

everyone knew how to get a "Timbit," what "poutine" is, or what a "kerfuffle" is, can be a bit of a shock.

That is very first hint that the world is much bigger than you can possibly comprehend at that moment, and opens up great new worlds of imagination and brilliance. Eventually, you uncover the notion that while not everyone is identical, each person is unique and different.

That grand realization can change your point of view forever.

For example, here's a bit of Canadian language to test you and your friends with (as long as neither of you are Canadian!):

Do you know what a "toque" is (pronounced as: tuke)?
What about "pop," "serviette" and "garburator"?
What are "loonies," "toonies," and "beaver tails"?
And finally, what does "eh" (pronounced "ayyyy") mean?

The answers for what the words mean be found below.

There are lots of words out there that may mean something to you and your neighbors, but not to anyone else in a different country that speaks the same language. Pay attention to what you say, and you'll be surprised how often these words come up!

Feel free to add some of your favorites in the comments.

Answers:

Toque " A knit or woolen cap usually worn in the winter

Pop " Carbonated non-alcoholic soft drinks like Pepsi or Coke. If you ask for "soda," you'll probably get soda water

Serviette " A napkin (from the French word for napkin)

Garburator " A garbage disposal found in your sink

Loonie " The Canadian one-dollar coin (so named because of the loon on it)

Toonie " The Canadian two-dollar coin

Beaver tails " Flat pastries that are deep-fried and resemble the tail of a beaver with a wide assortment of toppings including ice cream, powdered sugar and chocolate

Eh " Usually placed at the end of a sentence, akin to saying "right?" or "don't you think?"

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