



Speak Like a Canuck, Eh

Common Canadian words, from eh to zed

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- Bunny Hug** | bun-ny | bənē | hug | hæg | Hoodie (used mainly in Saskatchewan)
- Canadian Tuxedo** | Can-a-di-an | kənādēən | tux-e-do | tæksēdō | Blue jeans paired with a denim shirt or denim jacket
- Chesterfield** | ches-ter-field | CHestər-fēld | Couch, sofa
- Chinook** | Chi-nook | (t)SHənōok | A warm wind that can suddenly and dramatically change the temperature in southern or central Alberta, usually in winter
- Darts** | darts | dārts | Cigarettes
- Eh** | Eh | ā | Commonly added to the end of a sentence to elicit agreement
- Gitch/Gotch** | gitch | giCH | gotch | gäCH | (also gonch, gotchies) | Underwear
- The Habs** | habz | (h)əbz | Refers to the Montreal Canadiens hockey team and is short for the French term "les habitants" (the residents)
- Housecoat** | house-coat | houskōt | Bathrobe
- Inukshuk** | in-uk-shuk | inōokSHōok | (also inuksuk) | A stone landmark built by Indigenous peoples in Canada, Alaska, and Greenland
- Keener** | keen-er | kēnər | Brownnoser
- Kerfuffle** | ker-fuf-fle | kər-fəf(ə)l | Commotion, fuss
- Kitty-Corner** | kit-ty-cor-ner | kidəkōrnər | (also kitty-cornered) North American | Located diagonally from a specific point
- Klicks** | klicks | klik | (also clicks) | Kilometres
- Knapsack** | knap-sack | napsak | Backpack, rucksack
- Loonie** | loon-ie | lōnē | \$1 coin
- Mickey** | mick-ey | mikē | (also mick, micky) | Flask-sized bottle of liquor
- Molson Muscle** | mol-son | mōlsən | mus-cle | mäs(ə)l | Beer belly
- Mountie** | Moun-tie | moun(t)ē | Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Muskoka Chair** | Mus-ko-ka chair | mæskōkə CHer | Adirondack chair
- Parkade** | par-kade | pārkād | Parking garage
- Pencil Crayons** | pen-cil | pens(ə)l | cray-ons | krääns, krääns | Coloured pencils
- Pop** | pop | päp | Soda
- Queue** | queue | kyōō | Line
- Rink Rat** | rink | riNGk | rat | rat | Person who spends lots of time in a hockey rink
- Runners** | run-ner | rənər | Sneakers, athletic shoes
- Serviette** | ser-vi-ette | sər-vēet | Napkin
- Skookum** | skook-um | skōokəm | Impressive, exceptional
- Snowbirds** | snow-birds | snōbərds | Older Canadians who head south (especially to Florida) in winter to escape the cold weather
- Stag/Stagette** | stag | stag | stag-ette | staget | Bachelor/bachelorette party
- Toonie** | too-nie | tōōnē | (also toonie) | \$2 coin
- Toque** | toque | tōk | Knit cap, beanie
- Two-Four** | two-four | tōōfōr | Case of 24 beer
- Washroom** | wash-room | wāSHrōōm, wāSHrōōm | Toilet, bathroom, restroom
- Zed** | zed | zed | The last letter of the alphabet

