

CHAPTER 10: THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES

A. COMPREHENSION

1. Which of the two Atlantic provinces were included in Confederation in 1867?
2. Which Atlantic province is the only province in Canada that is officially bilingual?
3. Look at the map on page 178. What group of tiny islands off the shores of Newfoundland belongs to France?
4. What is the name of the tourist attraction in Moncton, New Brunswick, that gives tourists the illusion of being pulled up the slope rather than sliding down when they put their car in neutral?
5. What do Newfoundlanders often call visitors to their province?
6. What does *Nova Scotia* mean? What ethnic group largely settled Nova Scotia in the 1800s?
7. What group of French-speaking settlers came to both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia in large numbers and still have ancestors in both provinces today?
8. What terrible tragedy occurred in Halifax in 1917, killing 2000 people instantly?
9. Which city in Nova Scotia has more universities than any other city in Canada?
10. Which National Historic Site on Prince Edward Island draws thousands of tourists every year, many from as far away as Japan?
11. From what country has much of Newfoundland and Labrador's folk music derived?
12. What industry supported large numbers of people in Newfoundland and Labrador until it was forced to close due to a depletion of the stock?

B. WORD RECOGNITION

Fill in each blank with a word from the list below.

character
come from away
deported
dialect
envious

hustle and bustle
joie de vivre
make do
phenomenon
red tape

retained
shoot the breeze

souvenirs
triumph over

1. Hearing my accent, the man said, "Oh, you must be a _____."
2. The _____ of big cities is not for those who prefer the peace and quiet of rural areas.
3. In times of economic difficulty, people learn to _____ with very little.
4. While there is still a lot of _____ involved in getting one's first Canadian passport, it is now much easier to get passports than it used to be.
5. The _____ of these people is contagious and it is easy to be happy in their presence.
6. Why is it that so many Canadian _____ say "Made in China" on the bottom?
7. The _____ of English commonly spoken in Newfoundland and Labrador is quite different from the English of mainlanders, so Newfoundlanders and mainlanders can have a hard time understanding one another from time to time.
8. The woman had earned a lot of respect from people in her community because she was able to _____ a long period of depression.
9. Some people are _____ of those who have more money or power than they do.
10. Few immigrants are able to say that in coming to a new country, they have _____ their entire family together in one place.
11. It is a common sight in rural Canada to see older people getting together each morning at Tim Hortons to _____.
12. The man was _____ to his country of origin when it was found that he had lied on his application and was in fact a war criminal who had killed many people in his own country.
13. When choosing one's friends, some look at a person's social standing, while others are more interested in a person's _____.

14. The tidal bore in New Brunswick is a very interesting natural _____ that occurs when the tide comes in very suddenly. One has to be careful not to be walking in the river bed when it happens.

C. WORD FAMILIES

Use your dictionary to find the other words in the word family chart below.

VERB	NOUN	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
sustained		_____ing _____able	-----
depleted		-----	-----
document/documented		-----	-----
	-----	marked	
		consistent	

Use each word from the table in one of the 15 sentences below.

- Newborn babies usually get their _____ from their mother's breast milk.
- When the man's wife lost her job, he _____ the family income by taking on a part-time job on the weekend in addition to his regular job.
- When a house is built on a hillside, it is sometimes necessary to build a _____ wall on the hillside to ensure that the house does not fall down the hill during heavy rainfall.
- Trees are considered a _____ resource because they can be replanted and left to grow.
- The _____ of the world's oil reserves will one day force people to find or create and use other sources of energy.
- The policeman told the witnesses of the car accident to go home and _____ the details of what they had seen, and then keep them in a safe place until they appeared in court to testify.
- The horrible crimes against humanity committed in Rwanda and Cambodia were not always as well-_____ as they could have been in order to hold accountable those who were responsible.

8. A scientist must have skills in detailed _____ if he or she is to expect others to value his or her research.

9. The boy's parents were concerned when he brought home his most recent report card with grades that were _____ different from those he usually earned.

10. When the young woman got a _____ of 100 percent on her final examination, she won a scholarship for university.

11. There is a _____ difference between the colour of the soil in Prince Edward Island and the colour of the soil in southern Alberta.

12. The soup had the _____ of a good stew.

13. The young pianist practised _____—every night, that is—and became a very accomplished musician by the time he was 18.

14. When we are _____ in our determination to be just and kind in our treatment of others, we can hope they will do the same for us.

15. The book *Gateway to Canada* _____ of 13 chapters, each of which describes different aspects of Canada.

D. DISCUSSION TOPICS

- » It is believed that the cod fisheries, which formed the main industry of Newfoundland and Labrador for generations, were destroyed not by the Canadian fishermen, but by the trawlers which came from many other countries to fish, even after a moratorium was placed on fishing. It is in everyone's interest to protect our natural resources so that our children and grandchildren will have them, as did our ancestors. How can countries work together to make this happen?
- » Two of the Atlantic provinces were in the founding four provinces of Confederation, while another was the last to join, in 1949. Why did Newfoundland wait so long to join Canada, why did they join, and do you think it was a good idea or a mistake for the province to do so?
- » Although Nova Scotia is a relatively small province in Canada, its capital city, Halifax, has more universities than any other city in Canada, albeit mostly small ones. What are the advantages of smaller universities and what are the advantages of larger ones? Which do you prefer and why?