





The word "CANADA" comes from one of the languages of Indians. They said "kanata" and meant simply the "village" or "settlement". The French traveller J.Cartier liked the name and decided to apply it to the territory. But the new country got the name of Canada at the time of Confederation.



Location: The country is situated in North America, washed by the Atlantic Ocean on the east, the Pacific Ocean on the west, and the Arctic Ocean on the north.

Area: total: 9,984,670 sq km land: 9,093,507 sq km water: 891,163 sq km

Climate: varies from temperate in the south to subarctic and arctic in the north.

Territory: mostly plains with mountains in the west and lowlands in the southeast.

Natural resources: iron ore, nickel, zinc, copper, gold, lead, silver, fish, timber, wildlife, coal, petroleum, natural gas, and hydropower.



Population: 33 million people

Ethnic Groups: British Isles origin 28%, French origin 23%, other European 15%, Amerindian 2%, other, mostly Asian, African, Arab 6%, mixed background 26%.

Religions: Roman Catholic 46%, Protestant 36%, other 18%.

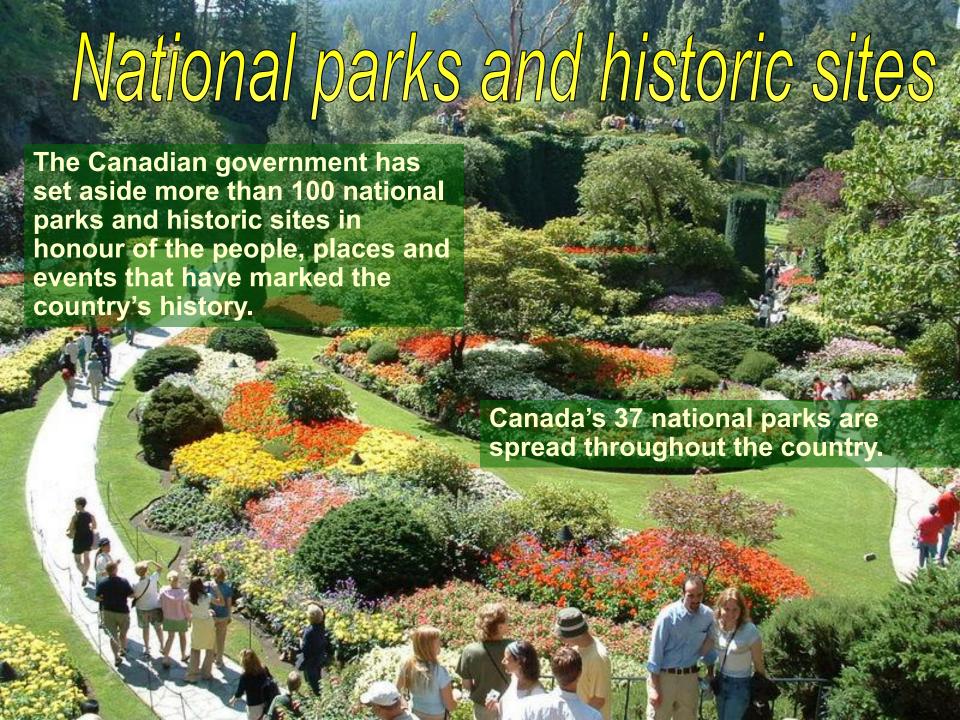


Languages: English 59%, French 23%, other 18%.

Canada is a bilingual country with two official languages: English and French.

As a bilingual nation, Canada offers English as a Second Language (ESL) and French as a Second Language (FSL) for students wishing to learn both languages.





Parliament Hill

Parliament Hill is an area of Crown land on the southern banks of the Ottawa River.

Its Gothic revival suite of buildings

contains a number of architectural elements of national importance.

Parliament Hill attracts approximately 3 million visitors every year.



The St. Joseph's Cathedral

It is constructed on the Royal mountain, open to air and sunlight, the cathedral looks very majestically and monumentally. In Montreal it is totaled more than 300 churches. And **Canadians frequently** name Montreal the city of all sacred.



CN-Tower

 Television tower "CN-Tower" - the highest in the world, constructed in 1976. It became an architectural symbol of Toronto. In clear weather from a survey platform it is possible to see even Niagara Falls and the American city of Buffalo which is situated about 120 km from Toronto.









The Yukon and the Columbia, parts of which flow through the United States territory, the Nelson, the Saskatchewan, the Peace, and the Churchill are also major watercourses.











Montreal













- CANADA is a constitutional monarchy, an independent federal state and parliamentary democracy.
- The capital of Canada is OTTAWA.
- Such cities as Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary, Montreal, Vancouver, Winnipeg are known all over the world.



Government

Government Type: confederation with parliamentary democracy. **Capital:** Ottawa.

Executive Branch:

Chief of State: Queen Elizabeth II, represented by the Governor General.



Head of Government: Prime Minister Paul Martin (since December 12th, 2003).



Making Laws.

Prime Ministers have had a very important role in writing and changing the Constitution. Sir John A. Macdonald was one of the men who wrote Canada's Constitution, and then became the first Canada's Prime Minister.

Happy Birthday, Canada.

Canada has a birthday on July 1st. It is a national holiday in Canada and it is celebrated with picnics, barbeques, and fireworks.

On July 1, 1867, the British government (under Queen Victoria) approved a plan which allowed Canada to become an independent country.



Provinces and Territories: Canada is independent federative state consisting of 10 provinces and three territories.



The «maple leaf» is the national symbol of the country. Red and white are Canada's official colours. The beaver is the official animal symbol of Canada.

The Canadian Flag.



The National Flag of Canada is the «Maple Leaf», it was adopted on February 15th, 1965.

The Arms of Canada.



Canada's coat of arms has three maple leaves below the royal arms of England, Scotland, Ireland and France.



Trees have played an important role in the history of Canada. The maple tree was never officially recognized as Canada's arboreal emblem until 1996. But now All provinces have established arboreal emblems.

The Maple Leaf.



Today the maple leaf appears on one cent coin, but between 1876 and 1901 it appeared on all Canadian

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The beaver is the official animal symbol of Canada. It also appears on the coins.

Thanks for attention!!