

# Growth Across Canada

Trace the factors that can help an economy grow.

**SS6E6** "Describe factors that influence economic growth and examine their presence or absence in Canada."

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## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline each bold economic-growth factor and number the factors 1 through 5 in the order they appear. For each factor, circle the first Canada detail that shows the factor is present or limited.

### What Helps an Economy Grow?

- ① Economic growth means a country can produce more goods and services over time. It can raise incomes and expand choices, although growth does not guarantee that every person benefits equally. **Natural resources** are useful materials from nature. Canada has large forests, mineral deposits, freshwater, and farmland. These resources can support jobs when people harvest, process, or sell them. **Human capital** is the knowledge and skills workers gain through education, training, and experience. Canada's schools, colleges, and trained workers help businesses use resources and solve problems.
- ② **Capital goods** are tools, machines, buildings, and transportation systems used to make other goods or provide services. In Canada, factories, farm equipment, ports, railways, and roads help workers make products and move them to buyers. **Entrepreneurs** are people who organize businesses, take risks, and develop ideas. A Canadian entrepreneur might open a food-processing business near farms or create software for local companies. When businesses invest in equipment or new ideas, workers may produce more in the same amount of time. That productivity can add to economic growth.
- ③ **Technology** includes new knowledge and tools that improve how work is done. Canada has research universities, engineers, and many digital services that can help firms work more efficiently. However, growth factors are not equally available everywhere. Some remote and northern communities have limited all-weather roads or less reliable high-speed internet. These limits can make it harder to ship goods, reach customers, or use online services. Canada's resources and skilled workers create strong opportunities, but investment in transportation, internet access, and training can help more communities share in growth.

**2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE** \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

**1** How can natural resources support economic growth? Name two natural resources found in Canada from the passage.

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**2** How does human capital help economic growth in Canada? Use one detail from the passage.

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**3** Name one capital good used in Canada and explain how it can help the economy grow.

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**4** What two limits can affect some remote and northern Canadian communities? Explain one way these limits can slow economic growth.

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**3 YOUR TURN** \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

Imagine a Canadian community that wants to grow. Write four sentences that name two economic-growth factors, describe whether each is present or limited, and explain how the factors could affect jobs or production.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline each bold economic-growth factor and number the factors 1 through 5 in the order they appear. For each factor, circle the first Canada detail that shows the factor is present or limited. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                                                         | ANSWER                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 1 | How can natural resources support economic growth? Name two natural resources found in Canada from the passage.                  | <b>People can harvest, process, or sell natural resources, supporting jobs. Canada has forests, mineral deposits, freshwater, and farmland.</b>                    |
| 2 | How does human capital help economic growth in Canada? Use one detail from the passage.                                          | <b>Human capital gives workers knowledge and skills that help businesses use resources and solve problems. Canada has schools, colleges, and trained workers.</b>  |
| 3 | Name one capital good used in Canada and explain how it can help the economy grow.                                               | <b>Answers may include factories, farm equipment, ports, railways, or roads. These help workers make products or move products to buyers.</b>                      |
| 4 | What two limits can affect some remote and northern Canadian communities? Explain one way these limits can slow economic growth. | <b>Limited all-weather roads and less reliable high-speed internet are limits. They can make it harder to ship goods, reach customers, or use online services.</b> |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

A small Canadian community has nearby forests, so natural resources are present. Workers could harvest trees for wood and process the wood into products, creating jobs. However, the community has limited high-speed internet, so technology is less available. Better internet could help local businesses reach customers and sell more products.

Accept accurate explanations that connect a factor's presence or limit to production, jobs, moving goods, or reaching customers. For the open response, accept different reasonable Canadian community examples if the student names two factors and explains their effects.