

Canada's Symbols & Identity — Knowledge Organiser

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Key symbols

- The maple leaf — Canada's most famous symbol, shown on the flag.
- The flag — red and white, with a single red maple leaf, adopted in 1965.
- The beaver — Canada's national animal, a symbol of hard work.
- The national anthem — 'O Canada', sung in both English and French.

Key vocabulary

- Symbol — something that stands for an idea or country.
- Anthem — a country's official song.
- Official languages — Canada has two: English and French.
- Identity — what makes a people or country distinctive.

Why the maple leaf?

Maple trees grow widely across Canada, and their leaves turn brilliant red in autumn. The maple leaf became a beloved symbol of the country and now sits proudly at the centre of the flag.

Two languages

Canada is officially bilingual: both English and French are official languages, reflecting the country's history. You'll often see both on signs and packaging.