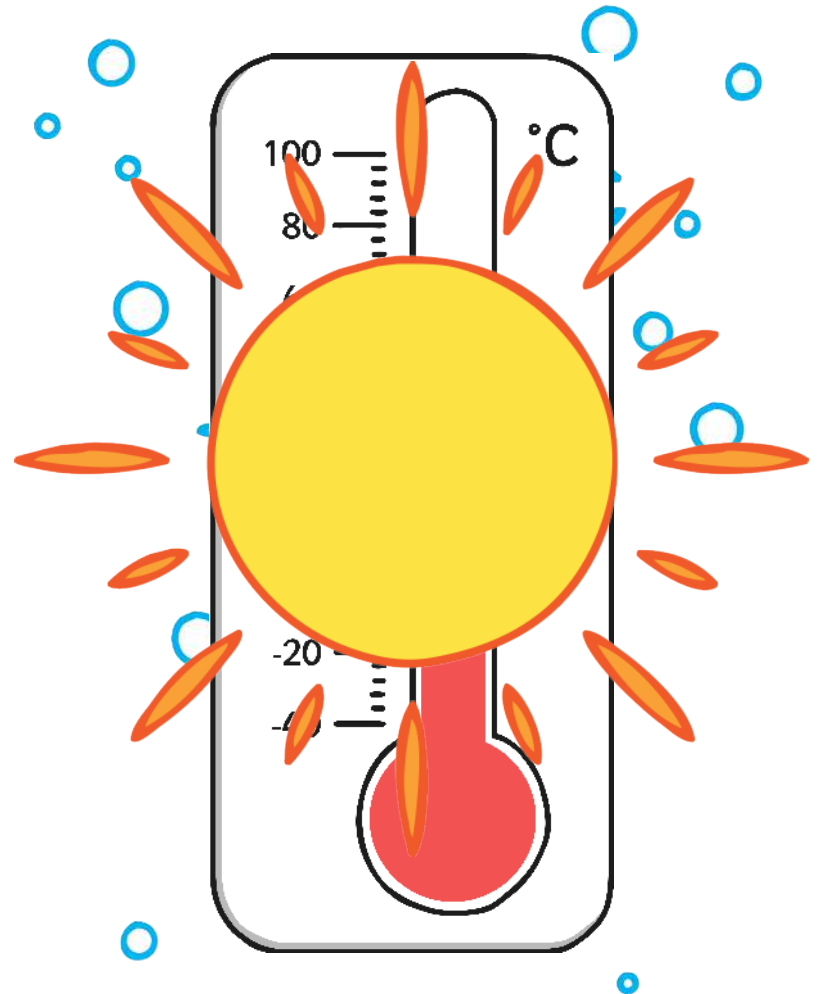
At each end of the flag, there is a vertical red band.

What Is the Weather Like?

The north two-thirds of the country has long, cold winters and shorter, cooler summers.

The winter temperatures are often below 0°C (32°F) with the lowest temperature ever recorded in the country being about -63°C (-81°F)!

Towards the centre and south of the country, winter is cold and snowy but summer is much hotter, with temperatures ranging from $20\text{-}30^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($68\text{-}86^{\circ}\text{F}$).



Canada's Geography

Being such a large country, Canada is home to many different landscapes. It has several mountain ranges, including the Canadian Rockies and the Saint Elias Mountains. This makes it a popular destination for winter sports, such as skiing and snowboarding.

There are many lakes, including Great Bear Lake, which is the largest lake that is entirely in Canada.

