

## Year 3 General Studies

# Canada

Canada, second largest country in the world in area (after Russia), occupying roughly the northern two-fifths of the continent of North America.

Despite Canada's great size, it is one of the world's most sparsely populated countries. This fact, coupled with the grandeur of the landscape, has been central to the sense of Canadian national identity.



### What is there to see?

Rocky Mountain peaks, turquoise glacial lakes, a picture-perfect mountain town and village, abundant wildlife and scenic drives come together in Banff National Park - Canada's first national park and the flagship of the nation's park system. Over three million visitors a year make the pilgrimage to the park for a variety of activities including hiking, biking, skiing and camping in some of the world's most breathtaking mountain scenery. Banff is part of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Parks UNESCO World Heritage Site.

### Who calls Canada home?

In some ways Canada is many nations in one. Descendants of British and French immigrants make up about half the population. They were followed by other European and Asian immigrants. First Nations peoples make up about four percent of the population.

Inuit people live mostly in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Many Native Canadians live on their traditional lands, but many others have moved to cities across Canada. First Nations artwork is widely recognised and is seen as a symbol of Canadian culture.



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## Questions

1. Is Canada the largest country in the world by area? Yes / No

2. What is the name of Canada's first national park?

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3. Which continent is Canada located on?

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4. First Nations peoples make up about four percent of the population.

True / False

5. How many visitors a year go to Banff National Park?

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6. Descendants of British and French immigrants make up about 50% of

Canada's population. True / False

7. "In some ways Canada is many nations in one." What does the author mean by this?

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