

Canada's OFFICIAL #OLDDAY • LANGUAGES DAY • #JOURNÉELO

ACTIVITIES TO INSPIRE OUR CHILDREN, OUR FAMILIES AND OUR COMMUNITIES



**On September 14, 2023, Celebrate That
Some Things Are Better Together.**

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES DAY is about raising awareness on the importance of inclusion and respect for all speakers of our official languages in Canada and taking action, regardless of our ancestry, to celebrate our rich linguistic heritage across the country.

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NETWORK



By celebrating OFFICIAL LANGUAGES DAY, you are part of a community of over 1 million people who take part in marking this date every year.

In 2009, the second Thursday in September was declared “Linguistic Duality Day” across the Public Service of Canada. In 2022, it was renamed “Official Languages Day”.

Thank you for your interest in these Official Languages Day activities prepared by the Canadian Foundation for Cross-Cultural Dialogue and are being made available via

the Linguistic Duality Network to educators and community leaders interested in celebrating the day in their school or neighbourhood. The **LINGUISTIC DUALITY Network** was established in 2018 creating a unified voice for anglophones, francophones and bilinguals who want to use and fully appreciate the linguistic minority language and culture in their respective communities across Canada.

Canada’s **Official Languages Day** is an opportunity for families and schools to promote and celebrate our official languages by recognizing the importance of our official languages in the lives of Canadians each and every day.

LDN Founding Partner Organizations

The Network brings together three organizations that have linguistic duality at their core.



It represents a strong and united voice that highlights the importance of learning and appreciating the culture of the other official language group in Canada. The Network is also focused on promoting the opportunities and connections between anglophone and francophone Canadians.

Canada's Official Languages Day Activities To Inspire Our Children, Our Families And Our Communities – **Let's Celebrate!**

How to Mark the Day as a Family

Activity 1 **Get to know me Bingo!**

Instructions:

Get to know your family members, friends and neighbours in this interactive game!

Ask your family members, friends and neighbours a question from this grid, and try to find one that applies to them! Once you find one, they can sign your sheet on that square. After 10 minutes, the individual with the most signatures will win a prize!

Important: Each person can only sign your sheet once!

This exercise promotes positive, healthy communication. This represents the large-scale dialogue that happens between Canadians who celebrate our country's linguistic duality.



Questions

Plays more than one sport	Knows what animal is on a nickel	Favourite colour is Red	Is an early riser
Can play Lacrosse or Hockey (Canada's national sports)	Speaks both official languages	Speaks a language other than French and English	Likes to dance
Likes country music	Birthday in September (the same month as Official Languages Day!)	Is an only child	Read two or more books over the summer
Can skate	Has visited more than three provinces	Went to a concert this year	Has two or more siblings



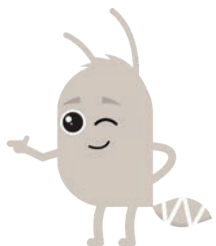
Activity 2

Textodingo en français : Rencontrez notre mascotte



Complète cette liste de mots, ensuite remplis les trous afin de composer la biographie de notre mascotte!

1	Prénom	
2	Ville canadienne	
3	Autre ville canadienne	
4	Le/la/les/l' + point de repère canadien	
5	Un/une + Espèce d'animal	
6	Un/une + Espèce d'animal	
7	Adjectif (singulier, masculin)	
8	Même prénom que 1	
9	Verbe (à l'infinitif)	
10	Autre verbe (à l'infinitif)	
11	Autre prénom	
12	Espèce d'animal (singulier, féminin)	
13	Adjectif (singulier, féminin)	
14	Encore un autre prénom	
15	Espèce d'animal (singulier, masculin)	
16	Adjectif (singulier, masculin)	
17	Matière scolaire	



Voici (1) _____, la mascotte de la Journée de langues officielles!

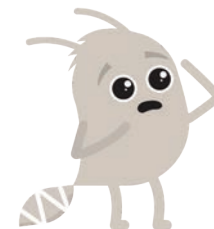
Cette mascotte est née à (2) _____ et, après avoir voyagé d'un bout à l'autre du pays, vit maintenant à (3) _____, mais son endroit préféré à visiter est (4) _____.

