## **CANADA**

**Canada** is the world's <u>second-largest</u> country by total area and has a population of 33 million. It uses both, <u>English</u> and <u>French</u> as <u>official languages</u>.

Inhabited first by <u>Aboriginal peoples</u>, Canada was founded as a union of <u>British</u> and former <u>French</u> <u>colonies</u>. Canada gained independence from the <u>United Kingdom</u> in an incremental process that began in 1867 and ended in 1982.

Aboriginal tradition holds that the <u>First Peoples</u> inhabited parts of Canada for a very long time, and some archaeological studies support human presence in northern <u>Yukon</u> to 26,500 years ago, and in southern <u>Ontario</u> to 9,500 years ago.

For the past decade, after a period of turbulence, the Canadian economy has been growing rapidly with low <u>unemployment</u> and large government surpluses on the <u>federal</u> level. Today Canada closely resembles the U.S. in its market-oriented economic system, pattern of production, and high living.It is a <u>constitutional monarchy</u> with <u>Elizabeth II</u>, Queen of Canada as head of state[16][17], and a <u>parliamentary democracy</u> with a <u>federal system</u> of <u>parliamentary government</u> and strong democratic traditions.

A technologically advanced and industrialized nation, Canada maintains a diversified <u>economy</u> heavily reliant on trade--particularly with the United States, with which Canada has had a <u>long and complex relationship</u>--and abundant natural resources.

The name *Canada* comes from a <u>First Nations</u> word, *kanata*, meaning "village" or "settlement". Canadian culture has historically been heavily influenced by <u>English</u>, <u>French</u>, <u>Irish</u>, <u>Scottish</u> and <u>Aboriginal</u> cultures and traditions, and over time has been greatly influenced by <u>American culture</u> because of its proximity and the interchange of <u>human capital</u> between the two countries. The name *Canada* comes from a <u>First Nations</u> word, *kanata*, meaning "village" or "settlement".

## Some qestions

- 1. What's the population of Canada?33 million
- 2. What languages do the people speak? English and french
- 3. What's the name of money? Canadian dollar
- 4. Do it have a strong or weak economy?strong
- 5. Do they travel a lot? Yes