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(1) When you read “helicopter-logged” how do you think foresters logged that mountain?

_____.

(2) What day is Victoria Day? The last Monday in May before Queen _____’s birthday. She was Queen of England (and Canada) for 63+ years till she died in 1901.

(3) When someone says “I felt I had been plunked down (landed) on Mars” what do they mean? _____

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(4) Did Richard in Bradford enjoy the Land as he had enjoyed it in Kenora? YES or NO. (Circle)

(5) Richard says he was not only the only Indian but was also the only “brown face.”

What other peoples might have “brown skin”? (You see them here in Flin Flon every time you shop at Walmart or Canadian Tire, or stop in to order a pizza at Dominos.)

_____.

(6) A person from Mars would be a _____ if there were people on Mars.

Richard says “I stuck out in a sea of white faces like a fencepost in a field of snow.”



When you see “like” it means the figure of speech is a *simile*. (When the comparison doesn’t use “like” or “as” it is a *metaphor*.)

(6) Who was like the (brown) fence post? _____

(7) Who were the “field of white snow”? _____

_____.

(8) What is “You’re a peach!” (that is, a pleasing person)? SIMILE OR METAPHOR? (CIRCLE)

(9) Richard felt so strange in a strange land that he couldn’t even feel “normal” in his own body. TRUE or FALSE. (Circle)

(10) Victoria Day this year is on Monday, May _____, part of the May Long Weekend.

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FLAGS FLOWN IN CANADA



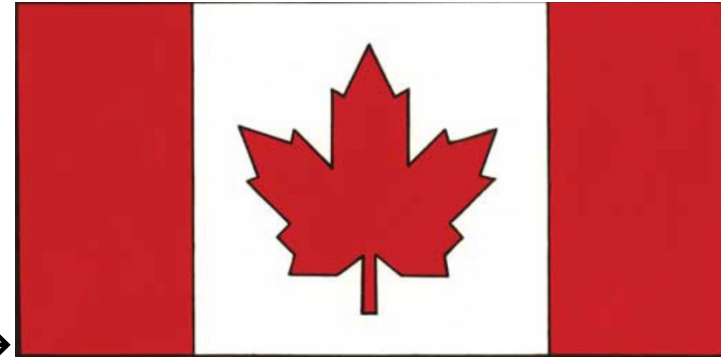
The Royal Union Flag was used across British North America and in Canada even after Confederation (1867) until 1965.



The Canadian Red Ensign



The Canadian Red Ensign was unofficially used on land and sea as Canada's flag.



Before Confederation 1867 After Confederation

Since Victoria Day, 1965

(11) What year was Confederation, when Canada gained independence from Great Britain and became its own country? _____.

(12) Even in a time of racism and misunderstanding of Native peoples, could Canadian society still make gestures at times that showed they understood *something* of the worth of Indigenous people? What honour did the mayor and principal give to the only Indian child in the school? _____.

(13) Why? _____.

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One meaning of “lanyard” is what is used to hold keys around a neck. Another is the rope and apparatus used to run flags up and down a flagpole, or sails on sailboat masts.

(14) Which lanyard did Richard pull on? or .. (Circle)

(14) The National Anthem is played every day in many schools. Not all versions sound the same. Richard rightly says “the national anthem can be a dirge, a wail, a cry in the night.” What does Google tell you these are?

- dirge _____
- wail _____
- cry in the night _____

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(5) The flag is red and white. Richard suggests the separation of white from red on the flag is a symbol of what problem in Canada? _____

_____.

(6) Yet Richard says he loves that flag like most native people do. What is it Indigenous people see and hope for in the Canadian flag? _____

_____.