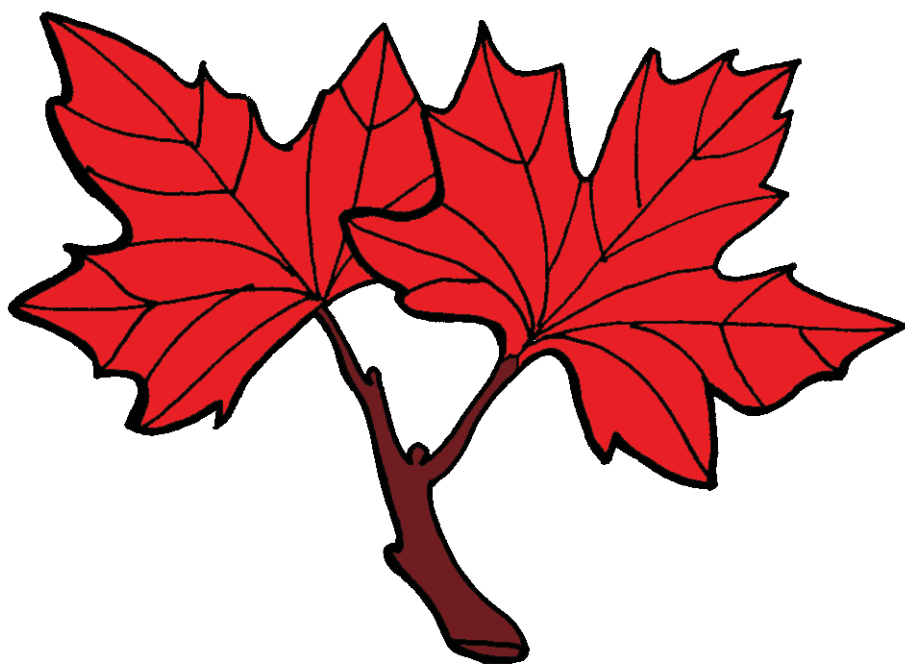


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INTRODUCTION

"A Mari usque ad Mare" or "From sea to sea," has been Canada's official motto since 1921. It is taken from the Old Testament of the Bible, Psalm 72, Verse 8: "He shall have dominion from sea to sea and from the river unto the ends of the earth." In 2006, there was a movement led by premiers of Canada's three northern territories calling for the motto to be changed. They asked for the motto to be changed to better reflect the fact that Canada has three coastlines: the Arctic, the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans. Suggestions for a new motto include "A Mari ad Mare ad Mare" (from sea to sea to sea) and "A Mari usque ad Maria" (from the sea to the other seas). To date attempts to get the motto changed have been unsuccessful.

From Sea to Sea to Sea is a reproducible ESL/EFL/LITERACY reading-and-discussion text. It can be used either as classroom material or as self-study material for low-intermediate to intermediate students. It offers a number of important design features to make both teaching and learning easier and more enjoyable.

- 1) Contextualized learning: The short self-contained articles in each unit benefit from a very clear focus that facilitates realistic concentration on inter-related items of vocabulary and grammar. These items are relevant to the topic and the argumentative purpose.
- 2) Content that really matters: Each unit examines a topic that is important to know, if someone's desire is to learn about Canada or their desire is to become a Canadian citizen. The topics will genuinely interest your students.
- 3) Well-balanced exercises: Each unit comes complete with a variety of integrated exercises. These are designed to reinforce the meanings of words, phrases and rules of grammar and to test the students' understanding of how they should be used.
- 4) Answer key: The text includes a complete answer key.
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One of the primary aims of *From Sea to Sea to Sea* is to promote a problem-solving approach to language learning. On their first encounter with the reading passages, students should be encouraged to work out the solutions to the exercises with limited teacher guidance.

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1 CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP



“Membership has its privileges.” That phrase is used by a popular credit card company that advertises the benefits of using their card. Canada could also use that phrase when attracting immigrants. Each year Canada is listed amongst the top 10 best countries in the world in which to live. Clearly, membership in Canada has its privileges. However, to become a “member” of Canada you must be officially declared a Canadian citizen.

What does it take for a newcomer to become a Canadian citizen? Of course, you must apply to receive your Canadian citizenship. There are certain requirements you must meet before you can apply. For example, you must be at least 18 years of age. You must have lived as a permanent resident of Canada for at least three years. You must be able to speak either French or English. You must not have been charged or convicted of any criminal offences while living in Canada. You must also be legally allowed to be in Canada.

