

COVER STORY

# THE CANADA QUIZ

The ultimate  
test of all things  
Shania, Zamboni  
and maple syrup

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FOR ANSWERS, TURN TO PAGE 8

**1.** This area has less gravity than the rest of the world.



**2.** Canada has 2,860 of these, twice as many as the United States.

**3.** Quebec is the world's top producer of this condiment.

**4.** The beaver is one of Canada's national animals; this statuesque mammal is the other.

**5.** This type of bear lives in British Columbia—and nowhere else in the world.

**6.** A Canadian pharmacist invented this spreadable.

**7.** This type of pizza was created by

Sam Panapoulos in London, Ontario, in 1962.

**8.** This piece of hardware is used only in Canada.

**9.** A group of Canadian experimental filmmakers invented this technology for Expo 67.

**10.** This event was the most watched broadcast in Canadian history.

**11.** And this 2016 concert followed closely behind.

**12.** The world's oldest water was found at this spot in Northern Ontario.

**13.** Canadians consume more than twice as much of this meal-in-a-box than Americans.

**14.** The oldest surviving basketball court in the world resides in this province.

**15.** And we also have the oldest piece of this sports equipment.

**16.** People in Saskatchewan use this cutesy nickname for hoodies.

**17.** The world's only perogy drive-through is in this city.

**18.** Canadians eat 1 billion of these every year.

**19.** This ballet dancer famously defected from the Soviet Union after a performance in Toronto in 1974.

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**20.** Rodney, Ontario, is home to North America's smallest one of these institutions.

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**21.** This town set a record for the most extreme temperature change—from -19 Celsius to +22 Celsius in less than an hour.

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**22.** Project HARP, a joint plan by the American and Canadian ministries of defense to use a giant space gun to shoot objects into the sky, was designed by this Canadian engineer.

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**23.** Canada has more of these than the rest of the world combined.

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**24.** In some provinces, doctors can prescribe these to encourage more time spent outdoors.

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**25.** This eccentric Toronto financier launched a contest in 1926 promising a cash prize to the woman who could have the most babies in a 10-year span.

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**26.** People in Churchill, Manitoba, leave their cars unlocked for people escaping these.

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**27.** Maritime speech patterns bear a strong resemblance to those common in this part of Europe.

**28.** Letters addressed to the postal code H0H 0H0 are delivered here.

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**29.** The border between Canada and the U.S. holds this distinction.

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**30.** This type of evidence is not admissible in many Canadian courts.

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**31.** This former prime minister believed in ghosts and séances.

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**32.** This is the most-consumed fruit in Canada.

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**33.** This Canadian city was named after a berry.

**34.** One of the world's oldest Viking settlements can be found in this province.



**35.** Alberta is the world's largest inhabited region to be completely free of these pests.

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**36.** These crops have been planted in Nova Scotia since the 1600s.

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**37.** This chemical engineer from Pontypool, Ontario, invented alkaline batteries.

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**38.** Until the late 18th century, this fish was used as currency in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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**39.** This actor, who became famous playing a Scot on TV, was actually Canadian.

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**40.** This cooking staple, derived from the rapeseed plant, was created in Canada.

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**41.** "Pile-of-Bones" was the original name for this Canadian provincial capital.

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**42.** In 1955, Quaker Oats gave this away in its cereal boxes.

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**43.** Residents of Prince Edward Island are known by this starchy nickname.

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**44.** This Central Canadian city is considered the Slurpee capital of the world.

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**45.** You can find the world's highest tides here.



**46.** The command “mush”—used for sled dogs—comes from this French word.

**47.** This underground site features a CBC recording studio and a Bank of Canada vault.

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**48.** This Métis leader is considered the founder of Manitoba.

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**49.** Guglielmo Marconi sent the first transatlantic wireless messages from this province.

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**50.** This novelist trained at Camp X, a spy school in Ontario, during the Second World War.

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**51.** And this Canadian was thought to be the inspiration for his suave main character.

**52.** This folk singer was discovered by the same talent agent who signed Bob Dylan and Bruce Springsteen.

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**53.** Indigenous peoples have lived here for at least this long.

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**54.** One of the world's oldest sour-dough starters can be found here.

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**55.** When this fish species became endangered, the Okanagan Nation Alliance rejuvenated its population.

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**56.** Skyscrapers use water from the depths of Lake Ontario for this.

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**57.** There are no roads leading to this territory.

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**58.** The green ink used to dye this was invented in Canada.

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**59.** This spot in Nunavut has a surface so similar to that of Mars that NASA conducts experiments there.

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**60.** The village of Klemtu, British Columbia, is said to be the home of these shaggy cryptids.

