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Announcer: Steven is from England and travelled to Canada. Listen to what he has to say about Canada and number the pictures.

Steven: Last Christmas we went to Canada. This is a page of my photo album.

At the airport in London, I saw the Air Canada plane that took us to Canada. That's picture Number 1. I was really excited.

After travelling for a long time, we finally arrived in Winnipeg. Winnipeg is in the province of Manitoba. On our way to the hotel we drove by the Parliament building. You can see it in picture number 2. It's the building with the Canadian flag in the front. The Canadian flag has red on both sides and a maple leaf in the middle. The red sides stand for the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean, which are on each side of Canada.

Canada has ten provinces and three territories. You can see them on the map in picture 3.

It was very cold when we arrived, but in Canada kids even play hockey outside when it's -25 °C. You can see that in picture 4. Hockey is Canada's most popular sport. Many kids play hockey on frozen lakes or rivers.

I loved driving through the streets at night. At Christmas, many people in Canada have lights all over their houses. In picture 5 you can see my favourite one. Many people also have reindeer and Santas in their front yard.

Canadian Christmases are very special. Look at the wonderful turkey in picture 6. That's what Canadians eat at Christmas. Canadians celebrate Christmas on the 25th of December and Santa Claus brings the presents. When I went shopping I got back 20 dollars. You can see the money in picture 7. "Why is the British Queen on the Canadian dollar?" I asked. The woman in the shop said that she is still the official Monarch of Canada, because of the British who came to Canada hundreds of years ago. Queen Elizabeth is officially known as *The Queen of Canada*.

The shopping malls in Canada are great. The biggest one is in Edmonton in the province of Alberta. West Edmonton Mall is the largest shopping mall in North America. The mall has over 800 shops, a fun park with a roller coaster, a waterworld park, Sea Life, a skating rink, which you can see in picture 8, and a hotel.

We stayed in Canada for ten days. On our last day we walked through Assiniboine Park and crossed the Assiniboine River, which was completely frozen. You can see the park in picture 9. I asked a woman how cold it was and she said that it was -28 degrees. "That's normal for Winnipeg," she said. "Well it might rain a lot in London," I answered, "but it never gets this cold!"