

North America

Comparing Data From Different Countries Around the World

Source: World Bank and CIA World Fact Book

Country	Canada	United States of America	United Kingdom	Japan
Area- Total (km ²)	9,984,670	9,629,091	244,820	377,835
Area-water (km ²)	891,163	470,131	3,230	3,019
Coastline ¹ (km)	243,791	19,924	12,429	29,751
Population ²	34,482,779	311,591,917	62,641,000	127,817,277
Population Density (per km ²)	3.75	29.1	242.0	335.3
Population Growth Rate (per year)	0.784	0.899	0.553	-0.077
Life Expectancy ³ (years)	81.48	78.49	80.17	83.91
Percentage of Land that is Forest	54	30	10	67

¹ **coastline** – the part of the land that is next to the ocean

² **population** – the number of people

³ **life expectancy** – how long a person is expected to live

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. What is **data**?
 - a. The dates and time periods a study covers.
 - b. A collection of basic facts, like those given in the chart.
 - c. Numbers that can be used instead of dates on a calendar in Canada.
 - d. When a girl asks a boy out on a date.

2. "Population density" means how many people, on average, live in each square kilometer (km^2) of land. The bigger the number, the more "dense" the population is. This statistic comes from two other categories on the chart. The two categories it is made from are:
 - a. Death rate and area of land
 - b. Birth rate per thousand and the value of exports
 - c. Population and population growth rate
 - d. Population and Area – Total km^2

3. In which country can you expect to live the longest?
 - a. Japan
 - b. United States
 - c. United Kingdom
 - d. Canada

4. California has a population of about 38,000,000. Which country shown on the chart has a population that is the closest in size to the state of California?
 - a. Japan
 - b. United States
 - c. United Kingdom
 - d. Canada

5. Which country has the second-most coastline?
 - a. Japan
 - b. United States
 - c. United Kingdom
 - d. Canada

6. Why do you think the author put this information into a chart?

7. Which country in the chart has the highest population growth rate?

8. The question below is an incomplete sentence. Choose the word or phrase that best completes the sentence.

Canada has a lot of coastline _____ the United States.

- a. also
- b. in spite of
- c. compared to
- d. not including

9. Answer the following questions based on the sentence below.

More than 100 million people live in Japan, even though it is 67% forest.

Who? _____

(do) What? live

Where? _____

10. **Vocabulary Word:** population: the number of people.

Use the vocabulary word in a sentence: _____