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**61.** The earliest known reptile fossil was found in this province.

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**62.** And the earliest known shark fossil was discovered here.

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**63.** Canada earned this ranking on

the 2021 *U.S. News and World Report* list of the best countries in the world.

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**64.** This Montreal spot is considered the country's oldest restaurant.

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**65.** And this is the oldest continuously operating ballpark in the world.

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**66.** The Reference Library in Toronto has one of the world's finest memorabilia collections devoted to this mystery author.

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**67.** The RAPS Cat Sanctuary in this province bills itself as a Club Med for cats.

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**68.** This British Columbia hospital is one of the most popular filming sites in Canada.

**69.** Babe Ruth hit his first professional home run at this Canadian site.



**70.** In the summer of 2021, one billion mussels, clams and snails perished in British Columbia because of this phenomenon.

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**71.** In the early 20th century, Amber Valley was an all-Black community located in this province.

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**72.** Some 90 per cent of Canadians live within 160 kilometres of this.

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**73.** Brothers Jimmy and Dan MacNeil of Brantford, Ontario, drove this vehicle across Canada in 2001.

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**74.** In 1942, this city staged an elaborate ruse, claiming it was being invaded by Nazis.

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**75.** And, to this day, this province has a town called Swastika.

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**76.** You can find 50 million goldfish swimming in this lake.



**77.** In 1967, the town of St. Paul's, Alberta, created the world's first landing pad for these.

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**78.** Niagara Falls's Horseshoe Falls once did this for 38 hours in 1848.

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**79.** One third of the world's supply of these salty snacks is made in New Brunswick.

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**80.** Disney animator Charles Thorsen apparently based this character on a waitress he met in Winnipeg.

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**81.** This was the first Indigenous-owned winery in North America.

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**82.** A micro-nation known as the Republic of Nirivia can be found on an island in this Great Lake.

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**83.** This national sport originated with the Ojibwa First Nations, who often used it to train warriors.

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**84.** This Canadian singer's 1997 album *Come on Over* is the all-time bestselling record by a female artist.

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**85.** The world's smallest one of these can be found in the Yukon.

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**86.** This is the sunniest city in Canada.

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**87.** According to comic book lore, this superhero was born in Cold Lake, Alberta.





**88.** A Canadian man stole 75,000 vials of this vaccine in 1959 and sold them on the black market.

**89.** Canadian engineer Wally Floody was the principal architect of the real-life tunnels that inspired this classic 1963 war film.

**90.** This Scottish-Canadian inventor is responsible for global time zones and the 24-hour clock.

**91.** In 1958, the Canadian government destroyed this underwater mountain with explosives.

**92.** This lake, meanwhile, hides an underwater town.

**93.** The largest ever one of these was the size of a softball.

**94.** Canadian Charles Fenerty was the first person to make paper out of this material.

**95.** A billion-year-old algae fossil was discovered in this region in 2017.

**96.** The tip of this province is known for its “singing sands.”

**97.** This film, shot in Canada in 1922, is widely considered the first full-length documentary.

**98.** These two islands off the coast of Newfoundland are the last remaining vestiges of New France.

**99.** This is Canada’s most played sport.

**100.** Drake still gets royalties from his appearance on this 2000s teen drama.

**101.** In 2007, the Royal Canadian Mint issued a coin worth this much.



# ANSWERS

HOW MANY DID YOU GET CORRECT?

- 1. **Hudson's Bay.** It's due to a combination of the melting Laurentide Ice Sheet and convection in the Earth's mantle.
- 2. **Hockey rinks.** That's more than any other country.
- 3. **Maple syrup.** The province makes about 73 per cent of the global supply.
- 4. **The Canadian horse,** which is usually black, bay or brown and descends from the horses sent by King Louis XIV of France to his subjects in New France in 1665.
- 5. **The kermode bear,** also known as the spirit or ghost bear. It was named after Francis Kermode, who encountered the animals while working as a director of the British Columbia Provincial Museum.
- 6. **Marcellus Gilmore Edson,** who patented a method to turn roasted peanuts into **peanut butter** in 1884.
- 7. **Hawaiian pizza.** He had a hunch that the sweet pineapple and savoury ham would go well together.
- 8. The square **Robertson screw.** Henry Ford wanted to use the screw for his Model T assembly

line, but the company wouldn't license it to him. *Consumer Reports* has rated the Robertson far superior to the slippery Phillips screw.

