

# Canadian Symbols Scavenger Hunt

## Can you find these symbols at home?



### A MAPLE LEAF

Historians believe the maple leaf began to serve as a Canadian symbol as early as 1700. The food properties of maple sap were discovered long before the arrival of European explorers by Indigenous Peoples – which they gathered every spring. Taking centre stage on our national flag the maple leaf is a distinctively Canadian emblem.



### THE COAT OF ARMS OF CANADA

Originating in the Middle Ages as a sort of identification card, coats of arms serve to visually identify their bearers at a glance. Did you know that Canada's arms are embossed on the cover of the Canadian passport?



### A MAPLE TREE

There are 10 species of maple trees that grow naturally in Canada, and at least one species can be found in every province.



### A RED AND WHITE ITEM

Known as the national colours of Canada, red and white alternated, in the course of history, as the national colours of France and England.



### A BEAVER

These rodents are known builders with powerful teeth that can even cut through trees! This national symbol's significance dates back to when Canada's main profit-making attraction for European explorers was its beaver population.



### AN INUKSHUK

The inukshuk was originally used for navigation in the frozen North, to distinguish locations in the snow and to mark the location of sacred places. For generations, Inuit have been creating these impressive stone markers on the vast Arctic landscape.



### THE NATIONAL FLAG OF CANADA

First raised on Parliament Hill on February 15, 1965, the National Flag of Canada is decorated in red and white and features a stylized 11-point maple leaf in the centre.



### A FLORAL PATTERN OR BEADING

A distinctive beadwork style of the Métis Peoples with colourful beads embroidered in floral patterns.



### A HOCKEY OR LACROSSE STICK

Hockey and lacrosse are the national sports of Canada, hockey for winter and lacrosse for summer. Both team games are played using a stick.



### A BIRCH TREE

A Canadian tree which has been used by First Nations Peoples for generations. Birch bark has been traditionally used for creating canoes, cooking, storing, art works, among other uses.