Having your Canadian citizenship gives you certain rights. These rights are protected under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. They include the right to vote in an election, the right to be a candidate for a political office, the right to freely enter and leave Canada, and the right to live in whichever province or territory you choose. There are also certain responsibilities to being a citizen. Canadian citizens are expected to obey Canadian laws, to vote, to respect public property and to work together to help make the country prosper. It is a membership that is valued by anyone lucky enough to be considered a citizen of Canada!

EXERCISE 1: INFORMATION GATHERING

Answer the following questions based on what you read.

- 1) What is a phrase used by a popular credit card company to advertise the benefits of using their card?

- 2) What recognition as a great place to live does Canada often receive?

- 3) How old must you be to be eligible to apply for Canadian citizenship?

- 4) How long must you have been a permanent resident of Canada before you can apply for citizenship?

- 5) Do criminals get to become Canadian citizens?

- 6) What document protects the rights of Canadian citizens?

- 7) Does having your Canadian citizenship give you certain rights? Which?

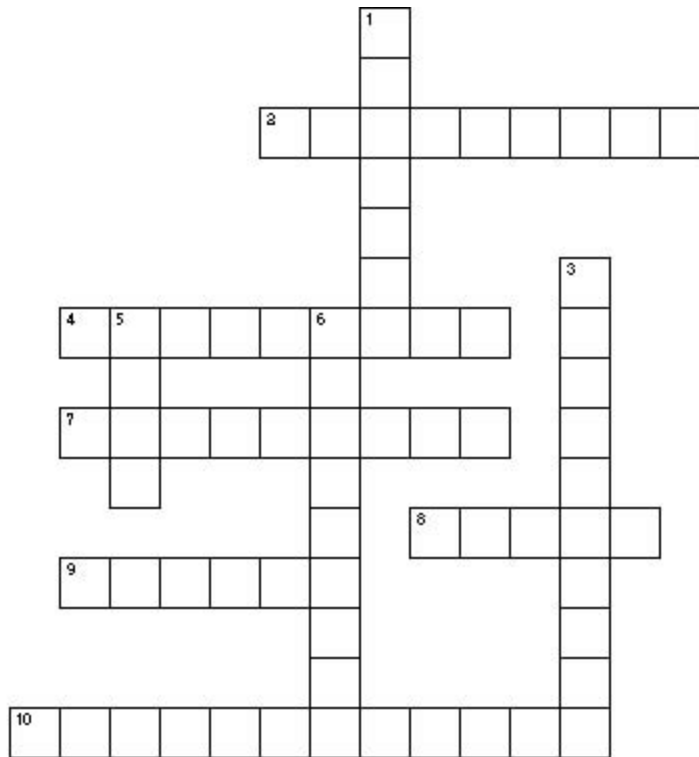
- 8) What responsibilities come with being a citizen of Canada?

EXERCISE 2: WORD POWER

Circle the letter of the best synonym for each of the words on the left.

- | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1) privileges | a) snacks | b) benefits | c) invoices |
| 2) declared | a) contained | b) proclaimed | c) detained |
| 3) resident | a) inhabitant | b) visitor | c) urbanite |
| 4) responsibilities | a) works | b) pronouncements | c) duties |
| 5) obey | a) follow | b) flout | c) ignore |

EXERCISE 3: CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Fill in the blanks below to complete the puzzle above.

ACROSS:

- 2) These rights are _____ by a document known as the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.
- 4) You must not have been charged or _____ of any criminal offences.
- 7) You must have lived as a _____ resident of Canada for at least three years.
- 8) You must _____ to receive your Canadian citizenship.
- 9) Canadian citizenship is _____ by anyone lucky enough to be one!
- 10) There are certain _____ you must meet before you can apply.

DOWN:

- 1) Each year Canada is listed _____ the top 10 best countries in the world in which to live.
- 3) "*Membership has its _____.*"
- 5) Canadian citizens are expected to _____ Canadian laws.
- 6) As a Canadian citizen you have the right to be a _____ for a political office.

2 APPLYING FOR CITIZENSHIP

Question 10: (mark with an X)

Which province is the only official bilingual province in Canada?

- a. ☒ New Brunswick
- b. ☒ Quebec
- c. ☒ Ontario
- d. ☒ Prince Edward Island

You have overcome incredible odds. You have left your homeland and much of your extended family behind. You have made the long journey to Canada, studied hard to learn a new language, started a new career and made a new life. Now, you only have one step left to completing your dream: applying to become an official citizen of Canada!

