The 30 Must-Know Facts

Learn these by heart. Say each one out loud. Tick it when you know it.

1. ☐ Canada is a federal state, a parliamentary democracy and a constitutional monarchy.
2. ☐ The head of state is the Sovereign, King Charles the Third (as of November 2026).
3. ☐ The head of government is the Prime Minister.
4. ☐ The Governor General represents the Sovereign in Canada.
5. ☐ Parliament has three parts: the Sovereign, the Senate and the House of Commons.
6. ☐ The Charter of Rights and Freedoms became part of the Constitution in 1982.
7. ☐ Magna Carta was signed in England in 1215.
8. ☐ The three founding peoples are Aboriginal, French and British.
9. ☐ The three groups of Aboriginal peoples are First Nations, Inuit and Métis.
10. ☐ English and French are the two official languages.
11. ☐ Canada became a country on July 1, 1867 (Confederation).
12. ☐ The first four provinces were Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.
13. ☐ Sir John A. Macdonald was the first Prime Minister.
14. ☐ The last province to join was Newfoundland and Labrador, in 1949.
15. ☐ The newest territory is Nunavut, created in 1999.
16. ☐ The British won the Battle of the Plains of Abraham in 1759.
17. ☐ The Canadian Corps captured Vimy Ridge in April 1917.
18. ☐ On D-Day, June 6, 1944, Canadians captured Juno Beach.
19. ☐ Remembrance Day is November 11.
20. ☐ The national flag was first raised in 1965.
21. ☐ O Canada became the national anthem in 1980.
22. ☐ Hockey is the national winter sport. Lacrosse is the official summer sport.
23. ☐ Ottawa is the capital. Queen Victoria chose it in 1857.
24. ☐ Canada has 10 provinces and 3 territories in 5 regions.
25. ☐ You must be a citizen and 18 or older to vote in a federal election.
26. ☐ Federal elections are held every four years, on the third Monday in October (unless an earlier election is called).
27. ☐ Everyone is innocent until proven guilty.
28. ☐ The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is the national police force.
29. ☐ Canada's three main types of industry are service, manufacturing and natural resources.
30. ☐ The United States is Canada's largest trading partner.

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