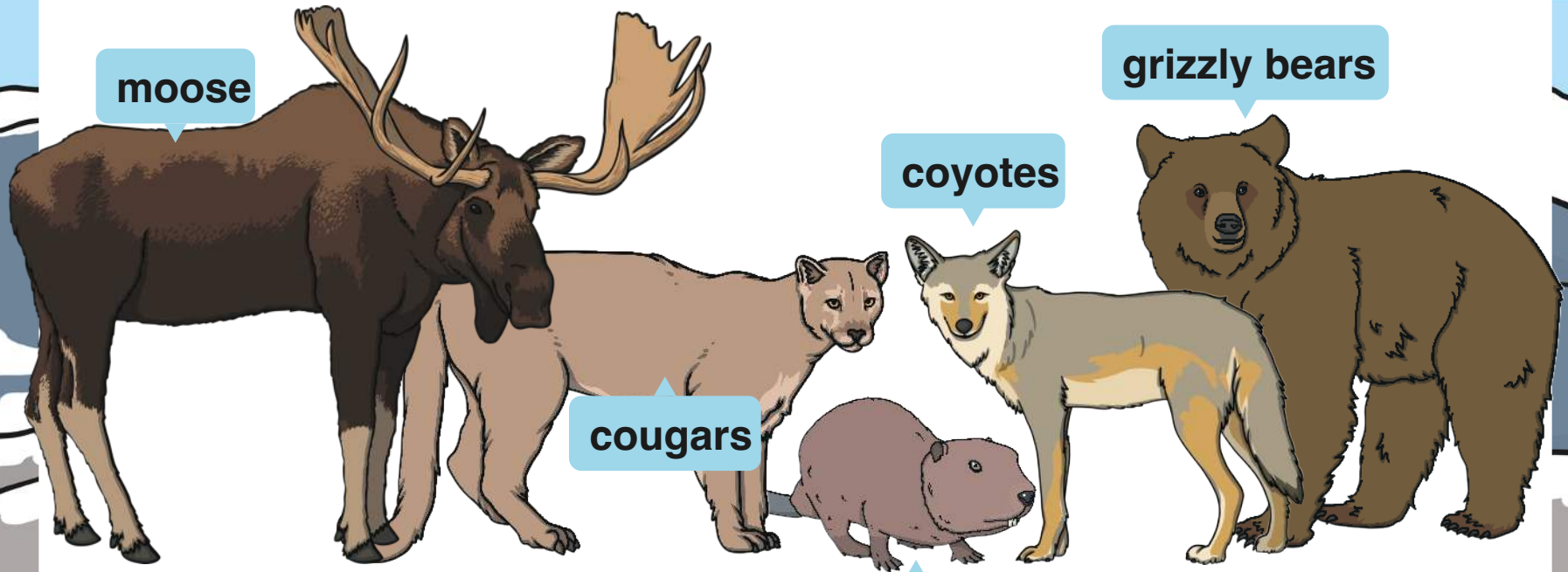
Ice, snow and glaciers are found in the far north of Canada.

As well as the mainland, Canada is also made up of some big islands and lots of smaller ones.



Canada's Wildlife

Some of the wild animals that can be found in Canada include:



moose

grizzly bears

coyotes

cougars

beavers



Did You Know...?

Canada has two national animals - the beaver and the Canadian horse.