Applying for citizenship is one of the final steps to becoming a Canadian citizen. Before you do apply, there are certain procedures that have to be followed. First, government officials must check your documents. They do this to confirm your immigration status and to make sure you do not have a criminal record. They will also make sure that you meet all the requirements of citizenship in Canada. To become a citizen, you must be at least 18 years of age or older. You must also be a permanent resident of Canada, and have lived in Canada for at least three of the four years before you make your application. You must speak either English or French well enough to communicate, you must know Canada's history and geography, and understand your rights and responsibilities. Once you meet these qualifications, you are ready for your citizenship test.

The citizenship test is usually a written test, but it can sometimes be given during a one-on-one interview. The test helps officials decide if you can truly speak English or French well enough to become a citizen. To pass the test, you must also correctly answer questions relating to voting in elections, running for elected office and how to register as a voter. The Citizenship office will tell you if you pass. If so you will receive a "notice to appear to take the Oath of Citizenship." Once you recite the Oath, you are officially a Canadian citizen!

EXERCISE 1: INFORMATION GATHERING

Answer the following questions based on what you read.

- 1) From the first paragraph of the story, describe the details of the immigrant's journey to being ready to apply for Canadian citizenship.

- 2) Why do government officials check documents of people applying for citizenship?

- 3) To pass the citizenship test, which language must you be able to speak?

- 4) How is the citizenship test given?

- 5) What subjects do questions on the citizenship test cover?

- 6) Who will let you know if you pass?

- 7) If you pass the citizenship test, what happens?

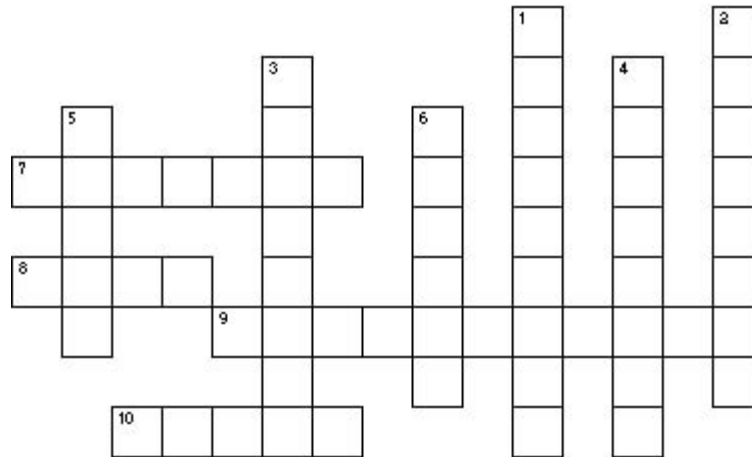
- 8) What happens once you recite the Oath of Citizenship?

EXERCISE 2: WORD POWER

Circle the letter of the best synonym for each of the words on the left.

- | | | | |
|-------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|
| 1) overcome | a) swing | b) defeat | c) climb |
| 2) career | a) diet | b) habit | c) job |
| 3) status | a) standing | b) mooring | c) section |
| 4) qualifications | a) amendments | b) prerequisites | c) positions |
| 5) related | a) connected | b) amidst | c) possible |

EXERCISE 3: CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Fill in the blanks below to complete the puzzle above.

ACROSS:

- 7) Your dream is to apply to become an official _____ of Canada!
- 8) Once you recite the _____, you are officially a Canadian citizen!
- 9) You must speak either English or French well enough to _____.
- 10) To become a citizen, you must be at least 18 years of age or _____.

DOWN:

- 1) The citizenship test is usually a written test, but it can sometimes be given during a one-on-one _____.
- 2) You must also correctly answer questions relating to how to _____ as a voter.
- 3) You have _____ incredible odds.
- 4) You have left your _____ and much of your extended family behind.
- 5) Applying for citizenship is one of the _____ steps to becoming a Canadian citizen.
- 6) They do this to confirm your immigration _____ and to make sure you do not have a criminal record

3 OATH OF CITIZENSHIP



“I swear (or affirm) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, Her Heirs and Successors, and that I will faithfully observe the laws of Canada and fulfill my duties as a Canadian citizen.”

