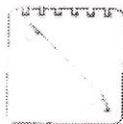


Natural Resources

Natural resources are another of the four key factors that affect a country's economic growth. Canada has huge advantages due to its abundant minerals, forests, water, and fertile land! It has sought-after mineral deposits throughout the country and ranks second in the world in forestland, first in total coastline, and eighth in the amount of arable farmland. It has used these natural resources to establish markets for certain key products.



Inference

L6-8RH2

Circle the correct answers based on the chart.

1. What natural resource would you expect all three countries to export?
a) wheat b) oil c) fruits
2. Which two natural resources do both Canada and the United States enjoy?
a) soybeans and cement
b) wheat and lumber
c) wood and paper products
3. Which countries are likeliest to export products made from trees?
a) Germany and United States
b) United States and Canada
c) Canada and Germany

Key Products		
Canada	United States	Germany
Wheat	Wheat	Potatoes
Aluminum	Corn	Wheat
Lumber	Fruits	Barley
Paper Products	Lumber	Coal
Fish	Chemicals	Cement

Investing in Human Capital and Capital Goods

Governments of Canada and other countries can decide to invest public money in **human capital**. Tax dollars would be spent on elementary, middle, and high schools, and on colleges and universities. Another way governments and private companies invest in education is through job training programs. Also, countries can decide they need to invest in **capital goods**, such as new factories and machinery.

Canada is a developed country that invests aggressively in its citizens. The government invests nearly 6 percent of GDP in education. Public education is provided, and the **literacy rate** (the percentage of adults who can read and write) is about 99 percent. As a result, the labor force is able to communicate well, understand job-related materials, and be productive. The Canadian government also invests substantial chunks of its budget in job training programs.

Canada also compares quite favorably to other developed countries in the level of government and private investment in capital goods, as seen in the table.

Investment in Fixed Capital Goods	
Canada	22.2% of GDP
France	21.8% of GDP
Germany	20.15% of GDP
United States	15.9% of GDP

Answer the questions using your reading and the chart about capital investment in Canada.

Would you say that investments in education, job training, and capital goods are having a positive impact on productivity in Canada? _____

Why or why not?

Writing Prompt

L6-BRH1; L6-8WHST4; L6-8WHST7

Pick any job. Write about how being literate would help someone be more productive and successful in that job. Tie literacy to specific tasks in that job, either as you know them or based on research.

Entrepreneurship in Canada

Entrepreneurship helps develop new jobs in a country's economy. Entrepreneurs figure out new ways of doing business that lead to new or more efficient industry sectors. The level of entrepreneurial activity in Canada leads most of the developed countries except for the United States. More than 13% of the labor force is involved in some kind of early entrepreneurial activity.

Data Analysis

L6-BRH2

Answer the questions based on the chart.

Country	Canada	Germany	France	World Average
Starting a new business takes...	2 days	11 days	4 days	21 days
Overall Business Freedom	78%	74%	73%	65%

- Overall, starting and running a business in Canada is **easier / harder** than the world average.
- Based on what you have learned, why do you think Canada's Overall Business Freedom ranking is so high? _____