

Parliament Web Quest

Quest 1: Canada's Senate

Go to the Parliament of Canada website (www.parl.gc.ca) to find the answers to five questions. Good luck!

1. What is the average age of a Senator?
2. What are the top three occupations (jobs) that Senators have held or currently hold?
3. Who is the current Leader of the Opposition in the Senate?
4. How many Senators currently sit in the Cabinet?
5. How many Speakers of the Senate have there been since 1867?

Quest 2: The House of Commons

Go to the Parliament of Canada website (www.parl.gc.ca) to find the answers to five questions. Good luck!

1. Who is the Speaker of the House of Commons?
2. Who was Canada's longest serving Prime Minister?
3. Who is the Member of Parliament (MP) for your riding? To which political party does he or she belong?
4. What are the top three occupations (jobs) that MPs had before becoming MPs?
5. What is the salary of the Prime Minister?

Quest 3: The Parliament Buildings

Go to the Parliament of Canada website (www.parl.gc.ca) to find the answers to five questions. Good luck!

1. The House of Commons has an impressive art collection. What is the oldest object in the collection? (Hint: Look under "Art" in the A-Z Index.)
2. What is the name of the current Peace Tower Carillonneur? What is his or her job?
3. At the Parliamentary Boutique, you can buy a teddy bear. What is the teddy bear wearing?
4. How much does it cost to take a Parliamentary tour?
5. What three requirements must Parliamentary Guides have?

Quest 4: Parliamentary Trivia

Go to the Parliament of Canada website (www.parl.gc.ca) to find the answers to five questions. Good luck!

1. When did women get the right to vote in Canadian federal elections?
2. Name one husband and wife who both served in Parliament. (Hint: Look under "Spouse" in the A-Z Index.)
3. Who was the first black person appointed to be a Cabinet Minister?
4. Name three MPs, past or current, who were not born in Canada. Give their country of origin.
5. How old was Canada's youngest Prime Minister when he took office?



Parliament Web Quest: Answer Key

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1. At the time of writing, the average age of Senators was 65.2. (Look under "Birth date" in the A–Z Index.)
2. At the time of writing, the top three occupations of Senators were lawyer, businessman/woman and merchant. (Look under "Occupations" in the A–Z Index.)
3. The name of the Leader of the Opposition in the Senate can be found by searching under "Senate" in the A–Z Index.
4. Find the answer by searching under "Cabinet" in the A–Z Index.
5. The number of Speakers of the Senate since 1867 can be found by searching under "Speakers of the Senate" in the A–Z Index.

Quest 2: The House of Commons

1. The name of the Speaker of the House of Commons can be found by searching under "Speakers" in the A–Z Index.
2. Canada's longest serving Prime Minister was William Lyon Mackenzie King (21 years).
3. Find your MP by typing in your postal code on the main page of the Parliament of Canada website.
4. At the time of writing, the top three occupations of an MP were lawyer, farmer and businessman/woman. (Look under "Occupations" in the A–Z Index.)
5. The basic salary of the Prime Minister can be found by searching under "Allowances" in the A–Z Index.

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1. The oldest object in the collection is a portrait of the Honourable Sir Allan Napier MacNab, from 1853.
2. Andrea McCrady is the current Carillonneur. She plays the Peace Tower Carillon (concerts of the bells). This information can be found at www.parl.gc.ca/Collections/carillon-e.htm.
3. The teddy bear is wearing a t-shirt with an illustration of the Parliament Buildings on it.
4. Nothing! Parliamentary tours are free.
5. The three prerequisites for becoming a Parliamentary Guide are being a Canadian citizen or permanent resident, bilingual and a university student.

Quest 4: Parliamentary Trivia

1. Women had the right to vote starting on January 1, 1919. (Look under "Women" in the A–Z Index.)
2. There are numerous responses to this question. (Look under "Spouse" in the A–Z Index.)
3. Lincoln MacCauley Alexander was appointed Minister of Labour in 1979.
4. There are many choices. (Look under "Trivia," "Country of birth" and "House of Commons" in the A–Z Index.)
5. Canada's youngest Prime Minister was Joe Clark, who was 39 when he took office in 1979.

