

Listening

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Victoria Day

1. Every year on the last 1) Monday before May 25, Canadians celebrate Victoria Day. Victoria Day is a 2) public holiday that honours Queen Victoria. Victoria was queen of the United Kingdom and Ireland from 1837 to 3) 1901. This period of time is called "the Victorian Era."
2. Victoria became queen when she was 4) 18 years old. She married her first 5) cousin Albert, and together they had nine children. After Albert died in 1861, Victoria became depressed. She wore 6) black for the rest of her life.
3. The Victoria Day weekend marks the beginning of summer in Canada. Many 7) retired people who move farther south during the cold months return home. A lot of families open their cottages for the summer season. Others enjoy spending time at 8) campground.
4. Some Canadians think it is time to break away from the 9) British monarchy, but others like the connection. No matter how they feel about the monarchy, most Canadians enjoy the long weekend and its parades, outdoor festivals, and 10) fireworks.