

**Access English Centre**  
**Immigrant Centre Manitoba**  
**Advanced Level: Warm-up Activity**  
**O Canada: National Anthem**  
**15 minutes**

**Objective/Goal:**

This warm-up activity which gives an opportunity for good teamwork among the participants. It will help the participants become familiar to Canada's National Anthem.

**Materials:**

Participants need:

- Attachment #1-"O Canada" lyrics (1 package per group)
- Attachment #4-blank cards(2 sheets per group)
- 2 pairs of scissors per group

Facilitator needs:

- Attachment #2-"O Canada Anthem" poster
- Attachment #3-Answer key (for reference)
- computer(with internet access)
- projector
- screen

**Procedure:**

**Before you Begin:**

1. **Write** "O Canada" on the whiteboard.
2. **Ask** the participants if they have heard Canada's national anthem/song.
3. **Introduce** the song. **Tell** the participants that they will listen to "O Canada": 2-4 times. They will **listen** to the words of the song-"lyrics".
4. The facilitator can **write** the word-"lyrics" on the whiteboard.
5. First time-**listen**. Second time-listen to the words, again (if they like, they can sing it).
6. **Go** to the website: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/ceem-cced/symb/anthem-eng.cfm>
7. **Click** on the English version or Bilingual version (MP3 file).
8. **Group** the students into groups of 3.
9. **Give** each group a package of the lyrics(Attachment #2)
10. Each group is to **put** the lyrics or words in order.
11. Some of the words are missing. Each group must **write** and fill-in the missing words on the blank cards. (Attachment #4)
12. The facilitator will **circulate** among the groups and **monitor** each group's progress.
13. Each group will **share** their results (If they like, they can "sing" their version of the lyrics).
14. **Post** the "O Canada Anthem/Song" (Attachment #1) on the whiteboard.
15. Then, the groups will **check** each other's versions.



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**Optional Activities:**

Activity #1: Give them [a time limit of 5 minutes or less](#) and see which group fills-in the words and correctly puts the words in order. The first group who calls out "Finish or O Canada" when the words are in correct order- "WINS!" Play a few times.

Activity #2: Give the groups only 5 minutes. Have [all the word cards\(Attachment #2\) of each group on a table](#). Only [one](#) person from each group is allowed to come to the table to choose the correct word cards (5 words at a time). The group members help each other find the correct words. Words cards that are not needed are returned to the table. The first group who calls out "Finish or O Canada" when the words are in correct order-"WINS!" Play a couple times.

Activity #3: For more of a challenge- The game is played as above but not all the words card are placed on the table. The facilitator will tell each group that more than one word is missing from each phrase.



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Attachment #1-From: Canadian Heritage: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/pgm/ceem-cced/symbi/anthem-eng.cfm>

## **National Anthem: O Canada**

### **Official Lyrics of O Canada!**

O Canada!  
Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

## Attachment #2-National Anthem: O Canada Lyrics (Word Cards)

O	Canada!
Our	native
and	land!
True	love
command.	in
All	thy
With	glowing

Thee	we
rise,	The
True	North
And	free!
From	and
wide,	O,
We	stand



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on	thee.
guard	God
keep	land!
glorious	our
and	Canada,
O	we
on	guard



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for	thee
O	Canada,
stand	on
for	thee.
for	hearts



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**Attachment #3: National Anthem: O Canada**

**Answer Key**

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land!

True  love in all thy  
 command.

With glowing hearts we  
 thee rise,





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The True North   
and free!

From  and wide,

O,  we stand on  
guard for thee.

God keep our land  
glorious and !

O Canada, we  on  
guard for thee.

O Canada,  stand  
on  for thee.



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Attachment #4:

## O Canada! Blank Cards




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