

# CANADIAN JARGON & SLANG

Uniquely Canadian English words include:

Back bacon: elsewhere called "Canadian bacon"

Biffy: outdoor toilet usually located over a septic tank

Butter tart: a single serving, sweet pie, often with raisins

Chesterfield: a sofa, couch, or loveseat

Double-double: a cup of coffee with two creams and two sugars

Garburator: a garbage disposal unit located beneath the drain of a kitchen sink

Keener: an enthusiastic student, not necessarily a positive term

Kitty Corner: diagonally opposite corners of an intersection as in "Joe's Cafe is kitty corner to Tom's Garage"

Kraft Dinner: often shortened to "KD", known elsewhere as "Kraft macaroni and cheese"

Loonie and Toonie: Canadian one-and two-dollar coins

Nanaimo bar: a confection named for the town of Nanaimo, British Columbia

Parkade: parking garage

Poutine: a dish made with home-made french fries and melted cheese curds topped with gravy

Ski-Doo: a brand name now used generically to refer to any snowmobile

Snowbird: a Canadian who spends the winter in the States (often Florida)

Timbits: a brand name of doughnut holes made by Tim Hortons

Tuque: a thick winter hat that covers the head and ears (usually called a "Beanie" in American English.)

Washroom: bathroom, restroom. A bathroom has a bathtub in it. Washroom is almost always used for public toilets. Rarely do you see a sign reading 'bathroom' in a public restaurant, shopping mall, etc., in Canada.

Whitener: powdered non-dairy additive for coffee or tea