



Trivia Night — Host book

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Setup: test projector, print team sheets, confirm wifi backup (paper mode). Host with Captain Maple on your slide deck for a friendly Canadian room vibe.

Canada (SAMPLE)

Sample round. Not approved for sale.

Timing: About 10 minutes plus marking.

1. Which national park in Alberta, established in 1885, was Canada's first?

Answer: **Banff National Park**

Also accept: Banff

Say: Banff: BANF

Fun fact: The park grew from a hot-springs reserve at Cave and Basin.

Source: Banff National Park (Parks Canada) <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/ab/banff>

Source: Banff National Park (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/banff-national-park>

2. Which Prime Minister introduced the Canada Pension Plan in 1965?

Answer: **Lester B. Pearson**

Also accept: Pearson; Lester Pearson; Mike Pearson

Fun fact: The CPP began paying retirement pensions in 1967.

Source: Canada Pension Plan (Government of Canada) <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/benefits/publicpensions/cpp.html>

Source: Lester B. Pearson (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/lester-bowles-pearson>

3. Which Canadian city hosted the 1976 Summer Olympic Games?

Answer: **Montreal**

Also accept: Montréal

Say: Montreal: mun-tree-AWL. Montréal: moh-ray-AL

Fun fact: Nadia Comaneci scored the first perfect 10 in Olympic gymnastics in Montreal.

Source: Montreal 1976 Olympic Games (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/montreal-olympics-1976>

Source: Montreal 1976 (Canadian Olympic Committee) <https://olympic.ca/games/montreal-1976/>

4. The RCMP was formed in 1920 by merging which two mounted police forces?

Answer: **North-West Mounted Police and Dominion Police**

Also accept: NWMP and Dominion Police; Royal North-West Mounted Police and Dominion Police

Fun fact: The force was renamed the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1920.

Source: History of the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/history-rcmp>

Source: Royal Canadian Mounted Police (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/royal-canadian-mounted-police>

5. Which Canadian river is generally listed as the country's longest?

Answer: **Mackenzie River**

Also accept: Mackenzie; Dehcho; Deh Cho

Say: Mackenzie: muh-KEN-zee. Dehcho: DEH-choh

Fun fact: The river system drains into the Beaufort Sea.

Source: Atlas of Canada / Toporama (Natural Resources Canada) <https://atlas.gc.ca/toporama/en/index.html>

Source: Mackenzie River (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/mackenzie-river>

6. What is the highest mountain in Canada?

Answer: **Mount Logan**

Also accept: Logan

Say: Kluane: kloo-AH-nee

Fun fact: Mount Logan rises in Kluane National Park and Reserve.

Source: Kluane National Park and Reserve (Parks Canada) <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/yt/kluane>

Source: Mount Logan (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/mount-logan>

7. Which Canadian physician invented basketball in 1891 while working in Massachusetts?

Answer: **James Naismith**

Also accept: Naismith

Fun fact: Naismith was born in Almonte, Ontario.

Source: James Naismith (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/james-naismith>

Source: Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame (Canada Basketball) <https://www.basketballhalloffame.ca/>

8. In what year did the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms come into force?

Answer: **1982**

Fun fact: The Charter is Part I of the Constitution Act, 1982.

Source: Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (Department of Justice Canada) <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/csj-sjc/rfc-dlc/ccrf-ccd/>

Source: Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/canadian-charter-of-rights-and-freedoms>

9. Who chaired the commission that wrote a 1967 report leading to federal official bilingualism?

Answer: **Andre Laurendeau and Davidson Dunton**

Also accept: Laurendeau-Dunton; Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism

Say: Laurendeau: lor-ahn-DOH

Fun fact: The commission is often called the Laurendeau-Dunton Commission.

Source: Official languages publications (Canadian Heritage) <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/official-languages-bilingualism/publications.html>

Source: Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/royal-commission-on-bilingualism-and-biculturalism>

10. Which Canadian scientist won the 1923 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine with J.J.R. Macleod for insulin?

Answer: **Frederick Banting**

Also accept: Banting; Sir Frederick Banting

Fun fact: Banting shared his prize money with Charles Best.

Home province or territory (SAMPLE)

Sample round. Not approved for sale.

Timing: About 10 minutes plus marking.

