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## CANADA

- The name Canada comes from the original inhabitants. Indians used the word „Kanata“ which means „village“.

### Geographical location and facts

- Canada is situated in the northern part of North America (except Alaska) and many islands.
- it is the second largest country in the world
- They neighbours (sousedí) with the USA – with Alaska.
- Canada has large mountain areas – the Rocky Mountains, the Mackenzie Mountains and the Melville Hills.
- The highest mountain is Mt. Logan in the Alaska Region.
- The longest river is the Mackenzie (flows from the Rocky Mountains to the Arctic Ocean), other big rivers are the Yukon and the River St. Lawrence (into the Atlantic).

### Political system and administration

- Canada is an independent federal parliamentary system
- Queen Elizabeth II is the head of the state. Their Federal Parliament has 2 houses – The House of Commons and The Senate

- Canada is divided into 10 provinces and 2 territories.
- Canada has many wild areas full of mountains and tundra, giant lakes.
- The biggest province is Quebec with the capital Quebec City.
- Other provinces: Newfoundland (St. John's), Prince Edward Island (Charlottetown), Nova Scotia (Halifax), New Brunswick (Fredericton), Manitoba (Winnipeg), Ontario (Toronto), Saskatchewan (Regina), Alberta (Edmonton)...
- 2 official languages – English and French
- 60% of population speak English, about 30% speak French...

### **Symbols**

- Canada has own national flag since 1964. It is red and in the centre there is a white square with red maple leaf (javorový list).
- The red stripes (pruhy) are symbols of Canada's position between the two oceans.
- A maple leaf has been used as Canada's national symbol for the past century or more.
- Red colour is symbol the blood of the Canadians who died in WWI
- White represents the snow of the Canadian North.

### **The Capital**

- Ottawa

### **Currency and economy**

- Their currency is Canadian dollar – the exchange rate (směnný kurs) is 75 US cents to 1 Canadian Dollar.
- Canada has mainly coal, metal, oil and gas, machine-building and chemical industries which are highly developed
- half the land area of Canada is covered by forests



## Points of interests

- Canada is famous for its beautiful countryside (krajina),
- Visitors of Canada are exciting to see Niagara Falls which are to be found between Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.
- Canada also has high mountain ranges, for example the Rocky Mountains and the Mackenzie Mountains.
- There are about 30 national parks in Canada, one of them is Jasper National Park in Alberta.
- Tourists visit Canada's national parks all the year because they are enjoying walking, climbing, sightseeing, fishing or skiing there.
- One of the world's tallest structures, Canadian Tower, was built in Torontoà on the top there is a restaurant and wonderful view of the cityà interesting is that the floor is made of glass

## History

- The original inhabitants came to Canada from Asia
- They came across a land bridge
- The first Europeans here were the Vikings who discovered Canada
- the Age of Discoveries was in 15th and 16th centuries
- Since the 16th century the large territories were occupied by the Frenchà but France lost this country in wars with England

## Original inhabitants

- The most of the original people are British, French and European and the other origins are made by Eskimos or Indiansà Eskimos are sometimes called the Intuits.

## Famous people

- An actor Jim Carrey, singer Céline Dion,