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Canada: Day 1 Exhibition

Answer Key

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**Answer Key to:
Lesson packs for teachers of adult English
language learners
CLB 1-2**

In this lesson pack you will find materials and teaching ideas for adult English language learners who are working at the Canadian Language Benchmarks level 1-2.

All of the texts and materials in this lesson pack are drawn directly from the Canada: Day 1 exhibit.

Introduction

Circle which words describe how you were feeling the first day you arrived in Canada. *Answers will vary.*

happy

afraid

excited

shy

unsure

confused

tired

Can you put these words about feelings in alphabetical order?

afraid

confused

excited

happy

shy

tired

unsure

Arrival

- "My first day in Canada started at Toronto [Pearson] airport. I will never forget that day...There
- were so many people with different faces, skin colour, hair, clothes and languages."
- – Jayavathana Kuganesan, arrived from Sri Lanka, 2000.

Questions about Jayavathana Kuganesan

What was his point of entry into Canada?

Toronto [Pearson] airport

Where is *Jayavathana Kuganesan* from?

Sri Lanka

What year did he come to Canada?

2000

What surprised him about the people in Canada?

people with different faces, skin colour, hair, clothes and languages

Things to see at the exhibit

Look at the photos on the next page.

All these things are at the *Canada: Day 1* exhibit.

Which word goes with which photo?

Copy the word on the line below the correct photo.

suitcase

laundry soap

skates

books

passport

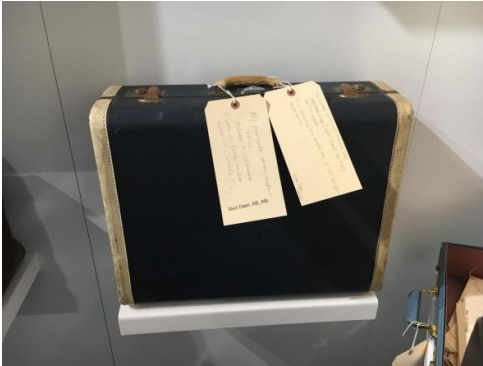
family photo



passport



skates



suitcase



family photo



laundry soap



books

Stories of immigrants to Canada

You will see and hear from people who have come to Canada as immigrants.

Here are some of their stories.

When you visit the exhibit, look for these people.

Fredrick Wangabo Mwenengabo

Fredrick Wangabo Mwenengabo was born on December 25th 1975.

He was born in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

He went to university in Kisangani.

Fredrick has part-pygmy heritage.

He experienced racism as a child.

He worked for human rights.

He was put in jail by the government.

He escaped from jail and went to Uganda.

In 2009, he came to Canada.

He lives in New Brunswick.

He is a teacher.

Difficult words:

pygmy –tribes from central Africa

heritage – family background and history

human rights – making things fair for all people

Read each sentence about Fredrick Wangabo Mwenengabo.

If it is correct, circle yes.

If it is not correct, circle no.

1. Fredrick Mwenengabo was born in 1925. no
2. The family of Frederick was partly from a pygmy background. yes
3. Fredrick did not study at university. no
4. Fredrick experienced racism when he was a child. yes
5. Fredrick worked to help others have equal rights. yes
6. The university put Fredrick in jail. no
7. When he escaped, Fredrick went first to Canada. no
8. Fredrick is now a teacher in New Brunswick. yes

Chairuth Boupaphanh

Chairuth Boupaphanh was born in Vientiane, Laos on 22 October 1967.

He lived there with his parents and two younger brothers until 1978.

His family was one of many that left the country after the Vietnam War.

In 1978, Chai and his family took a boat across the Mekong River and escaped into Thailand.

The family lived in a refugee camp in Nong Khai, Thailand for two years.

Chai's family came to Canada as refugees.

Chai and his family first came to Edmonton, then they flew to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan on 1 February 1980. Finally they moved to the small village of Drake, Saskatchewan.

Chai and his parents and brothers all became Canadian citizens in 1985.

Chai works as a photographer.

Answer the following questions about Chairuth Bouphaphanh.

1. Where was Chairuth Bouphaphanh born?

Vientian, Laos

2. Who did Chai live with in Laos?

His parents and two younger brothers

3. When did many families leave Laos?

After the Vietnam War

4. Which river did Chai and his family cross to get to Thailand?

Mekong River

5. How long did Chai and his family live in Thailand?

2 years

6. What was the first city Chai and his family came to in Canada?

Edmonton

7. What is Chai's job?

A photographer

Re-tell Chairuth's story

Write a number next to each sentence to show the correct order of Chairuth's story.

The first one has been done for you.

- 2 Chai and his family left Laos.
- 8 Chai is a photographer.
- 1 Chai was born in 1967.
- 3 Chai lived in Thailand in a refugee camp.
- 6 Chai moved to Drake, Saskatchewan.
- 4 Chai and his family flew to Canada.
- 7 Chai became a Canadian citizen.
- 5 Chai and his family first went to Edmonton.

Arriving in a new country

Coming to a new country means a chance to do different activities and learn new traditions.

For some, putting on a pair of ice skates might be strange. For others, it's a chance to try their new country's traditions, or simply a chance to have fun.

"I love winter, which is strange... I learned to skate the first day. I went out to the pond. I wanted to learn how to play hockey. And we went to my friend's farm ... and learned how to skate but I couldn't do it. Everybody gave up on me, but I kept going at it and I learned to skate the first day and play hockey. "

—Chai Boupaphanh, arrived from Laos via Thailand, 1980.

Answer in complete sentences

What does Chai love?

He loves **winter**.

What did Chai learn to do in Canada? He learned to **skate**.

Where did Chai learn to skate?

He learned to skate at **his friend's farm**.

What game did Chai want to play?

He **wanted to play hockey**.

What will I eat?

“It took time to adjust to a new place. The local people who were not exposed to new cultures, the harsh weather, Canadian teenagers, and a lack of the ethnic food I was used to, all made me feel lonesome.”

— Om Sharma, arrived from India, August 2, 1967.

Check all the things that made Om Sharma feel lonesome (lonely).

- people without exposure to new cultures
- a lack of food he was used to
- Canadian adults
- teens in Canada
- time
- the harsh weather

Where will I work?

“All the jobs I did in the first few years were labour jobs. Nanny, office cleaner, factory worker, you name it.

—Tu Nguyen, arrived from Vietnam, 1980s.

Questions

What jobs did Tu Nguyen have when she first arrived in Canada? *Circle 2.*

- a) Office cleaner
- b) Factory manager
- c) Nanny
- d) Naming things

How will I communicate?

“The lady at the cash register asked ‘Will that be cash or charge?’ ... I didn’t know the meaning of either ‘cash’ or ‘charge’. So I explained in my broken English that I wanted to pay with ‘money’”.

– Petra Goodhead, arrived from Germany, October, 1976.

Discussion Questions

What was the lady asking Petra when she said, “cash or charge?” she was asking if Petra would pay with cash or a credit card.

Talk about an experience you had when you first went shopping in Canada.

What was the first thing you bought in Canada?

Reflection on life in Canada

“After all these years, we adjusted well to life in Canada. Looking back, I can say I have been totally satisfied and happy to have made the decision to come to Canada. Our family grew with a feeling of being proud Canadians and will always remain so.”

— Syed Moinuddin Quadri, arrived from Pakistan, 1967

Reading Questions – circle the correct answer

Is Syed Quadri happy his family moved to Canada?

Yes / No / I don’t know

How does his family feel about being Canadian?

happy / lonely / excited / proud