1. What is the capital city of Ontario?

Answer: **Toronto**

Fun fact: Queen's Park is the seat of the provincial legislature.

Source: Government of Ontario (Government of Ontario) <https://www.ontario.ca/>

Source: Toronto (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/toronto>

2. In which Ontario city does the federal Parliament sit?

Answer: **Ottawa**

Fun fact: Ottawa was chosen as the capital by Queen Victoria in 1857.

Source: Official symbols (Canadian Heritage) <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/official-symbols-canada.html>

Source: Ottawa (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/ottawa>

3. Which Great Lake has Toronto on its northwestern shore?

Answer: **Lake Ontario**

Also accept: Ontario

Fun fact: The Toronto Islands sit in the harbour.

Source: City of Toronto (City of Toronto) <https://www.toronto.ca/>

Source: Lake Ontario (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/lake-ontario>

4. Which canal in Ottawa is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a winter skating rink?

Answer: **Rideau Canal**

Also accept: Rideau

Say: Rideau: ree-DOH

Fun fact: The skateway is a winter tradition when ice is thick enough.

Source: Rideau Canal (Parks Canada) <https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/rideau>

Source: Rideau Canal (UNESCO) <https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/1221/>

5. Which Niagara town is immediately beside the Canadian falls?

Answer: **Niagara Falls**

Also accept: Niagara Falls, Ontario

Fun fact: The city is separate from Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Source: City of Niagara Falls (City of Niagara Falls) <https://niagarafalls.ca/>

Source: Niagara Falls (Ontario) (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/niagara-falls-ont>

6. Algonquin Provincial Park is in which part of Ontario?

Answer: **central Ontario**

Also accept: Cottage Country; near Huntsville; central; east-central

Say: Algonquin: al-GONG-kwin

Fun fact: The park was established in 1893.

Source: Algonquin Provincial Park (Ontario Parks) <https://www.ontarioparks.ca/park/algonquin>

Source: Algonquin Provincial Park (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/algonquin-provincial-park>

7. Which Ontario point is the southernmost extent of mainland Canada?

Answer: **Point Pelee**

Also accept: Pelee; Middle Island

Say: Pelee: PEE-lee

Fun fact: Middle Island, south of Point Pelee, is the southernmost land in Canada.

Source: Point Pelee National Park (Parks Canada) <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/on/pelee>

Source: Point Pelee (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/point-pelee>

8. Sudbury is known for which metal-mining basin?

Answer: **nickel**

Also accept: nickel-copper; Sudbury Basin

Fun fact: The Sudbury Basin is an impact structure.

Source: City of Greater Sudbury (Greater Sudbury) <https://www.greatersudbury.ca/>

Source: Sudbury (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/sudbury>

9. Thunder Bay is on the shore of which Great Lake?

Answer: **Lake Superior**

Also accept: Superior

Fun fact: The city amalgamated Port Arthur and Fort William in 1970.

Source: City of Thunder Bay (City of Thunder Bay) <https://www.thunderbay.ca/>

Source: Thunder Bay (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/thunder-bay>

10. Who was Ontario's first premier after Confederation in 1867?

Answer: **John Sandfield Macdonald**

Also accept: Sandfield Macdonald; J.S. Macdonald

Fun fact: He is not the same person as Sir John A. Macdonald.

Source: Legislative Assembly of Ontario (Legislative Assembly of Ontario) <https://www.ola.org/>

Source: John Sandfield Macdonald (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/john-sandfield-macdonald>

World (SAMPLE)

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Timing: About 10 minutes plus marking.

1. Which strait separates the Iberian Peninsula from Morocco at the Mediterranean's western entrance?

Answer: **Strait of Gibraltar**

Also accept: Gibraltar

Fun fact: The strait connects the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea.

Source: Strait of Gibraltar (Encyclopaedia Britannica) <https://www.britannica.com/place/Strait-of-Gibraltar>

Source: Strait of Gibraltar (National Geographic) <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/strait-of-gibraltar>

2. What is the capital of Ethiopia?

Answer: **Addis Ababa**

Also accept: Addis Abeba

Say: Addis Ababa: AH-dis AB-uh-buh

Fun fact: Addis Ababa hosts the African Union headquarters.

