

Student of the month

1 Before you read: Canada quiz

a) *What do you know about Canada? Think about people, films, places, languages, Write some notes.*

b) *Look at the photos and find the right answer. You can use the Internet to help you.*

1. What are the police in Canada called?
 - a. The Red Jackets
 - b. The Mounties
 - c. The Horse Patrol



2. The mountains in the west of Canada are called ...
 - a. the Medicine Mountains.
 - b. the Columbian Rocks.
 - c. the Canadian Rockies.




3. Which of these is the Canadian national flag?



c) *Find a map of Canada on the Internet. Collect the names of the provinces and territories and write them in alphabetical order.*

d) *Now try to remember where the provinces and territories are (north, south, east, west, in the middle, on the US border) and which others they are next to. Look at the map again to see if you were right.*

 e) *Write 20 quiz questions on Canada and test them on a partner or on another group. The person with the most points in the end wins. Start like this:*

You: First question: Where's Manitoba?

Partner: It's in the ... of Canada between ... and

You: Yes, that's right. You get one point./No, that's wrong. It's

You: Second question: Name the mountains

2 An interview with the student of the month

- a) *Read the interview with Sean in your book on page 20 again.*
- b) *Now look at the map of Canada again and find the places where Sean has lived.*
- c) *Think of someone you know who has moved around a lot like Sean. What problems do you think they had? Why?*
- d) *Do you read mangas or watch animé? Tell the class about them. If you don't, explain why.*

Schools in Canada

1 The same or different?

- a) Read this text about the Canadian school system. Draw a table to show which type of school children go to at different ages.

In most of Canada children go to a Kindergarten when they are about five but Kindergarten is not compulsory. Elementary school is, and they start when they are six or seven.

Each state or territory is responsible¹ for its own education system and there are small differences between them.




After elementary school children go on to a Junior High School at about 12. They have to stay there until they are 15 or 16. Then they have the option: they can either leave school or go on to Senior High School for Grades 10–12.

Most Canadians stay at school until they are 18. Senior high schools offer courses of one semester (half-year courses) or quarter-year courses.

High schools are mostly mixed and offer training for trade and industry as well as preparing pupils for university. An example of this is the 'Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program'. It enables students in Grades 11 and 12 to complete their high school diploma while starting their apprenticeship training. There are also co-operative education programs. They integrate² classroom learning with practical experience in the workplace. Through this program students are better prepared to go on from high school to work, apprenticeship programs, college and/or university.

- b) How does this school system compare with the German system? What is the same or different?

-  c) What about the US or the British school systems? Choose one and explain the difference between it and the Canadian system to a partner.

- d) Which of the school systems that you know do you think is best and why? Prepare a short talk for your class.

¹responsible [rɪ'spɒnsəbəl] – verantwortlich • ²to integrate ['ɪntɪɡreɪt] – integrieren

Lösungen

Lösungsvorschläge Seite 1

1

a)

Individuelle Schülerlösungen

b)

1. b, 2. c, 3. a (3. b = Inuit flag, c = Canadian armed forces flag)

c)

Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Labrador, Northwest Territories, Nova Scotia, Nunavut Territory, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Yukon Territory

d) + e)

Individuelle Schülerlösungen

Lösungsvorschläge Seite 2

2

a) + b)

Individuelle Schülerlösungen

c)

A boy in our class has moved around a lot. He was born in Africa and he has lived in three different countries already. I think he had problems in school because he had to leave his friends and find new ones. He also found school difficult because he had different subjects and teachers in each school.

d)

I read lots of mangas and I watch animé sometimes. I really like the monthly manga Daisuki (girls). It tells you all about lifestyle in Japan. /I read the boys' manga Schonen Jump. The stories are really exciting. OR I don't like mangas or animé. I like real stories about real people. I don't like the drawings of kids with huge eyes.)

Lösungsvorschläge Seite 3

1

a)

Age	Grade	Type of school
from 5	K	Kindergarten
5/6 - 12	1 - 6	Elementary School
12 - 15/16	7 - 9/10	Junior High School
15/16 - 18	10/11 - 12	Senior High School

b)

In Canada all the children in an area go to the same school after elementary school. This is like a German *Gesamtschule*. They don't have different types of schools like the *Haupt-* and *Realschule* and the *Gymnasium*. But they have to go to another school after Junior High. In Germany you can usually stay at the same school if you want to do *Abitur*.

c)

The Canadian school system is more like the US system or some parts of the British system. 1. US system: the children from one area all go to the same elementary school and the junior and senior high schools, so it is the same as Canada. 2. In Britain most children go from a primary school to a comprehensive school in their area and stay there if they want to until they are 17 or 18.

d)

Individuelle Schülerlösungen