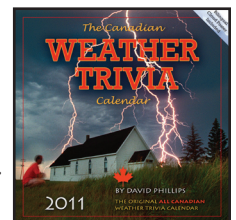




Weather Facts Northwest Territories, Yukon, and Nunavut

- Alone on the Arctic Ocean, a stranded Inuk hunter was rescued on January 22, 2010, almost three days after the ice floe he was snowmobiling across broke away and began floating across the Northwest Passage. Rescue by plane and helicopter had been repeatedly hindered by high winds, snow, and mechanical problems. Eventually, rescue planes dropped a tent, a stove, food, and extra satellite phone batteries.
- On January 28, 2008, Residents of Yellowknife, NT, were left in the cold (-40 °C) and the dark when a power outage hit the entire city. The enduring cold filled emergency shelters to capacity. In Yukon, ice fog obscured any hope of seeing more than a city block away. And every bump reminded you how taxed your shocks and tires are when it gets that cold. Locals feel cold weather always arrives around Robbie Burns Day.
- February 5, 2010: This date often marks the dead of winter in Iqaluit, NU, with temperature lows of -43.3 °C. The media were surprised when Canada invited world financial ministers and bankers to Iqaluit for two-day meetings. Surprisingly, the weather was more like an Arctic heat wave with temperatures of -13.5°C. Financial ministers and bankers went dog sledding and ate seal meat at a communal feast.
- On October 29, 1902, one of the most celebrated mail carriers in Yukon came close to losing his life in an ice jam that blocked the Yukon River about 16 km below Fortymile, YT. By the time the mail carrier noticed the jam, it was too late to steer his heavy boat toward the riverbank. The loss of the mail, however, distressed him far more than his own narrow escape.
- A teenaged Inuit boy and his uncle from Coral Harbour, NU, suffered hypothermia after their snowmobile broke down while hunting on November 9, 2009. Becoming separated from his uncle, the teen was set adrift on a large chunk of shifting ice. He battled hypothermia at frigid temperatures (-21°C, -32 °C wind chill). He also had to shoot a polar bear. When rescued, he was soaking wet and was so exhausted he could not talk.

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Weather Trivia Sample

A) What is the most popular weather term used in naming geographical areas, features, and places in Canada?

- 1) sun
- 2) rain
- 3) snow
- 4) wind
- 5) cloud

B) During which season do fingernails grow the fastest?

- 1) summer
- 2) fall
- 3) winter
- 4) spring
- 5) it makes no difference

C) Which city has the greatest amount of spring snowfall (March, April, and May)?

- 1) Edmonton, AB
- 2) Moncton, NB
- 3) St. John's, NL
- 4) Quebec City, QC
- 5) Charlottetown, PEI

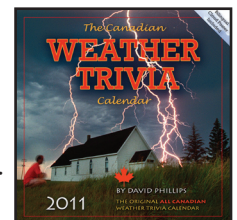
D) Which activity accounts for more deaths and injuries from lightning in Canada?

- 1) golfing
- 2) camping and hiking
- 3) picnicking
- 4) boating
- 5) outdoor construction work

Answer key:

A)3 B)1 C)2 D)2

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