Source: Addis Ababa (Encyclopaedia Britannica) <https://www.britannica.com/place/Addis-Ababa>

Source: African Union (African Union) <https://au.int/en>

3. Which country has the largest land area in the world?

Answer: **Russia**

Also accept: Russian Federation

Fun fact: Russia spans eleven time zones.

Source: Russia (CIA World Factbook) <https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/russia/>

Source: Russia (Encyclopaedia Britannica) <https://www.britannica.com/place/Russia>

4. Which European city is the headquarters of the United Nations' International Court of Justice?

Answer: **The Hague**

Also accept: Hague; Den Haag

Say: The Hague: the HAYG. Den Haag: den HAHKH

Fun fact: The court sits in the Peace Palace.

Source: The Court (International Court of Justice) <https://www.icj-cij.org/court>

Source: UN Charter Chapter XIV (United Nations) <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-charter/chapter-14>

5. Which South American country has Portuguese as its official language?

Answer: **Brazil**

Also accept: Brasil

Fun fact: Portuguese arrived with the 1500 landing claimed for Portugal.

Source: Portal do Governo Brasileiro (Government of Brazil) <https://www.gov.br/>

Source: Brazil (CIA World Factbook) <https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/brazil/>

6. What is the SI unit of electric current?

Answer: **ampere**

Also accept: amp; A

Fun fact: The ampere is one of the seven SI base units.

Source: SI base units (BIPM) <https://www.bipm.org/en/si-base-units>

Source: SI units electric current (NIST) <https://www.nist.gov/pml/owm/si-units-electric-current>

7. Which desert is the largest hot desert on Earth?

Answer: **Sahara**

Also accept: Sahara Desert

Say: Sahara: suh-HAIR-uh

Fun fact: Antarctica is larger if cold deserts are included.

Source: Sahara (Encyclopaedia Britannica) <https://www.britannica.com/place/Sahara-desert-Africa>

Source: Sahara Desert (US National Park Service) <https://www.nps.gov/articles/sahara.htm>

8. Who wrote the 1813 novel Pride and Prejudice?

Answer: **Jane Austen**

Also accept: Austen

Fun fact: The novel was published anonymously as 'By the Author of Sense and Sensibility'.

Source: First edition of Pride and Prejudice (British Library) <https://www.bl.uk/collection-items/first-edition-of-pride-and-prejudice>

Source: Pride and Prejudice (Encyclopaedia Britannica) <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Pride-and-Prejudice>

9. Which planet in the solar system has the shortest year?

Answer: **Mercury**

Fun fact: Mercury orbits the Sun in about 88 Earth days.

Source: Mercury (NASA) <https://science.nasa.gov/mercury/>

Source: Mercury fact sheet (NASA NSSDC) <https://nssdc.gsfc.nasa.gov/planetary/factsheet/mercuryfact.html>

10. The ancient city of Great Zimbabwe is in which present-day country?

Answer: **Zimbabwe**

Say: Zimbabwe: zim-BAHB-way

Fun fact: The stone ruins were a centre of a Shona state from about the 11th to 15th centuries.

Source: Great Zimbabwe National Monument (UNESCO) <https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/364/>

Source: Great Zimbabwe (Encyclopaedia Britannica) <https://www.britannica.com/place/Great-Zimbabwe>

Picture (SAMPLE)

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Timing: About 10 minutes plus marking.

1. Identify this national flag.

Answer: **Canada**

Also accept: Canadian flag; Maple Leaf flag

Fun fact: The current flag was adopted in 1965.

Source: History of the National Flag of Canada (Canadian Heritage) <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/flag-canada-history.html>

Source: National Flag of Canada (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/national-flag-of-canada>

2. Identify this Ottawa landmark with a tall central tower.

Answer: **Parliament Hill**

Also accept: Centre Block; Peace Tower; Parliament of Canada

Fun fact: The Peace Tower commemorates the First World War.

Source: Parliamentary Precinct (PSPC) <https://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/citeparlementaire-parliamentaryprecinct/index-eng.html>

Source: Parliament Hill (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/parliament-hill>

3. Identify this Toronto tower.

Answer: **CN Tower**

Also accept: Canadian National Tower

Fun fact: The tower opened in 1976.

