

Water, Water, Everywhere!

Water is one of Canada's most influential physical features. Canada is surrounded by oceans, and has the longest coastline (over 100,000 miles) of any country in the world. Canada also has many key rivers, lakes, and bays. These waterways are crucial to the daily life and economic activities of people in Canada.

THREE OCEANS

Canada is surrounded by three of Earth's major oceans. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the **east**, the Pacific Ocean to **west**, and the Arctic Ocean to the **north**.

HUDSON BAY

Named after the English explorer Henry Hudson, the Hudson Bay is located in central-eastern Canada. It connects to the Atlantic and Arctic Oceans by narrow passages called straits.

Pacific Ocean

Arctic Ocean

Hudson Bay

Great Lakes

St. Lawrence River

Atlantic Ocean

THE GREAT LAKES

The five Great Lakes are located along the border of the United States and Canada. These lakes are vital waterways for shipping goods between the two countries.

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER

The St. Lawrence River connects the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean. In 1959, the U.S. and Canada completed the St. Lawrence Seaway to allow huge, oceangoing ships to easily navigate the river.

Quick Review

L6-BRH2; L6-BRH7

Use the map of Canada's water features to answer the questions.

1. What body of water forms Canada's western coast? _____
2. What body of water forms Canada's eastern coast? _____
3. Which waterway consists of 5 large freshwater lakes? _____
4. Which body of water dominates central-eastern Canada? _____
5. Which major river connects the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean? _____