Ses parents sont (5) _____ et (6) _____, quel mélange (7) _____!

Dans son temps libre, (8) _____ aime (9) _____ et (10) _____ avec ces meilleurs amis, (11) _____, une (12) _____ (13) _____ et (14) _____, un (15) _____ (16) _____.

Notre mascotte aime beaucoup les cours de (17) _____, mais aime encore plus pratiquer sa deuxième langue à l'école. Deux langues c'est mieux pour faire encore plus d'amis!

Maintenant que tu connais la biographie de notre mascotte, pourquoi ne pas essayer de la dessiner? Suis les exemples offerts et crée ton propre dessin!



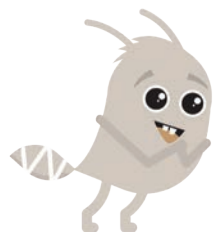


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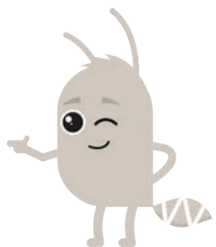
Mad Libs English: Meet our Mascot



Complete this list of words, then turn the page and fill in the blanks to write your own biography of our Mascot!



1	Name	
2	Canadian city	
3	Another Canadian city	
4	Canadian landmark	
5	Species of animal	
6	Another species of animal	
7	Adjective	
8	Same name as 1	
9	Verb	
10	Another verb	
11	Another name	
12	Adjective	
13	Animal species	
14	Yet another name	
15	Adjective	
16	Animal species	
17	School subject	



Here is (1) _____, the mascot of Official Languages Day!

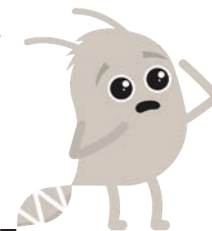
This mascot was born in (2) _____ and after having traveled from one end of the country to the other, now lives in (3) _____, but their favourite place to visit is (4) _____.

Their parents are a (5) _____ and a (6) _____, what a (7) _____ combination!

In their spare time, (8) _____ likes to (9) _____ and (10) _____ with their best friends, (11) _____, a (12) _____ (13) _____ and (14) _____, a (15) _____ (16) _____.


Our mascot really enjoys their (17) _____ classes, but likes practicing their second language at school even more. Two languages are better for making even more friends!

Now that you know this mascot's story, why not try to draw them? Follow the examples provided and then make it your own!



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How to Mark the Day as a School or Community

 Educators and community leaders can register to receive the Linguistic Duality Network's Official Languages Day kits that offer bilingual activities targeted to youth in grades 4 to 9.

Each kit includes:

- Bilingual Colour Poster – 11 x 17 folded
- Bilingual Colour Tabletop Display Board (visual is the same as the poster)
- Bilingual Colour Tabletop Spinner for Quiz Game
- Bilingual Colour Quiz Game Question Cards (18 true or false question cards + 6 blank cards)
- Prizes: Peelable Stickers (3 sheets of 24), Washable Tattoos (3 sheets of 24) and Pencils (15)
- Reproducible Folding 'Coin-Coin' Game
- Reproducible Folding Booklet
- Top Twelve Ways to Celebrate, Fridge Magnet

The take-home elements of the kit allow families to continue the celebration by recognizing the importance of our official languages in the lives of Canadians each and every day.



How to Mark the Day at Work

More Linguistic Duality Activities

The Council of the Network of Official Languages Champions plan activities for the federal organizations within the Public Service of Canada. Their virtual event is open to the general public.

To find out more visit: [Government of Canada - Official Languages Day](#). The program offers panel discussions, fun quizzes, blogs and a dictation, all coordinated by the Canada School of Public Service, the Translation Bureau and the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages. Interested individuals are invited to register via the [Linguistic Duality Network website](#).



Some Things Are Better Together... Celebrate Canada's OFFICIAL LANGUAGES DAY.

Like a scoop of ice cream on a piece of apple pie, some things are just better together. The same can be said about Canada's official languages, whether you speak English or French... or both! **Linguistic Duality** is at the heart of our identity and a unique source of pride.

If you believe that linguistic duality:

- Is a core Canadian value.
- Contributes to building a more open and inclusive society.
- Makes Canada more Canadian.

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