Source: CN Tower (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/cn-tower>

Source: CN Tower (CN Tower) <https://www.cntower.ca/>

4. Identify these waterfalls on the Canada-United States border.

Answer: **Niagara Falls**

Also accept: Horseshoe Falls; Niagara

Say: Niagara: nigh-AG-rah

Fun fact: Horseshoe Falls is the Canadian cataract of the Niagara River.

Source: Niagara National Historic Sites (Parks Canada) <https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/niagara>

Source: Niagara Falls (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/niagara-falls>

5. Identify this national flag.

Answer: **France**

Also accept: French flag; tricolour; tricolore

Fun fact: The vertical tricolour dates from the French Revolution.

Source: Presidency of the French Republic (Elysee) <https://www.elysee.fr/>

Source: Flag of France (Encyclopaedia Britannica) <https://www.britannica.com/topic/flag-of-France>

6. Identify this group of five lakes on the Canada-United States border.

Answer: **Great Lakes**

Also accept: the Great Lakes

Fun fact: Lake Michigan is the only Great Lake entirely in the United States.

Source: Atlas of Canada (Natural Resources Canada) <https://atlas.gc.ca/>

Source: Great Lakes (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/great-lakes>

7. Identify this Rocky Mountain national park in Alberta.

Answer: **Banff National Park**

Also accept: Banff

Fun fact: Banff was set aside in 1885 as Canada's first national park.

Source: Banff National Park (Parks Canada) <https://parks.canada.ca/pn-np/ab/banff>

Source: Banff National Park (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/banff-national-park>

8. Identify this stone landmark form used across Inuit Nunangat.

Answer: **inukshuk**

Also accept: inuksuk; inukshuit; inuksuit

Say: inukshuk: in-OOK-shook. inuksuk: in-OOK-sook

Fun fact: An inuksuk can mark a route, a cache, or a gathering place.

Source: Inuksuk (Inukshuk) (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/inuksuk-inukshuk>

Source: Government of Nunavut (Government of Nunavut) <https://www.gov.nu.ca/>

9. Identify this famous Nova Scotia schooner.

Answer: **Bluenose**

Also accept: Bluenose I

Fun fact: Bluenose appears on the Canadian dime.

Source: Bluenose (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/bluenose>

Source: Library and Archives Canada (Library and Archives Canada) <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca/>

10. Identify this organisation's flag.

Answer: **United Nations**

Also accept: UN

Fun fact: The olive branches are a symbol of peace.

Source: UN flag (United Nations) <https://www.un.org/en/about-us/un-flag>

Source: About the UN (United Nations) <https://www.un.org/en/about-us>

Entertainment and sport (SAMPLE)

Sample round. Not approved for sale.

Timing: About 10 minutes plus marking.

1. Which CBC comedy series set in the fictional town of Schitt's Creek won nine Emmy Awards in 2020?

Answer: **Schitt's Creek**

Also accept: Schitts Creek

Fun fact: The series ended its run with a sweep at the 72nd Primetime Emmy Awards.

Source: Schitt's Creek (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/schitts-creek>

Source: Schitt's Creek (CBC) <https://www.cbc.ca/schittscreek>

2. Which Denys Arcand film won the 2004 Academy Award for Best International Feature Film?

Answer: **The Barbarian Invasions**

Also accept: Les Invasions barbares; Barbarian Invasions

Fun fact: It was a sequel to Arcand's 1986 film The Decline of the American Empire.

Source: The Barbarian Invasions (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/barbarian-invasions-les-invasions-barbares>

Source: 2004 Oscars (Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences) <https://www.oscars.org/oscars/ceremonies/2004>

3. Who recorded the 1970 song 'Snowbird', a major international hit written by Gene MacLellan?

Answer: **Anne Murray**

Also accept: Murray

Fun fact: Murray was born in Springhill, Nova Scotia.

Source: Anne Murray (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/anne-murray>

Source: Gene MacLellan (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/gene-maclellan-emc>

4. Which Montreal arena has been the home of the Canadiens since 1996?

Answer: **Bell Centre**

Also accept: Centre Bell; Molson Centre

Fun fact: The arena opened as the Molson Centre in 1996.

Source: Montreal Canadiens (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/montreal-canadiens>

Source: Bell Centre (Montreal Canadiens) <https://www.nhl.com/canadiens/arena>

5. Which Canadian comedy troupe launched SCTV?

Answer: **Second City**

Also accept: The Second City; Second City Toronto

Fun fact: SCTV began in 1976.

