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Country Quiz

Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

Overview:

In this series of quizzes, posted every so often, we test your knowledge of world countries. Let's start with our neighbor to the north, CANADA.

Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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QUESTIONS

1. Which three oceans border Canada?
2. The land that is now Canada has been inhabited for thousands of years by various Native American tribes. What two-word phrase is used in Canada for Native Americans?
3. After the Europeans arrived in Canada in the 16th century, more than half of the land's aboriginal people died – not from war, but from this cause.
4. Can you name the river that forms a route from Toronto, on Lake Ontario, to the Atlantic Ocean?
5. The three smallest provinces of Canada, which lie east of Quebec, are known as the Maritime Provinces. Can you name them?
6. What is Canada's largest province (in land area)?
7. What is Canada's westernmost province?
8. Five Canadian cities have populations over 1 million. How many of them can you name?
9. In 1763, after the final battle of the Seven Years War was lost in St. John's Newfoundland, this European nation ceded nearly all of its colonies in North America to Britain.
10. For most of the period spanning the 1960s to the 1980s, Canada was led by this charismatic Prime Minister. In the early years of his tenure, he ushered Canada into the era of official bilingualism, in which all Federal services were required to be offered in both French and English.
11. What is the name of the currency in Canada?
12. Can you sing (or hum, or whistle) the first part of the national anthem of Canada?
13. What is the significance of the 49th parallel?
14. In 1922, two Canadians, Frederick Banting and J.J.R. Macleod, were awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine for the discovery of this drug that treats diabetes.
15. Although they are no longer Canadian-owned, these two brands of beer were once Canada's largest brewing companies.
16. What is the nickname of the national police force of Canada?

17. Hockey is Canada's most popular sport. Can you name the hockey teams from Toronto or Montreal?

Famous Canadians:

18. Born in British Columbia, he played TV lawyer Perry Mason during the 1950s and 1960s.
19. This French Canadian songstress sang "My Heart Will Go On," the blockbuster theme song to the blockbuster movie *Titanic*.
20. This actor from Edmonton, Alberta played Alex P. Keaton in the 1980's sitcom *Family Ties*.
21. His career began in radio in Canada before his 14-year run as Ben Cartwright on *Bonanza*.
22. This national hero, whom Canadians call "The Great One," retired from hockey in 1999.
23. Born in Ontario in 1940, he was the man with the answers on *Jeopardy!* from 1984 until his death in 2020.

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ANSWERS

1. The Atlantic, the Pacific, and the Arctic
2. First Nations. There are currently more than 630 recognized First Nations bands in Canada, with an estimated population of approximately 700,000.
3. Disease. The First Nations people had no natural immunity to influenza, measles, and smallpox, which the Europeans brought with them.
4. The St. Lawrence River
5. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island
6. Quebec
7. British Columbia
8. Toronto (2.8 million); Montreal (1.7 million); Calgary (1.3 million); Ottawa (1.01 million); Edmonton (1.01 million)
9. France. The Seven Years War was known by different names in different locations. In North America, it's more commonly called The French and Indian War.
10. Pierre Trudeau
11. The (Canadian) dollar
12. "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."
13. The border between the United States and Canada is divided primarily along the 49th parallel, especially in the west from Minnesota to Washington state.
14. Insulin
15. Molson and Labatt's
16. The Mounties (The Royal Canadian Mounted Police)
17. The Toronto Maple Leafs and the Montreal Canadiens
18. Raymond Burr
19. Celine Dion
20. Michael J. Fox
21. Lorne Greene
22. Wayne Gretzky
23. Alex Trebek