

# Residential Schools & Reconciliation — Knowledge Organiser

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## Key facts

- For over a century, many Indigenous children were taken from their families to residential schools.
- They were often forbidden to speak their languages or practise their cultures.
- This caused deep and lasting harm to Indigenous peoples.
- Canada now works toward reconciliation, including the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (30 September).

## Key vocabulary

- Residential school — a school children were forced to attend, away from family.
- Reconciliation — repairing a relationship and putting things right.
- Survivor — someone who lived through a hard experience.
- Injustice — unfair treatment.

## A painful truth

This is a very serious and sad part of Canada's history. Learning it honestly is part of healing and reconciliation.

## Teaching with care

We approach this topic gently and with respect, centring Indigenous voices. Orange Shirt Day reminds Canadians that 'Every Child Matters'.