Source: Second City Television (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/second-city-television>

Source: SCTV archives (CBC) <https://www.cbc.ca/archives/sctv>

6. How many players from one side are on the ice in a standard curling team, not counting the alternate?

Answer: **4**

Also accept: four

Fun fact: The positions are lead, second, third or vice, and skip.

Source: About curling (Curling Canada) <https://www.curling.ca/about-curling/>

Source: About World Curling (World Curling) <https://worldcurling.org/about/>

7. In what year did the Canadian Football League adopt its current name?

Answer: **1958**

Fun fact: The league formed from a merger of the Interprovincial Rugby Football Union and the Western Interprovincial Football Union.

Source: About the CFL (Canadian Football League) <https://www.cfl.ca/about/>

Source: Canadian Football League (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/canadian-football-league>

8. Which Toronto-born director made the films *The Fly* (1986) and *Crash* (1996)?

Answer: **David Cronenberg**

Also accept: Cronenberg

Fun fact: Cronenberg also directed *Videodrome* (1983).

Source: David Cronenberg (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/david-cronenberg>

Source: David Cronenberg (CBC) <https://www.cbc.ca/arts/david-cronenberg>

9. Which Canadian sprinter won 100-metre gold at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics?

Answer: **Donovan Bailey**

Also accept: Bailey

Fun fact: Bailey also anchored Canada's 4x100-metre gold in Atlanta.

Source: Donovan Bailey (Canadian Olympic Committee) <https://olympic.ca/team-canada/donovan-bailey/>

Source: Donovan Bailey (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/donovan-bailey>

10. What is the name of the CBC radio show hosted for decades by Peter Gzowski that ended in 1997?

Answer: **Morningside**

Say: Gzowski: GOFF-skee

Fun fact: Gzowski's last Morningside broadcast was in May 1997.

Source: Peter Gzowski (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/peter-gzowski>

Source: Peter Gzowski on Morningside (CBC) <https://www.cbc.ca/archives/peter-gzowski-morningside>

Current events (SAMPLE)

Sample round. Not approved for sale.

Timing: About 10 minutes plus marking.

1. On 16 September 2026, Canada applied to join which UK-led military partnership of NATO members?

Answer: **Joint Expeditionary Force**

Also accept: JEF

Fun fact: The JEF is a rapid-response partnership of European NATO members hosted by the United Kingdom.

Source: Canada applies to join UK-led military coalition (Reuters) <https://www.reuters.com/world/canada-applies-join-uk-led-military-coalition-says-carneys-office-2026-09-16/>

Source: Joint Expeditionary Force (UK Government) <https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/joint-expeditionary-force-jef>

2. According to Reuters on 8 September 2026, Canada's retaliatory tariffs took effect after trade talks stalled with which country?

Answer: **United States**

Also accept: US; USA; America; U.S.

Fun fact: The report described counter-tariffs on selected U.S. goods.

Source: Canada's retaliatory tariffs take effect (Reuters) <https://www.reuters.com/business/autos-transportation/canadas-retaliatory-tariffs-take-effect-us-trade-talks-stall-2026-09-08/>

Source: Global Affairs Canada (Government of Canada) <https://www.international.gc.ca/>

3. The Joint Expeditionary Force that Canada applied to join in September 2026 is hosted by which country?

Answer: **United Kingdom**

Also accept: UK; Britain; Great Britain

Fun fact: The JEF is a rapid-response partnership of European NATO members.

Source: Joint Expeditionary Force (UK Government) <https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/joint-expeditionary-force-jef>

Source: Canada applies to join UK-led military coalition (Reuters) <https://www.reuters.com/world/canada-applies-join-uk-led-military-coalition-says-carneys-office-2026-09-16/>

4. According to the 14 September 2026 Reuters report on Carney's investor summit, the meetings took place in which Canadian province?

Answer: **Ontario**

Also accept: ON

Fun fact: The summit welcomed global investment leaders to Toronto.

Source: Carney pitches Canada to global investment titans (Reuters) <https://www.reuters.com/business/carney-locked-us-trade-war-pitches-canada-global-investment-titans-2026-09-14/>

Source: Government of Ontario (Government of Ontario) <https://www.ontario.ca/page/government-ontario>

5. On 5 September 2026, which federal agency released the August 2026 Labour Force Survey?

Answer: **Statistics Canada**

Also accept: StatCan

Fun fact: The Labour Force Survey is Canada's primary monthly jobs report.