- 9. **Imax.** It took longer than they expected, though, and the first screening took place three years later at Expo 70 in Japan.
- 10. **The 2010 Olympic men's hockey final.** Some 16.6 million Canadians watched Team Canada clinch the gold medal.
- 11. **The Tragically Hip's last show,** a year before the death of lead singer Gord Downie.
- 12. **Kidd Mine,** a base metal mine north of Timmins. A pool of two-billion-year-old water was discovered in one of the underground tunnels in 2016.
- 13. **Kraft Dinner.**



- 14. **New Brunswick.** The court, in St. Stephen, was first used in 1893, and there are plans to turn it into a museum.



- **15. Hockey stick.** It dates back to 1830s Cape Breton, where it was carved from a single piece of sugar maple.
- **16. Bunny hugs.** The term dates to the 1970s.
- **17. Saskatoon.** Baba's Homestyle Perogies is known for its exceptional Ukrainian dumplings, as well as cabbage rolls, sausages and borscht.
- **18. Doughnuts.** Thanks, Tim Hortons.
- **19. Mikhail Baryshnikov.** He was on tour with the Bolshoi Ballet at the time.
- **20. Jails.** It measures a snug 270 square feet.
- **21. Pincher Creek, Alberta,** which experienced this momentous shift in January 1962 thanks to the chinook winds.
- **22. Gerald Bull,** who later designed the Project Babylon supergun for Saddam Hussein (and was assassinated as a result).
- **23. Lakes.** Some nine per cent of Canada's surface area is covered by fresh water.
- **24. Parks Canada passes.**
- **25. Charles Vance Millar.** Four women—who had nine children each—split the prize, each

getting \$125,000.

- **26. Polar bears.** It's one of several local strategies designed to mitigate attacks.
- **27. Scandinavia.** It's a rare pattern known as "ingressive pulmonic speech."
- **28. To the "North Pole."** Volunteers reply to some 1.6 million letters each year.



- **29. World's longest—and longest demilitarized—border,** at almost 9,000 kilometres.
- **30. Apologies,** which aren't allowed as admissions of fault since they're given so often.
- **31. William Lyon Mackenzie King.** Some people say the grounds of Kingsmere, his country estate in Gatineau, are still haunted.

- **32. The banana.** Apples follow close behind.
- **33. Saskatoon.** It comes from the Cree word “mis-sask-quah-too-mina.”
- **34. Newfoundland.** The village, known as L’Anse aux Meadows, dates back more than 1,000 years and is now a tourist attraction.
- **35. Rats.** The province embarked on an aggressive pest-control program in 1942 and monitors the provincial borders to this day.
- **36. Wine grapes.** It’s the oldest wine region in Canada.
- **37. Lewis Frederick Urry,** who developed the world’s first long-lasting batteries in 1955.
- **38. Cod.** Fishermen traded it for food, clothing and supplies.
- **39. James Doohan,** a.k.a. Lieutenant Commander Scotty on *Star Trek*. He was born in Vancouver.
- **40. Canola oil,** which was first produced in 1974 and takes its name from “Canada” and “oil.”
- **41. Regina, Saskatchewan.** Pile-of-Bones was its anglicized Cree moniker, named for buffalo remains.
- **42. Real estate in the Yukon**—each box included a deed for a one-square-inch plot of land.
- **43. Spud Islanders,** which derives from P.E.I.’s bumper potato crops.
- **44. Winnipeg.** An average of 188,000 frosty beverages are sold there each month—by far the most per capita in the world.
- **45. The Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia.** They can range anywhere from 3.5 to 16 metres.
- **46. Marche,** which 18th-century French sled drivers said to get their dogs moving.
- **47. The Diefenbunker,** a four-storey underground nuclear fallout shelter built during the Cold War as a refuge for John Diefenbaker’s government.
- **48. Louis Riel.** He helped create the Manitoba Act, which brought the province into Confederation in 1870.
- **49. Newfoundland and Labrador.** The messages were transmitted 3,400 kilometres to Poldhu, England, on December 12, 1901.



- **50. Ian Fleming**, author of the James Bond series.
- **51. Sir William Stephenson**, who flew as a fighter pilot in the Second World War and later did counter-espionage for the Brits.
- **52. Leonard Cohen**. John Hammond of Columbia Records became a fan of Cohen after seeing him perform at a folk festival.
- **53. 14,000 years**. The oldest village was found on Triquet Island in British Columbia.
- **54. Yukon**. It's 120 years old and belongs to Lone Christensen, a former Canadian senator.
- **55. Sockeye salmon**. They created fishways and cleaned the water, and by 2010, the sockeye salmon population was sustainable for the first time in 75 years.
- **56. Air conditioning**. The frigid lake water is a sustainable alternative coolant for some Toronto buildings.
- **57. Nunavut**. No roads connect its 25 communities, either. People get around via air and boat travel.
- **58. The American greenback**. It was developed by Dr. Thomas Wherry Hunt at Laval University in 1857.
- **59. Devon Island**. It's also the largest uninhabited island in the world.



