

Reading Comprehension: Summer



Canada Day

Instructions: Read the information below and then try to answer the questions at the bottom.

July 1st is Canada Day. Canada Day is the celebration of the formation of the provinces into Canada, which was created in 1867. Canada became an independent territory of England back on July 1st, 1867. Canada Day is also a Statutory Holiday. Canadians across the country celebrate in many ways. The Government of Canada sponsors fireworks displays and celebrations at city halls across the country. In Ottawa, at the Parliament Buildings there is a noon show with the Prime Minister and the Governor General in attendance to watch performances of Canadian musicians and singers. Events continue throughout the day.

Many families go to parks and beaches and enjoy picnics and local events such as musical concerts, parades and fireworks. Many Canadians proudly wave the Canadian flag at parades to celebrate the birthday of the country. At many events, the National Anthem 'O Canada' is played and sung by everyone in attendance. For all Canadians, Canada Day marks the beginning of summer.

Questions:

1. When is Canada Day?
2. Name 2 people who attend the ceremonies at the Parliament Buildings.
3. Name 3 local events held to celebrate Canada Day.
4. What song do Canadians sing on Canada day?
5. What do Canadians wave at parades?

Answer Key

1. Canada Day is on July 1st.
2. The Prime Minister and Governor General attend the ceremonies at the Parliament Buildings.
3. Music concerts, parades and Fireworks are some of the local events held around the country to celebrate Canada Day.
4. Canadians sing the National Anthem, 'O Canada'.
5. Canadians wave the Canadian flag at parades on Canada Day.