

Canada



Facts and numbers

Canada is a very **big country**. It's in the northern part of North America and with 9,984,670 km² (fresh water areas are in this number) it is the second largest country in the world. Only Russia has a larger total **area**. Canada has over 2,000,000 **lakes**, more than any other country. **Temperatures** can be quite extreme in Canada. There are some areas where you have summer highs of up to 40 °C and in winter temperatures can get as low as -40°C in other areas. Canada has three coasts with the Pacific on the west, the Atlantic on the east and the Arctic ocean on the north.

In June 2015, 35.851.774 **people** lived in Canada's 10 **provinces** and 3 **territories**. To fly from the Atlantic coast in the east to the Pacific coast in the west you have to cross more than 5,000 kilometers. That's why there are 6 **time zones**, beginning with Newfoundland Standard Time in the east, going on with Atlantic Standard Time, Eastern Standard Time, Central Standard Time, Mountain Standard Time and ending with Pacific Standard Time. The **capital** of Ottawa is in the province of Ontario and Ontario is on Atlantic Standard Time. Atlantic Standard Time is UTC-4. So when it is 11 a.m. in Berlin, it's 6 a.m. in Ottawa. When Germans slowly get hungry and look at their watches to see how long they still have to wait for lunch, Canadians in Ottawa start getting out of bed.

People in Canada speak many different languages but there are only two official **languages**, English and French. In Canada people also pay for what they buy in Dollars. It's not the US Dollar because Canadians have the **Canadian Dollar**.

Every country has its TLD. German URLs end with .de, French with .fr and Canadian URLs end with **.ca**.

What's UTC?

UTC means **C**oordinated **U**niversal **T**ime. It's 0 (zero) is the Meridian Line in Greenwich, London, GB. In Germany we are UTC+1 and when it's summer time it's UTC+2. So if you want to calculate the time difference you can simply count time zones. UTC+1 to UTC is one time zone. UTC to UTC-4 is four time zones. Add 1 + 4 and you get a difference of 5 time zones.

① Task

Look at the map and make a list of all provinces and territories and their capitals.

Example

Yukon - Whitehorse

Nunavut - ...

Northwest Territories - ...

British Columbia - ...

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② Task

Fill in the table for Canada and the USA. The flags you can draw or describe. Use the text and Wikipedia (https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States = QR Code).

	Canada	Germany	USA
population		80,585,700 (2013)	
flag		3 horizontal stripes, from top down: black, red, gold	
official languages		German	
number of political areas/units		16 federal states	
number of time zones		1	
ocean/sea		North Sea and Baltic Sea on the north	
area		357,021 km ² - 63rd largest country	
capital		Berlin	
TLD		.de	

③ Task

Write two short texts about the USA and Germany. Use the text about Canada as an example.

Germany is not a very big country. It's only ... Countries next to Germany are ... In the north there are two ...