- **60. Sasquatches**. According to the Kitasoo/Xai'xais First Nation, the hairy giants live in the surrounding forests.
- **61. Nova Scotia**. The *Hylonomus lyelli* is 312 million years old and was found in the Bay of Fundy.
- **62. New Brunswick**. The fossil is around 400 million years old.
- **63. It placed #1**, followed by Japan and Germany.
- **64. L'Auberge Saint-Gabriel**, which first opened in 1754.
- **65. Labatt Park** in London, Ontario, which dates back to 1877.
- **66. Arthur Conan Doyle**, author of the Sherlock Holmes series.
- **67. British Columbia**. More than 500 cats roam among the buildings,

cottages and fenced-in outdoor space.

- **68. Riverview Hospital in Coquitlam.** It's been a location for such shows as *Supernatural* and *Riverdale* and films including *Jennifer's Body* and *Deadpool*.
- **69. Hanlan's Point Stadium** on the Toronto Islands. It was 1914 and he was playing for the Baltimore Orioles against the Toronto Maple Leafs (these were pre-Blue Jays days).
- **70. A heat wave** that hit temperatures of 49.6 Celsius.
- **71. Alberta.** It consisted of people fleeing Jim Crow-era Oklahoma and was considered the world's northernmost all-Black community at the time.
- **72. The U.S. border.** Vast swaths of the country north of this point are undeveloped.
- **73. A Zamboni.** With an assist from a transport trailer, they covered 6,000 kilometres to raise money for the Canadian Hockey Association.



- **74. Winnipeg.** They organized a fake Nazi parade, hoping the fear would inspire Manitobans to increase their donations to the war effort.
- **75. Ontario.** The former mining town was named in 1906 after what is, in some cultures, considered a good-luck symbol.
- **76. Lake Ontario.** The population has surged in recent years as a result of people freeing their pets in open water.
- **77. UFOs.** It was part of the town's centennial celebrations.
- **78. Stopped flowing,** when millions of tonnes of ice from Lake Erie became lodged at the mouth of the Niagara River.
- **79. French fries.** They're produced by McCain Foods in Florenceville-Bristol.
- **80. Snow White.** The server in question worked at a diner called the Weevil Café.
- **81. Nk'Mip Cellars** in the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia. It opened in 2002.
- **82. Lake Superior.** It was formed in 1979 after a group of people from Nipigon and Thunder Bay determined that the island of St. Ignace hadn't been claimed by any other country.

- **83. Lacrosse.** Its Algonquin name is *baggataway*.
- **84. Shania Twain.** It's also the best-selling country album of all time.
- **85. Desert.** Specifically, Carcross Desert, which measures only 2.6 square kilometres.
- **86. Calgary,** which averages 333 days of sunshine per year.
- **87. Wolverine,** whose origin story says he was born James Howlett in 1832.
- **88. The polio vaccine.** The culprit was a vaccine clinic worker named Jean Paul Robinson, who sold the haul for \$50,000.
- **89. The Great Escape.** He helped orchestrate a POW breakout from Poland's Stalag Luft 3 in 1944. In the movie, Charles Bronson played a character based on him.
- **90. Sir Sandford Fleming.** He also designed Canada's first postage stamp and engineered much of the Canadian Pacific Railway.
- **91. Ripple Rock,** near the Campbell River in British Columbia. The hidden peak was causing hundreds of boating accidents each year.
- **92. Lake Minnewanka** in Alberta. The summer resort village disappeared after a hydroelectric dam raised water levels.
- **93. Hailstone.** It fell during a hail-storm in Cedoux, Saskatchewan, and weighed 290 grams.
- **94. Wood pulp.** He made the first batch after his local paper mill ran out of cotton rags, which were previously used to make the stuff.
- **95. Baffin Island,** Nunavut. They're the oldest such fossils in the world.
- **96. Prince Edward Island.** The sand on Basin Head Beach is known to squeak, or sing, when you walk across it.
- **97. Robert J. Flaherty's *Nanook of the North*,** which uses documentary and docudrama to chronicle the lives of Inuit living on the Ungava Peninsula in northern Quebec.
- **98. Saint Pierre and Miquelon,** which also warehoused millions of litres of booze during Prohibition.
- **99. Golf,** surprisingly. (Hockey, of course, is next.)
- **100. Degrassi: The Next Generation.** He posted a photo of a cheque for \$8.25 on his Instagram in 2017.
- **101. \$1 million.** It weighed 100 kilograms and was made from pure gold bullion.

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