

Canadian variant of English



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- Canadian English is the variety of English spoken in Canada. Canadian English contains elements of British English and American English in its vocabulary, in many areas, speech is influenced by French



Words that are unique to Canada.

Toque

Pronounced toowk (rhymes with "duke"), this woolen, winter hat that fits tightly to the head is known by this name exclusively in Canada, but elsewhere as a beanie, stocking cap or skull cap. It may also be spelled tuque.

A toque outside of Canada generally refers to a white chef's hat.



Two-Four, Mickey, 26'er

- these words will be familiar. You'll get a blank stare if you use them anywhere else in the world.



Interac

- Interac is Canada's national debit card service for the purchasing of goods and services. Interac terminals are available at most stores, restaurants and points of sale. In order to complete a purchase, the Interac user enters a personal identification number and then, if it's available, the purchase amount is deducted from the user's bank account.



Caesar

- Cousin to the Bloody Mary, the Bloody Caesar is a Canadian concoction made using vodka, Clamato juice, seasoning and garnish.
- Clamato juice, the main ingredient of a Bloody Caesar, is a mixture of tomato juice and clam broth, which sounds offensive but is actually tasty and flavorful. Clamato is available at any supermarket.
- Although Bloody Caesars are not common in the US, they are a popular cocktail in Canada and can be ordered at any bar or restaurant and bought pre-mixed in cans or bottles where liquor is sold.



Brown Bread

If you're at a restaurant in Canada, your waitress may ask if you prefer white or brown bread. Brown bread is the same thing as whole wheat



Serviette

Serviette is the French word for "napkin" but is used in English-speaking Canada as well as French-speaking. It can mean both the more formal cotton or linen kind or the paper.



Loonie

The loonie is the Canadian one dollar coin. Gold in colour, the loonie bears a picture of Queen Elizabeth II on one side and the loon bird on the other - a familiar symbol of Canada.

The loonie may even be referred to as the Canadian currency as a whole, as in how the Canadian loonie is trading against the U.S. dollar.

The Canadian loonie was introduced in 1987, replacing Canada's paper dollar bill.



Toonie

- Following on the popularity of the loonie, in 1996 Canada introduced the toonie or "twoonie," a two-dollar coin. The bi-metallic coin has a round, golden coloured interior bearing the Queen's resemblance on one side and a polar bear on the other and a nickel surround.



Washroom

The term "washroom" is used in Canada to refer to what is known in the U.S.A. as the restroom. "Bathroom" is commonly used in both countries, but more so in reference to the room in a person's home.

When out in public, Canadians will often ask for the washroom, ladies room or men's room.



Sault (waterfall)



Toboggan

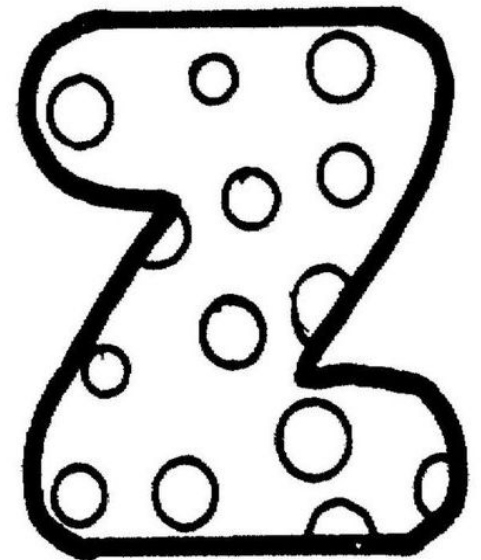
- Many Canadians prefer this word to the more prosaic sled.



Zee vs. Zed

- One of the more lovable quirks, Canadians pronounce the last letter in the alphabet 'zed', which is clearly superior to the American 'zee'.

Letter Z



- You can see the double-I crop up in words like 'travelled' and 'levelled.'
Our American friends feel that one I is enough.
- You wear runners on your feet, not sneakers.
- When writing, Canadians will start a sentence with As well, in the sense of "in addition"; this construction is a Canadianism.



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