



## No Water Flowing Over Niagara Falls?!



Niagara Falls without water in 1969. The water was diverted so that engineers could strengthen certain areas and slow erosion. Photo credit: Russ Glasson/Flickr.

In our March/April 2016 issue of *Matters That Matter*, we told you that the Americans will staunch the flow of water going over Niagara Falls on their side of the border in 2019. The reason for the staunching of the falls, will be to do research on erosion and to fix the

pedestrian bridge that goes from the mainland to Goat Island. Goat Island separates the American Falls and the smaller Bridal Veil Falls from the Canadian Horseshoe Falls. It has a beautiful manicured park with hiking trails and viewing spots. But, plans are delayed because of funding. It will cost about \$30 million to place 'coffer dams' to block the American Falls. But, tourists may have to wait another 2 years for the funding in order to see the dry expanse of the riverbed. Hang in there!

### Are you away this summer?

Please send an email with dates to your teacher and [Liza@englishmatters.ca](mailto:Liza@englishmatters.ca) so that everyone knows six weeks before.

**MONDAY JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> IS CANADA DAY**  
IT IS A NATIONAL HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE CANADA'S BIRTHDAY. MOST BUSINESSES WILL BE CLOSED. THERE WILL BE MANY FIREWORKS DISPLAYS. VISIT YOUR MUNICIPALITY'S WEBSITE TO FIND OUT WHERE DISPLAYS WILL BE TAKING PLACE.  
**MONDAY AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> IS A CIVIC HOLIDAY IN ONTARIO.**  
MOST BUSINESSES WILL BE CLOSED.

## Let's Go Raptors!



Congratulations Toronto Raptors for winning the NBA Championship for 2019! Do you want tickets for the upcoming season? Click the Ticketmaster logo:



## Go, Raptors, Go!



James Naismith invented basketball. He was born on November 6, 1861 in Almonte, Ontario. (This is now Mississipi Mills Ontario, near Ottawa).

He invented basketball in 1891 when he was 30 years old. He invented it as a teacher at the YMCA International Training School in Springfield, Massachusetts.

He wrote the original basketball rule book and founded the University of Kansas basketball program. He lived to see basketball adopted as an Olympic demonstration sport in 1904, and as an official event at the 1936 Summer Olympics in 1936. He passed away November 28, 1939.

## DID YOU KNOW...?

### Beginner

In 1969, people walked on the dry riverbed of the American side of Niagara Falls. They picked up coins and lost items.



courtesy of the Niagara Falls Review

### Intermediate

600 years ago, there was only one falls at Niagara. Goat Island was upriver. But the edge of the falls eroded and fell to the bottom of the falls. Goat Island now separates the falls, with the smaller Bridal Veil Falls, between them. From the American side, you can take a set of stairs from the top to the bottom.

### Advanced

90% of the Niagara River flows over the Canadian Horseshoe Falls. Many waterfalls are taller than Niagara, but Niagara is the biggest waterfalls by volume. There is a monstrous average of 3,409,567.5 litres of water over the falls every second. Electricity was first generated on the Canadian side in 1893. The hydroelectric generating stations in the Niagara region (U.S. & Canada) supply  $\frac{1}{3}$  of power needed in New York State and Ontario. Many of the hydro generating projects in the Niagara region are joint ventures

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## Things To Do

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SUNDAYS REC ROOM

**CANADIAN COCKTAILS for SUMMER - CAESAR**

A classic Canadian summer cocktail with a spicy, savoury taste. Find more cocktail recipes by clicking the Caesar.

Celery salt  
1¼ oz vodka  
Dash Worcestershire sauce  
Dash Tabasco® sauce  
Salt and pepper  
Clamato® juice  
Celery stalk or shrimp for garnish

- 1 Rim a highball glass with celery salt.
- 1 Add ice, vodka, Worcestershire sauce, Tabasco® sauce, salt and pepper.
- 1 Top with Clamato® juice & garnish with celery stalk.

**Mrs. S Enters a Golf Tournament**

(thank you, Mrs. S, for your contribution)

I worked hard at a golf tournament.  
I won tenth place.  
I got some golf balls as a prize.  
I was so happy.  
I felt like splurging that night.  
After the tournament, we went to Aoyama Sushi.

We ate a tokujo nigiri set each.  
It was so delicious.  
We had the bill after we ate the whole meal.  
OMG!!  
It was expensive but I treated myself.

**More Things To Do****GREAT ONTARIO SALMON DERBY**

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Alex Neumann was attacked by a grizzly bear sow. He lives in Prince George, British Columbia. He knows about bears and how to stay away from them.

In May, he went to the river. He heard the wind and the river but he didn't hear the grizzly sow. Suddenly, he was grabbed by the shoulder. He knew it was a bear.

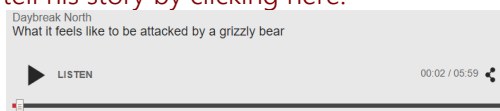
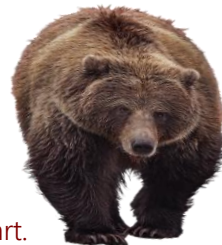
She picked him up and shook him. He grabbed onto the bear's head and he thinks this saved him from being ripped apart.

She threw him into some trees and Alex knew he had to get up or die.

He saw that the grizzly sow had 3 cubs to protect and they were crying. So, he tried talking to her. He backed down the trail towards his car and said, 'Okay, Mom, I don't want to hurt your babies. It's OK. I'm not going to touch them.'

Finally, Alex got to his truck. The bear and her cubs followed him all the way. Alex knew the bear could rip the door off his truck. He says he's glad she let him live.

Alex will never forget the sow. He has big injuries, nightmares and went to counseling. But he's glad she let him live! Practice your listening skills. Listen to Alex tell his story by clicking here:

**Idioms to use with 'bear'**

"He's as grumpy as a bear."

He's grumpy like a bear in the spring.

"She's like a mother bear."

She protects her children, fiercely.

"He's just a big teddy bear."

He acts tough on the surface, but his heart is kind.

**CANADIAN HISTORY & CULTURE CORNER**

Alexander Graham Bell was born March 3, 1847 in Edinburgh, Scotland. He emigrated to Canada in 1870. He lived in Brantford, Ontario where he carried out a large variety of scientific experiments.

He became a Professor at Boston University and taught to deaf students. He married one of his students, Mabel Hubbard, in 1877.

She was also involved in scientific experiments.

The Bells moved back and forth between the U.S., where Bell worked, and Canada, where Bell experimented. In March, 1876, while at home in Brantford, Ontario, Bell developed a telephone and spoke on it to his assistant, Watson. In the first ever telephone transmission he said, "Mr. Watson — come here — I want to see you."

Bell also invented a wheat husker, the methods for teaching to the deaf, the telephone, metal detector and the hydrofoil boat.

He died at his home in Baddeck Bay, NS, on August 2, 1922, where he and his wife are buried.