

Canada (Chapter 6)

tundra (n) – a cold, dry region covered with snow for more than half the year

permafrost (n) – a permanently frozen layer of ground below the top layer of soil

prairie (n) – a region of flat or rolling land covered with grasses

province (n) – a political division of land in Canada

alluvial soil (n) – fertile topsoil left by a river, especially after a flood

agribusiness (n) – a large company that runs huge farms

fossil fuel (n) – a fuel formed over millions of years from animal and plant remains

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dominion (n) – a self-governing area subject to Great Britain

bilingual (adj) – able to speak two languages

acid rain (n) – rain containing acids that are harmful to plants and trees

tariff (n) – a fee charged on imported goods

free trade (n) – trade without taxes on imported goods

cultural diversity (n) – a variety of cultures

cultural exchange (n) – the process by which different cultures share ideas and ways of doing things

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federation (n) – a union of states, groups, provinces, or nations

Francophone (n) – a person who speaks French as his or her first language

Quiet Revolution (n) – a peaceful change in the government of Quebec

separatist (n) – a person who wants Quebec to become an independent country

descent (n) – a person's ancestry

immunity (n) – a natural resistance to disease

boomtown (n) – a settlement that springs up quickly to serve the needs of miners

exile (v) – to force someone to leave his or her native land or home

maritime (adj) – having to do with navigation or shipping on the sea

aquaculture (n) – the cultivation of fish or water plants

aurora borealis (n) – the colorful bands of light that can be seen in the skies of the Northern Hemisphere

Inuktitut (n) – the native language of the Inuit