Source: Labour Force Survey, August 2026 (Statistics Canada) <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/260905/dq260905a-eng.htm>

Source: Labour Force Survey (Statistics Canada) <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/survey/household/3701>

6. According to a 14 September 2026 Reuters report, in which Canadian city did the Prime Minister host a two-day investor summit that week?

Answer: **Toronto**

Also accept: Toronto, Ontario

Fun fact: The report described a two-day summit beginning that Monday.

Source: Carney pitches Canada to global investment titans (Reuters) <https://www.reuters.com/business/carney-locked-us-trade-war-pitches-canada-global-investment-titans-2026-09-14/>

Source: Privy Council Office (Government of Canada) <https://www.canada.ca/en/privy-council.html>

7. In September 2026, the European Central Bank left its main refinancing rate unchanged. In which city is the ECB headquartered?

Answer: **Frankfurt**

Also accept: Frankfurt am Main

Say: Frankfurt: FRANK-furt

Fun fact: The ECB moved into its Frankfurt skyscraper in 2014.

Source: ECB address (European Central Bank) <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/ecb/orga/address/html/index.en.html>

Source: ECB monetary policy decision (European Central Bank) <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/press/pr/date/2026/html/ecb.mp260911~1.en.html>

8. According to a 12 September 2026 Reuters report, which Canadian airline warned of flight disruptions during a labour dispute that week?

Answer: **Air Canada**

Also accept: Air Canada Rouge

Fun fact: Confirm operational status on the carrier's travel advisory before approval.

Source: Air Canada warns travelers of possible disruptions (Reuters) <https://www.reuters.com/business/aerospace-defense/air-canada-warns-travelers-possible-disruptions-pilot-talks-continue-2026-09-12/>

Source: Air Canada (Air Canada) <https://www.aircanada.com/>

9. On 10 September 2026, NASA and the Canadian Space Agency announced a new astronaut class. Which Canadian agency partners with NASA on the Artemis program?

Answer: **Canadian Space Agency**

Also accept: CSA; Agence spatiale canadienne

Fun fact: Canada provides the Canadarm3 robotics for the Gateway lunar outpost.

Source: Canadian astronauts (Canadian Space Agency) <https://www.asc-csa.gc.ca/eng/astronauts/canadian-space-agency-astronauts.asp>

Source: NASA and CSA introduce astronaut candidates (NASA) <https://www.nasa.gov/news-release/nasa-canadian-space-agency-introduce-astronaut-candidates/>

10. According to a Reuters report on 8 September 2026, Canadian counter-tariffs covered about how many US dollars of US goods?

Answer: **20 billion**

Also accept: \$20 billion; 20 billion dollars

Fun fact: Confirm the dollar figure on the official Government of Canada notice before any paid release.

Source: Canada's retaliatory tariffs take effect (Reuters) <https://www.reuters.com/business/autos-transportation/canadas-retaliatory-tariffs-take-effect-us-trade-talks-stall-2026-09-08/>

Source: Global Affairs Canada (Government of Canada) <https://www.international.gc.ca/>

Theme (SAMPLE)

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Timing: About 10 minutes plus marking.

1. Which Canadian invented the telephone, receiving a US patent in 1876?

Answer: **Alexander Graham Bell**

Also accept: Bell; A.G. Bell

Fun fact: Bell did much of the work at his family home in Brantford, Ontario, and in Boston.

Source: Alexander Graham Bell (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/alexander-graham-bell>

Source: Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site (Parks Canada) <https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/graham-bell>

2. What winter transport did Joseph-Armand Bombardier begin selling in 1937 as the B7?

Answer: **snowmobile**

Also accept: snow machine; Ski-Doo; autoneige

Say: Bombardier: bom-bar-DYAY

Fun fact: The later Ski-Doo brand appeared in the late 1950s.

Source: Joseph-Armand Bombardier (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/joseph-armand-bombardier>

Source: Musee J. Armand Bombardier (Musee Bombardier) <https://www.museebombardier.com/>

3. What medical hormone did Banting, Best, Collip, and Macleod isolate in the early 1920s in Toronto?

Answer: **insulin**

Fun fact: The University of Toronto administered the patents.

