## English matters

# Matters that Matter

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## **Things To Do:**



## Viking Exhibition Begins November 4<sup>th</sup>! Click for a link

## Wind Chill

#### Toronto

Fog Wind Chill: -31 Heat Index: -24° Dew Point: -27° Humidity: 77% 1030.14mbar Pressure:

Visibility: Wind: Direction: Gusts: 

Wind chill is a term you will hear in Canadian

The temperatures in the winter can feel cold. If the wind is blowing, then it can feel much colder, but the temperature has not changed. The *wind chill* temperature is how cold it will feel if you are in the wind.

If you are outside in the winter, prepare for the wind chill temperature by wearing warm winter clothing or spending less time outside.



### Click for a map & info

Avoid the cold this winter and take the PATH! Did you know that Toronto has the largest underground shopping centre in world? You will find 30 km of shops, entertainment and restaurants with easy access to the subway and all cozy warm!

Wow! Toronto's Highway 401 is the busiest highway in North America (sometimes it is 18 lanes wide)!



**INTERMEDIATE** 

An old Christmas tradition is to

hang mistletoe in a doorway in

your home. If someone stands

under the mistletoe, you are

allowed to kiss them. It would

still be a good idea to ask their

permission first!

## **Did You Know?**

#### BEGINNER

Please hang mistletoe in the doorway for Christmas. If a girl stands under the mistletoe, a boy is allowed to kiss her.



## **November/December 2017**

Daylight Savings time ends on **November 5<sup>th</sup>** Clocks will move back 1 hour on that day.



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Throat singing is a unique traditional Inuit art form that began long ago as a game for women to play while men were away hunting. Singers focus on each other and hold tight while rocking from side to side. They use their throats, nasal passages and voice boxes. One singer creates rhythmic notes while inhaling and the other creates rhythmic notes while exhaling. After a few minutes, one singer will laugh and break the pattern. The other singer is the winner!

Today, throat singing is mixed with pop, folk and hip hop music. Please click the picture to listen to



#### That "Rings a Bell" Quiz

- 1. What is the name of the real-world, outdoor treasure-hunt game?
- 2. What is the name of the Canadian that tried to run across Canada?
- Where would you find the "French Quarter"? 3.

**Remembrance Day – November 11<sup>th</sup>** 11<sup>th</sup> hour, 11<sup>th</sup> day, 11<sup>th</sup> month Wear a poppy and join a Remembrance Day ceremony



#### **ADVANCED**

In early times, mistletoe was believed to increase life and fertility. Traditionally, if an unmarried girl was kissed beneath the mistletoe, the mistletoe would be burned in the conviction that she would marry. Mistletoe is not easy to come across, so nowadays, hanging any green leafy stem in a doorway works!

#### -24°C Feels Like: -31 ° Ceiling: NA 1.21k 12kph 180°5

weather forecasts in the cold months.













Question	No	Maybe	Yes	Yes with a beer
Do you know what a 'double-double' is?	0	1	2	3
Do you know what sport this music was composed for? Click here	0	1	2	3
Have you been to Niagara Falls 3 times or more?	0	1	2	3
Do you hold the door open for strangers behind you?	0	1	2	3
Do you say, 'Sorry,' if someone bumps into you?	0	1	2	3
Do you enjoy a frosty breath of air in January?	0	1	2	3
Do you know that there is a difference between a moose and a deer?	0	1	2	3
Do you call \$1 & \$2 coins 'loonies' & 'twoonies'?	0	1	2	3
Have you used your arm as an ice scraper on your windshield?	0	1	2	3
Have you decided to leave work and spend time with your family?	0	1	2	3
Have you used your snow pants as a toboggan? Click here.	0	1	2	3
Can you skate with a hockey stick? (extra point if you can skate backwards with a hockey stick.)	0	1	2	3
Have you relaxed in a Muskoka chair? Click here.	0	1	2	3
Have you experienced Canada from a canoe? Click here.	0	1	2	Not recommended
Add the <b>columns</b>				
Add the TOTAL				

Score - Are You Comfortable with Canada?			
1 – 6	Please spend more time with Canadians!		
6 - 14	Please practice a little more!		
15 - 22	You are finding ease in Canada		
23 and higher	You are very comfortable!		