The present Oath of Citizenship came into use in 1977 under the leadership of Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau. According to the Canadian Citizenship Act, any eligible individual who meets the requirements of citizenship and recites the oath above will instantly become a Canadian citizen. The Canadian Oath of Citizenship is a legally binding verbal contract which encourages new Canadians to pledge their loyalty to the nation of Canada. By reciting the Oath of Citizenship new citizens agree to be loyal to Canada's ruling monarch, to observe the laws and customs of their new country, and to accept the responsibilities of being a Canadian citizen.

Any person wishing to take the Oath must do so in a Canadian Citizenship Court. These courts can be set up anywhere as long as a judge, a clerk of the court, a Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer, a Canadian flag and a picture of the Queen are present. The RCMP officer opens the court in the name of the Queen. The clerk then introduces the new citizens to the judge. The judge usually gives the crowd a short speech that outlines the duties of being a Canadian. All participants must then raise their right hand to take the Oath. Once the Oath is finished being read, the ceremony is concluded with the singing of the national anthem, “Oh Canada.” *Voila!* You have your Canadian citizenship!

EXERCISE 1: INFORMATION GATHERING

Answer the following questions based on what you read.

1) To whom do you swear allegiance when you recite the Oath of Citizenship?

2) When did the present Oath of Citizenship come into use?

3) How quickly after reciting the Oath does a person become a Canadian citizen?

4) What is the Canadian Oath of Citizenship?

5) By reciting the Oath of Citizenship, what do new citizens agree to do?

6) Who and what must be present at a Canadian Citizenship Court?

7) What does the judge give a speech about?

8) What happens after the Oath is finished being read?

EXERCISE 2: WORD POWER

Circle the letter of the best synonym for each of the words on the left.

1) allegiance

a) loyalty

b) pride

c) arms

2) fulfill

a) fritter

b) exclude

c) meet

3) monarch

a) political party

b) prime minister

c) queen

4) participants

a) delinquents

b) ushers

c) applicants

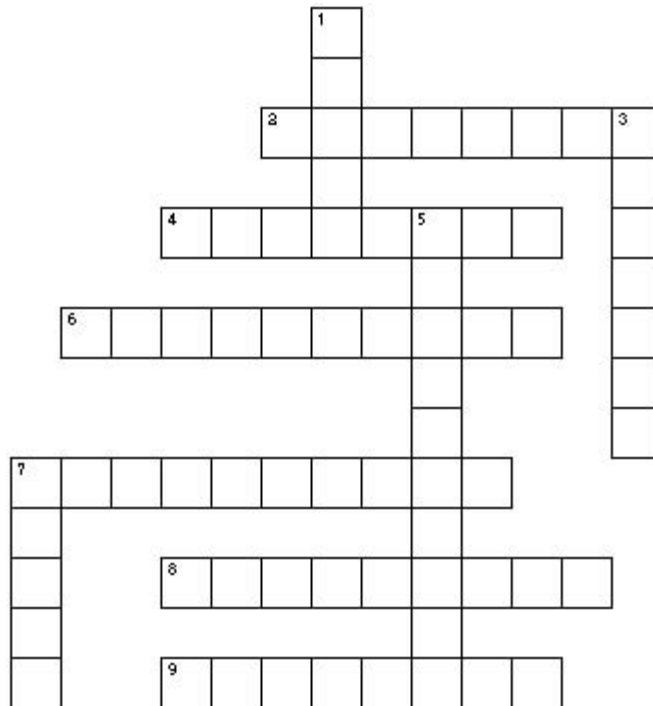
5) *Voila!*

a) simulated!

b) presto!

c) eagerness!

EXERCISE 3: CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Fill in the blanks below to complete the puzzle above.

ACROSS:

- 2) The judge usually gives the crowd a short speech that _____ the duties of being a Canadian.
- 4) The Canadian Oath of Citizenship is a legally binding verbal _____.
- 6) I will _____ observe the laws of Canada and fulfill my duties as a Canadian citizen.
- 7) The present Oath of Citizenship came into use under the _____ of Prime Minister Trudeau.
- 8) Any eligible individual who recites the Oath will _____ become a Canadian.
- 9) These courts can be set up _____.

DOWN:

- 1) The RCMP officer opens the _____ in the name of the Queen.
- 3) The ceremony is concluded with the _____ of the national anthem, "Oh Canada."
- 5) I swear that I will be faithful and bear true _____ to the Queen.
- 7) By reciting the Oath of Citizenship new citizens agree to be _____ to Canada's ruling monarch.