

CANADA DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Canada Day is on July the 1st every year. Canadians all around the world celebrate the day when their nation became a country on July 1, 1867. Today, it is a federal national holiday. Many Canadians call it "Canada's birthday". Canada Day recognizes the British North America Act of 1867. This united Canada as a single country made up of four provinces. The holiday was not widely celebrated until the early 20th century and was actually called Dominion Day until 1982. The first official celebrations took place in 1917, which was the golden anniversary of nationhood. Canada's centennial in 1967 marked the start of Canada Day being celebrated with real pride. Dominion Day officially changed to Canada Day on October 27, 1982.

Canada Day is a time for Canadians to party. There are festivals and events all across the country. Canadian communities around the world also join in the fun. Most of the celebrations are outdoors. They include parades, fireworks displays and music concerts. There are also citizenship ceremonies for people becoming new citizens. Canada Day is quite a colourful occasion and it celebrates the nation's multi-ethnicity. Canada is a very cosmopolitan country, so you can expect to see flags from all around the world being waved as well as the Canadian flag. Not every Canadian is happy on this day. Many people in the French-speaking province of Quebec see no reason to celebrate. They want their own independence from Canada.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Canadians all around the | <i>a.</i> national holiday |
| 2. Today, it is a federal | <i>b.</i> widely celebrated |
| 3. This united Canada | <i>c.</i> pride |
| 4. The holiday was not | <i>d.</i> as a single country |
| 5. the golden anniversary | <i>e.</i> world celebrate |
| 6. celebrated with real | <i>f.</i> of nationhood |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Canada Day is a time for | <i>a.</i> join in the fun |
| 2. communities around the world also | <i>b.</i> Canadians to party |
| 3. fireworks | <i>c.</i> cosmopolitan country |
| 4. ceremonies for people | <i>d.</i> from Canada |
| 5. Canada is a very | <i>e.</i> becoming new citizens |
| 6. They want their own independence | <i>f.</i> displays |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Canada Day is on July _____. Canadians all around the world celebrate the day when their nation became a country on July 1, 1867. Today, it is a _____. Many Canadians call it "Canada's birthday". Canada Day recognizes the British North America Act of 1867. This _____, single country made up of four provinces. The holiday was not _____ until the early 20th century and was actually called Dominion Day until 1982. The first official celebrations _____ 1917, which was the golden anniversary of nationhood. Canada's centennial in 1967 _____ Canada Day being celebrated with real pride. Dominion Day officially changed to Canada Day on October 27, 1982.

Canada Day is a time for Canadians to party. There are festivals and _____ the country. Canadian communities around the world _____. Most of the celebrations are outdoors. They include parades, _____ and music concerts. There are also citizenship ceremonies for people becoming new citizens. Canada Day is quite _____ and it celebrates the nation's multi-ethnicity. Canada is a very cosmopolitan country, so you can expect to see flags from all around the world _____ as the Canadian flag. Not every Canadian is happy on this day. Many people in the French-speaking province of Quebec see no _____. They want their own independence from Canada.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Canada Day is on July the 1st every year. Canadians all _____ the world celebrate the day when their nation became a country on July 1, 1867. Today, it is a federal _____ holiday. Many Canadians call it "Canada's birthday". Canada Day recognizes the British North America Act of 1867. This _____ Canada as a single country made up of four _____. The holiday was not _____ celebrated until the early 20th century and was actually called Dominion Day until 1982. The first official celebrations took place in 1917, which was the _____ anniversary of nationhood. Canada's centennial in 1967 marked the start of Canada Day being celebrated with real _____. Dominion Day _____ changed to Canada day on October 27, 1982.

provinces

national

officially

pride

around

widely

united

golden

Canada Day is a time for Canadians to party. There are festivals and events all _____ the country. Canadian communities around the world also _____ in the fun. Most of the celebrations are outdoors. They include parades, fireworks _____ and music concerts. There are also citizenship ceremonies for people becoming new _____. Canada Day is quite a colourful occasion and it celebrates the nation's multi-ethnicity. Canada is a very cosmopolitan country, so you can _____ to see flags from all around the world being _____ as well as the Canadian flag. Not every Canadian is happy on this day. Many people in the French-speaking province of Quebec see no _____ to celebrate. They want their _____ independence from Canada.

expect

join

own

citizens

waved

across

reason

displays

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Canada Day is on July the 1st *all / every* year. Canadians all around the world celebrate the day when their nation became a country on July 1, 1867. Today, it is a federal *nation / national* holiday. Many Canadians call it "Canada's birthday". Canada Day recognizes the British North America Act *of / at* 1867. This united Canada as a single country made up of four provinces. The holiday was not *wide / widely* celebrated until the *early / fast* 20th century and was actually called Dominion Day until 1982. The first official celebrations took *place / placed* in 1917, which was the golden anniversary of nationhood. Canada's centennial in 1967 marked the *starts / start* of Canada Day being celebrated with real *proud / pride*. Dominion Day officially changed to Canada Day on October 27, 1982.