Source: Nobel Prize 1923 (Nobel Prize Outreach) <https://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/medicine/1923/summary/>

Source: Insulin (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/insulin>

4. Which communication system did Reginald Fessenden demonstrate by transmitting voice by radio in 1906?

Answer: **voice radio**

Also accept: radio; wireless telephony; AM radio

Say: Fessenden: FESS-en-den

Fun fact: Fessenden was born in East-Bolton, Quebec.

Source: Reginald Fessenden (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/reginald-fessenden>

Source: IEEE Canada (IEEE Canada) <https://www.ieee.ca/>

5. Swedish-American engineer Gideon Sundback refined which garment fastening into the modern zipper while working in Ontario?

Answer: **zipper**

Also accept: zip; zip fastener

Say: Sundback: SUND-back

Fun fact: Sundback was born in Sweden and later worked at a factory in St. Catharines, Ontario.

Source: Gideon Sundback (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/gideon-sundback>

Source: Gideon Sundback (Encyclopaedia Britannica) <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Gideon-Sundback>

6. Which federal weather radio service broadcasts alerts on dedicated VHF frequencies across Canada?

Answer: **Weatheradio Canada**

Also accept: Weatheradio; Weather Radio

Fun fact: Environment and Climate Change Canada operates the network.

Source: Weatheradio (Environment and Climate Change Canada) <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/weatheradio.html>

Source: Meteorological Service of Canada (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/meteorological-service-of-canada>

7. What clingy kitchen wrap became a North American household staple after polymer research at Canadian Union Carbide plants in the 1950s?

Answer: **Saran wrap**

Also accept: plastic wrap; cling film; food wrap

Fun fact: The Saran brand later passed to other companies, but the wrap style is still ubiquitous.

Source: Plastics Industry (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/plastics-industry>

Source: Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) <https://www.ic.gc.ca/>

8. Which electric wheelchair control system is associated with Canadian inventor George Klein after the Second World War?

Answer: **electric wheelchair**

Also accept: powered wheelchair; motorised wheelchair

Fun fact: Klein worked at the National Research Council.

Source: George Klein (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/george-klein>

Source: National Research Council Canada (NRC) <https://nrc.canada.ca/en>

9. What goalie mask pioneer, a Montreal Canadiens player, is often credited with the first regularly used NHL mask in 1959?

Answer: **Jacques Plante**

Also accept: Plante

Say: Jacques Plante: ZHAK PLAHNT

Fun fact: Plante returned to the ice wearing a fibreglass mask on 1 November 1959.

Source: Jacques Plante (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/jacques-plante>

Source: Hockey Hall of Fame (Hockey Hall of Fame) <https://www.hhof.com/>

10. Which instant mashed-potato product is associated with Canadian Edward Asselbergs' 1960s work at the Department of Agriculture?

Answer: **instant mashed potatoes**

Also accept: potato flakes; instant potato flakes

Say: Asselbergs: ASS-el-bergs

Fun fact: The process used cooked, dried potato flakes.

Source: Edward Asselbergs (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/edward-asselbergs>

Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada) <https://agriculture.canada.ca/>

Final question (SAMPLE)

Sample round. Not approved for sale.

Timing: One question.

1. In what year did Nunavut become a Canadian territory?

Answer: **1999**

Say: Nunavut: NOO-na-voot

Fun fact: Nunavut was created on 1 April 1999.

Source: Government of Nunavut (Government of Nunavut) <https://www.gov.nu.ca/>

Source: Nunavut (The Canadian Encyclopedia) <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/nunavut>

Tiebreaker (SAMPLE)

Sample round. Not approved for sale.

Timing: One question.

1. According to Statistics Canada, what was Canada's total population at the 2021 Census?

Answer: **36991585**

Also accept: 36 991 585; 36992000

Fun fact: Statistics Canada published 36,991,585 as the 2021 Census of Population count.

Source: Census Profile 2021 (Statistics Canada) <https://www12.statcan.gc.ca/census-recensement/2021/dp-pd/prof/index.cfm?Lang=E>

Source: Canada tops 36 million (Statistics Canada) <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/220209/dq220209a-eng.htm>