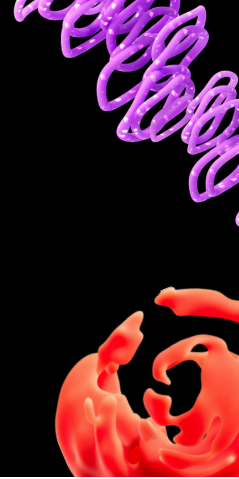


# Canadian Slang Terms

A List for Non-Canadians



Canada boasts a rich tapestry of slang, much of which can leave even fluent English speakers from other cultures scratching their heads. Here is a curated list of Canadian slang terms that an Indian speaker might not readily understand, along with their definitions.

## Common Terms & Objects

- **Loonie:** A one-dollar coin.
- **Toonie:** A two-dollar coin.
- **Two-four:** A case of 24 beers.
- **Double-double:** Coffee with two creams and two sugars.
- **Timmies:** An abbreviation for Tim Hortons, a popular Canadian coffee and donut chain.
- **Toque:** A knitted winter hat.
- **Pop:** Soda or a carbonated beverage.
- **Washroom:** Bathroom.
- **Runners:** Sneakers or athletic shoes.
- **Chesterfield:** A couch or sofa.
- **Poutine:** A dish of French fries topped with cheese curds and gravy.
- **Klick / Clicks:** A kilometre.
- **Mickey:** A 375ml bottle of liquor.
- **Two-six:** A 750ml bottle of liquor.
- **Forty-pounder:** A 1.14-litre bottle of liquor.
- **Hydro:** Electricity, especially referring to the power grid.
- **Homo milk:** Whole milk.
- **Zed:** The letter Z.
- **Serviette:** A napkin.
- **Pencil crayon:** A colored pencil.
- **Garburator:** A garbage disposal unit.
- **Snowbank:** A pile of snow, typically created by snowplows.
- **Slush:** Partially melted snow.
- **Ice cap:** An iced coffee drink.
- **Timbits:** Donut holes, a product of Tim Hortons.
- **Parkade:** A multi-story parking garage.
- **Freezies:** Frozen ice pops.
- **Kraft Dinner:** A brand of macaroni and cheese.
- **Tourtière:** A traditional French-Canadian meat pie.
- **Caesar:** A cocktail made with vodka, Clamato juice, Worcestershire sauce, and spices.
- **Screech:** A strong, potent rum, particularly associated with Newfoundland.

- **Back bacon:** Often referred to as Canadian bacon, it's leaner than American bacon.
- **Housecoat:** A bathrobe or dressing gown.
- **Knapsack:** A backpack.
- **LCBO:** The Liquor Control Board of Ontario, a provincial liquor store.
- **Rink:** An area for ice skating, typically an ice hockey rink.
- **Zamboni:** A machine used to resurface an ice rink.
- **Snowed in:** Trapped indoors due to heavy snowfall.
- **Chinook:** A warm, dry wind that blows down the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

## People & Personalities

- **Eh:** A tag question used at the end of a sentence to seek confirmation or agreement.
- **Keener:** An overly enthusiastic or eager person.
- **Hoser:** A foolish or uncultured person.
- **Canuck:** A Canadian person.
- **Mountie:** An officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).
- **Snowbird:** A Canadian who spends the winter months in a warmer climate, usually south.
- **Rink rat:** A person who spends a lot of time at an ice rink, often involved in hockey.
- **Puck bunny:** A young woman who is perceived to be overly interested in ice hockey players.
- **Newfie:** An informal and sometimes affectionate term for a person from Newfoundland.
- **Sook:** A crybaby or someone who whines.
- **Pogey:** Unemployment benefits or welfare.

## Actions & Situations

- **Hang a larry:** To turn left.
- **Hang a roger:** To turn right.
- **Give'r:** To go all out, to put in maximum effort.
- **Out for a rip:** Going for a drive or a ride, often for recreation.
- **Kerfuffle:** A commotion or fuss.
- **Stag and doe:** A pre-wedding party where guests give gifts to the couple.
- **Chirping:** Teasing or making lighthearted jokes at someone's expense.
- **Deke:** In hockey, a fake move to deceive an opponent.
- **Roll up the rim:** A promotional contest run by Tim Hortons where customers can win prizes by rolling up the rim of their coffee cup.
- **Hooped:** In trouble or broken down.

## Descriptions & Adjectives

- **Beauty:** Something impressive or excellent.
- **Gong show:** A chaotic, disorganized, or disastrous situation.
- **Molson muscle:** A beer belly, referring to the brand Molson.
- **Skookum:** Strong, powerful, or impressive.
- **Bunnyhug:** A hooded sweatshirt or hoodie.
- **Dart:** A cigarette.
- **The 6ix:** A nickname for Toronto.
- **Van City:** A nickname for Vancouver.
- **Cowtown:** A nickname for Calgary.

- **The Rock:** A nickname for Newfoundland.
- **The Soo:** A nickname for Sault Ste. Marie.
- **The Maritimes:** The eastern provinces of Canada: Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island.
- **The Prairies:** The central provinces of Canada: Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.
- **The Island:** A nickname for Vancouver Island.
- **The Great White North:** A poetic or patriotic term for Canada.
- **The Big Smoke:** A nickname for Toronto.
- **The Hammer:** A nickname for Hamilton.
- **The Hat:** A nickname for Medicine Hat.
- **The Peg:** A nickname for Winnipeg.
- **Loonie bin:** A slang term for a mental hospital.

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