Canada Day is a time for Canadians to *partying / party*. There are festivals and events all across the country. Canadian communities around the world also *join / joint* in the fun. Most of the celebrations are outdoors. They include parades, fireworks *displaying / displays* and music concerts. There are also citizenship ceremonies for people becoming *new / newish* citizens. Canada Day is quite a colourful occasion and it celebrates the *nations' / nation's* multi-ethnicity. Canada is a very cosmopolitan country, so you can expect to see flags from all around the world being *waved / waving* as well as the Canadian flag. Not every Canadian is *happily / happy* on this day. Many people in the French-speaking province of Quebec see no reason to celebrate. They want their own *independent / independence* from Canada.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Canada Day is on July the 1st (1) ____ year. Canadians all around the world celebrate the day when their nation became a country on July 1, 1867. Today, it is a federal national holiday. Many Canadians (2) ____ it "Canada's birthday". Canada Day recognizes the British North America Act of 1867. This united Canada as a single country made (3) ____ of four provinces. The holiday was not widely celebrated until the (4) ____ 20th century and was actually called Dominion Day until 1982. The first official celebrations took place in 1917, which was the (5) ____ anniversary of nationhood. Canada's centennial in 1967 marked the start of Canada Day being celebrated with real (6) _____. Dominion Day officially changed to Canada Day on October 27, 1982.

Canada Day is a time for Canadians to party. There are festivals and events all (7) ____ the country. Canadian communities around the world also (8) ____ in the fun. Most of the celebrations are outdoors. They include parades, fireworks displays and music concerts. There are also citizenship ceremonies (9) ____ people becoming new citizens. Canada Day is quite a colourful occasion and it celebrates the (10) ____ multi-ethnicity. Canada is a very cosmopolitan country, so you can expect to see flags from all around the world being waved as (11) ____ as the Canadian flag. Not every Canadian is happy on this day. Many people in the French-speaking province of Quebec see no reason to celebrate. They want their own independence (12) ____ Canada.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) all | (b) every | (c) whole | (d) ever |
| 2. | (a) calls | (b) calling | (c) call | (d) caller |
| 3. | (a) up | (b) down | (c) at | (d) with |
| 4. | (a) fast | (b) soon | (c) start | (d) early |
| 5. | (a) golden | (b) gold | (c) goldish | (d) golder |
| 6. | (a) proud | (b) pride | (c) proudest | (d) proudly |
| 7. | (a) across | (b) cross | (c) crossing | (d) crossover |
| 8. | (a) joining | (b) joint | (c) join | (d) joins |
| 9. | (a) of | (b) four | (c) for | (d) far |
| 10. | (a) nations | (b) nations' | (c) nation | (d) nation's |
| 11. | (a) good | (b) well | (c) better | (d) fine |
| 12. | (a) for | (b) by | (c) to | (d) from |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. a efaerld national holiday
2. made up of four ercnsovp
3. the early 20th ytucer
4. the odlgne anniversary
5. eaerdlbetc with real pride
6. iflocfyali changed to Canada Day

Paragraph 2

7. a time for Canadians to rtapy
8. all sarsco the country
9. fireworks dlsisapp
10. people becoming new isietncz
11. a colourful sicncoao
12. reason to teecrblae

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () displays and music concerts. There are also citizenship ceremonies for people becoming new
- () Canada Day is a time for Canadians to party. There are festivals and events all across the country. Canadian communities
- () cosmopolitan country, so you can expect to see flags from all around the world being waved as well as the Canadian
- () provinces. The holiday was not widely celebrated until the early 20th century and was actually called Dominion Day until
- (**1**) Canada Day is on July the 1st every year. Canadians all around the world celebrate the day when their nation
- () pride. Dominion Day officially changed to Canada Day on October 27, 1982.
- () Day recognizes the British North America Act of 1867. This united Canada as a single country made up of four
- () nationhood. Canada's centennial in 1967 marked the start of Canada Day being celebrated with real
- () became a country on July 1, 1867. Today, it is a federal national holiday. Many Canadians call it "Canada's birthday". Canada
- () 1982. The first official celebrations took place in 1917, which was the golden anniversary of
- () flag. Not every Canadian is happy on this day. Many people in the French-speaking province of Quebec see no
- () reason to celebrate. They want their own independence from Canada.
- () citizens. Canada Day is quite a colourful occasion and it celebrates the nation's multi-ethnicity. Canada is a very
- () around the world also join in the fun. Most of the celebrations are outdoors. They include parades, fireworks

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. year July Canada the Day 1st is every on

2. up made country single A provinces four of

3. not was holiday The celebrated widely

4. first The 1917 in place took celebrations official

5. pride Day celebrated real Canada being with

6. party time Canada for Day Canadians is to a

7. communities join around in the the world fun also

8. becoming people for ceremonies citizens new

9. cosmopolitan very a is Canada country

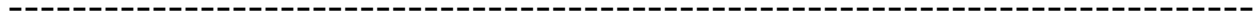
10. is Canadian every Not day this on happy

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE CANADA DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Canada Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about Canada Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Canada Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Canada Day. Write about what will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.