

CHAPTER 5: THE MOSAIC OF CANADA

A. COMPREHENSION

1. What is the origin of the word *Canada*?
2. From which country were the draft dodgers who came to Canada in the late 1960s and early 1970s? Why did they come?
3. What group of refugees came to Canada in 1979 and 1980 and were called *the boat people*?
4. Approximately how many Aboriginal people are currently listed as living in Canada?
5. What do we call people who have at least one-quarter First Nations ancestry together with European ancestry?
6. What do we now call the people who used to be called Eskimos?
7. What are the two official languages of Canada?
8. Cappuccino and gelato are two treats brought to us by _____ immigrants to Canada.
9. Which of the following religions claims the most members in Canada—Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, or Buddhism?
10. Which two Caribbean countries have many Black Canadians living in Toronto immigrated from?

B. WORD RECOGNITION

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

gesture	ought to	take note of
hesitated	persecution	transition
host	pollution	traumatic
humiliated	promptly	trend
neglected	racism	

1. He did not get an interview for the job he wanted because he _____ to submit his application before the deadline.

2. Earning a living in a different culture can involve a difficult _____ for many people.
3. There is a growing _____ toward communicating using short, fast text messages sent by cellphone rather than longer emails or telephone calls.
4. If you do not understand any of these words, perhaps you _____ look them up in the dictionary before trying to use them in one of these sentences.
5. A good _____ is ready to serve his or her guests at the time he or she has said dinner would be ready.
6. Did you _____ of the teacher's request to hand in your assignment tomorrow?
7. She was very _____ when she spilled her red wine all over her friend's white sofa.
8. The loss of one's child for any reason is a very _____ experience.
9. The baby's sweet _____ of blowing a kiss warmed her grandmother's heart.
10. The Hutterites and Doukhobors immigrated to Canada due to religious _____ in their countries of origin.
11. When you borrow books from the library, be sure to return them _____ before the due date or you will have to pay a fine.
12. This area has so much air _____ that your car is soon coated with a somewhat sticky substance.
13. The teacher _____ to correct the student's errors because she knew he would be embarrassed.
14. _____ is born of ignorance and causes great pain to those victimized by it.

C. WORD FAMILIES

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

NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
identity identification			-----
vision visionary			-----
	humiliate		
-----		misleading	-----
		cautionary	-----

Use each word from the table in one of the 17 sentences below.

- The police asked the woman if she could _____ the man who had attacked her.
- She told them that the man was not easily _____ as he had his head covered with a large, dark hood that hid his face.
- Immigrants to a new country sometimes feel like their very _____ is at risk when they learn a new language and new cultural ways of being.
- You need to have picture _____ in order to enter a casino.
- People often told her that she was a _____ because she could always see the big picture and not just some of the details.
- All of us need to work together to _____ a world of peace, justice, and good health for all people.
- A group of children in Medjugorje (a small village in Croatia) believed they had a _____ from God and, as a result, many Roman Catholic people have gone there seeking a miracle.
- We could say that Craig Kielburger was a _____ young boy when he made his decision to raise money to build water wells for the less fortunate in Africa. His project inspired millions of people to realize that it only takes one person to change the world.
- The mother of the teenage children found their music to be _____ loud and was afraid her neighbours would be upset.

10. No one likes to feel _____ in front of other people.
11. The boy never forgot the _____ he had felt when his mother told all her friends about his bed-wetting problem.
12. To deliberately _____ another person is a cruel and unnecessary act.
13. Many people complained about the _____ advertising.
14. Politicians often _____ the public by making false promises in order to get their votes in an election.
15. We teach our children to ride their bicycles with _____ so as to avoid getting hit by a car.
16. Some children's stories are _____ tales told to encourage children to beware of bad people or of not doing what their parents tell them to do.
17. The mother intended to _____ her children to take umbrellas to school but the phone rang and she forgot.

D. DISCUSSION TOPICS

- » Food is very often at the centre of people's socializing. If friends invite me for dinner at their home, I very often bring a small gift such as a bottle of wine (if they drink wine) or a bouquet of flowers for the host. I do not expect people to bring a gift when they come to my home, although they often do bring something—sometimes a jar of homemade jam or a package of fancy paper napkins, for example. What is your custom when you go to visit someone's home in your country of origin? Do you feel obligated to bring something or are you comfortable just coming yourself?
- » In Canada, we usually celebrate a people's birthdays. For our children, we have a party and invite the child's friends over for games, their favourite foods, and birthday cake. Often guests are given a small toy to take home with them. The children bring a gift for the person whose birthday it is. For adults' birthdays, some may just celebrate in the family, whereas others may have friends over to celebrate with them. At work it is not unusual for co-workers to surprise the person with a birthday cake on his or her special day. There are other days when gifts are given: Christmas Day, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and of course, Easter, when we give chocolate, especially (but not only) to children. On what occasions do you give gifts to friends and family? Why do we give gifts?

How do you feel when you receive a gift? When is it *not* appropriate to give a gift?

- » Canadians believe in freedom of religion. No one has the right to force or expect anyone else to follow a religion that is not of their own free choice. Some people, however, believe they have a responsibility to share their beliefs with others, so they will knock on your door to give you magazines or books about their religion and to talk to you about it. You are free to allow or disallow this. If you do not want to talk to them or accept their material, what can you do?

- » Canada and the United States are very different in their immigration policies. While both countries want and need immigrants, in the US assimilation is favoured, while in Canada multiculturalism is favoured. In assimilation, the goal is for everyone to adopt the same cultural values and practices, gradually letting go of those that conflict with their new country. In multiculturalism, the goal is for people to celebrate their differences and learn from one another as they work together to make a country strong. There are advantages and disadvantages to both of these approaches. Can you name some of these and suggest what you think is best?