

Word Choices for The Thousand-Word Story Contest

Banting *n* Sir Frederick Grant. 1891–1941, Canadian physiologist: discovered the insulin treatment for diabetes with Best and Macleod (1922) and shared the Nobel prize for physiology or medicine with Macleod (1923)

bathtub race *n* *Canad* a sailing race between bathtubs fitted with outboard motors

beaver fever *n* *Canad* an infectious disease caused by drinking water that has been contaminated by wildlife

Bloody Caesar *n* *Canad* a drink consisting of vodka, juice made from clams and tomatoes, Worcester sauce and Tabasco

Bluenose *n* 1 Also: **bluenoser** (*sometimes cap*) *Canad informal* a native or inhabitant of Nova Scotia 2 *slang* a puritanical or prudish person

Bondar *n* Roberta. born 1945, Canadian neurologist and astronaut, first Canadian woman to go into space (1992)

butter tart *n* *Canad* a kind of tart made with butter, brown sugar, and raisins

Canada Day *n* (in Canada) July 1, a statutory holiday marking the anniversary of the day in 1867 when Canada became a dominion. Former name: **Dominion Day**

chip wagon *n* *Canad* a small van in which French fries are cooked and sold

Cohen *n* Leonard. born 1934, Canadian singer, songwriter, and poet; recordings include *Songs of Leonard Cohen* (1968), *Songs of Love and Hate* (1971), *I'm Your Man* (1988), and *Ten New Songs* (2001)

deke *Canad slang* *ð vb* **dek·ing, deked** 1 (in hockey or box lacrosse) to draw (a defending player) out of position by faking a shot or movement *ð n* 2 such a shot or movement **word origin:** from *decoy*

Digby chicken or **Digby chick** *n* *Canad informal* dried herring **word origin** after *Digby*, a town in Nova Scotia, Canada

fish and brewis *n* *Canad* a Newfoundland dish of cooked salt cod and soaked hard bread. See **brewis**

flipper pie *n* *Canad* a Newfoundland pie with a filling of cooked seal flippers

garburator *n* *Canad* a garbage disposal unit installed as part of a kitchen sink

glib ice *n* *Canad* ice that is particularly smooth and slippery

humidex *n* *Canad* a system of measuring discomfort showing the combined effect of humidity and temperature **word origin** C20: from humid + (in)dex

ice wine *n* *Canad* a dessert wine made from grapes that have been frozen before being harvested

idiot strings *pl n Canad informal* strings attached to children's mittens to prevent the wearer from losing them

impaired *Canad* *ð adj* 1 (of a driver) under the influence of alcohol or narcotics *ð adv* 2 (of driving) influenced or affected by alcohol or narcotics

kamik *n* a traditional Inuit boot made of caribou hide or sealskin **word origin** from Inuktitut

McLuhan *n (Herbert) Marshall*. 1911–80, Canadian author of works analysing the mass media, including *Understanding Media* (1964) and *The Medium is the Message* (1967)

Moodie *n Susanna (née Strickland)*. 1803–85, Canadian writer, born in England. Her book *Roughing It in the Bush* (1852) describes her life as a settler in Upper Canada

muckymuck *n Canad W coast* 1 a person who is or looks very important 2 food *ð vb* 3 to consume food; eat **word origin** Chinook Jargon

muktuk *n Canad* the thin outer skin of the beluga, used as food **word origin** from Inuktitut

musical ride *n Canad* a display by riders on horseback of manoeuvres to music, esp. by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Ookpik *n trademark, Canad* a sealskin doll resembling an owl, first made by Inuit craftspeople, now manufactured for sale as a souvenir **word origin** from Inuktitut *ukpik* a snowy owl

pogey or **po·gy** *n, pl po·geys or po·gies Canad slang* 1 unemployment insurance; welfare 2 financial or other relief given to the unemployed by the government 3 a the office distributing relief to the unemployed b (as modifier): *pogey clothes* **word origin** from earlier *pogie*: workhouse

poutine *n Canad* a dish of French fries topped with cheese curds and gravy or a sauce **word origin**: from Canadian French

rink rat *n Canad informal* a youth who helps with odd chores at a hockey rink in return for free admission to games

saltchuck *n Canad* any body of salt water **word origin** C20: from salt + chuck

silver thaw *n Canad* 1 a freezing rainstorm 2 another name for **glitter** (sense 7)

stormstayed *adj Canad* isolated or unable to travel because of adverse weather conditions, esp. a snowstorm

travois *n, pl -vois Canad* a V-shaped frame of poles pulled by dogs or horses, used by Plains Natives to transport belongings **word origin** Canadian French

tuckamore *n Canad, esp. Newfoundland* 1 a small stunted evergreen tree or bush with gnarled creeping roots 2 low dense scrub formed by such trees or bushes **word origin** from archaic sense of tuck tug + Middle English *more*: tree root

toque (touk) *n* *Canada* 1 Also called: tuque a close-fitting knitted hat often with a tassel or pompom 2 a knitted cap with a long tapering end 3 a woman's small round brimless hat **word origin** French

twenty-sixer *n* *Canada* *informal* a liquor bottle of around 26 ounces (0.750 litre) capacity

Varley *n* **Frederick (Horsman)**. 1881–1969, Canadian artist born in England; a member of the Group of Seven and noted for his paintings that commemorated Canada's participation in WWI

wanigan *n* *Canada* 1 a watertight box or chest used by canoeists or lumberjacks to hold provisions 2 a cabin, caboose, or houseboat used for carrying supplies **word origin** from a Native American language

Winnipeg couch *n* *Canada* a couch with no arms or back, opening out into a double bed