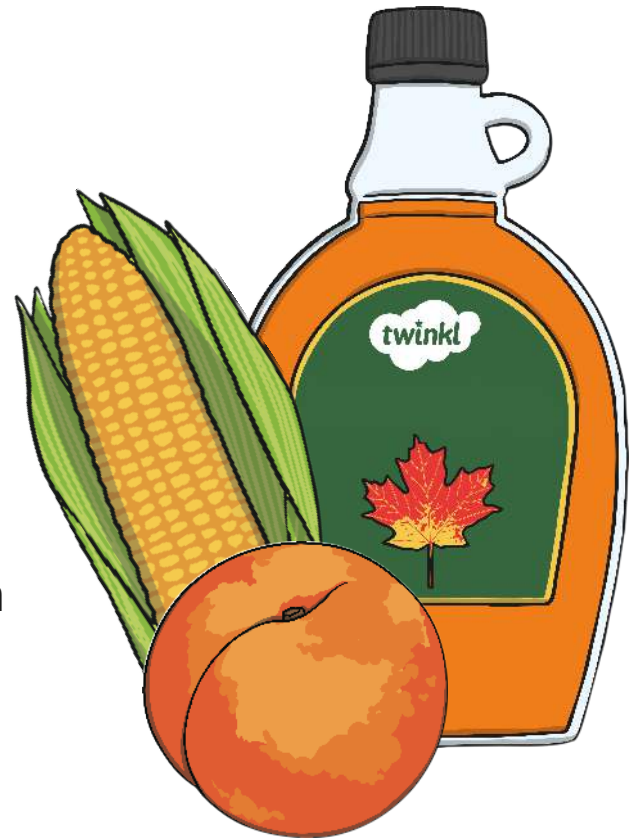
Food

Canadians tend to eat three meals a day. Meat and vegetables, along with rice or potatoes, are often eaten as the main meal of the day.

Maple syrup is a popular accompaniment to foods, such as pancakes and bacon. The sap which is used to make maple syrup is collected from the trunks of maple trees.

Corn is one of the most widely-grown crops in the country and is a big part of the diet of many Canadians.

Fruit orchards in the warmer parts of Canada grow fruits such as peaches, grapes and apples.



Going to School

Children in Canada can go to kindergarten from around the age of four but school is not usually compulsory until the age of six, when children enter 'grade one'.

Children must continue to attend school until the age of 16 in most provinces but in some provinces, they must remain in education until they are 18 or have received a secondary school diploma.

Many children then choose to go on to college or university.



Interesting Facts

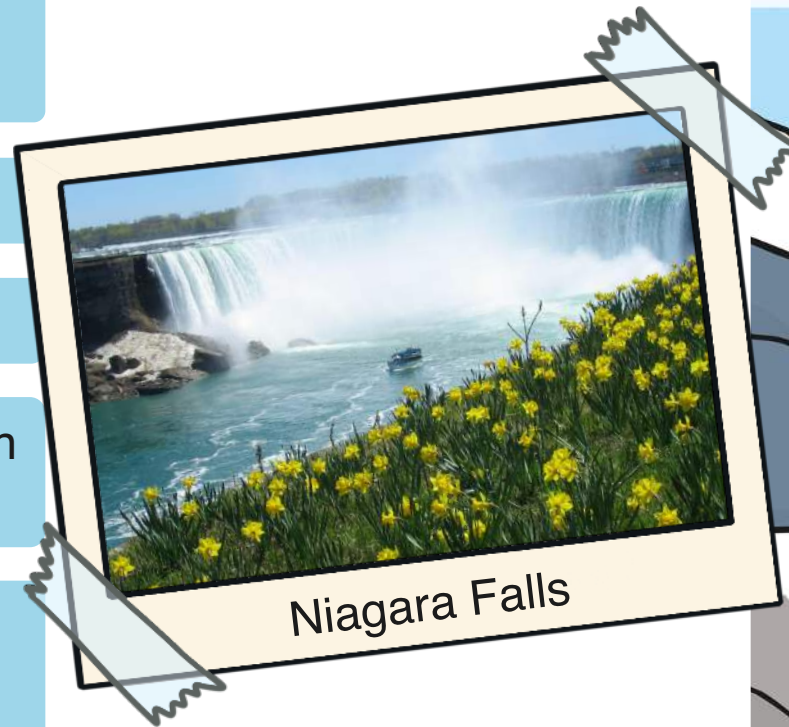
Canada is the second largest country in the world but one of the least densely populated.

Canada spans six time zones.

Cougars are also known as mountain lions.

Famous Canadians include singers Shawn Mendes and Justin Bieber.

Niagara Falls is a very famous group of waterfalls on the border between Canada and the United States of America.



Niagara Falls

Quick Quiz

- 1 The Canadian flag is made up of which two colours?

red and white
- 2 What is the capital city of Canada?

Ottawa
- 3 What part of the maple tree is the sap used to make maple syrup harvested from?

trunk
- 4 At what age does school usually become compulsory in Canada?

six
- 5 What are cougars also known as?

mountain lions

