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The guide also features some fun and educational information for kids including an article about how comics are made, puzzles, interesting facts about our province, and much more. There's even a place for kids to write about their favourite summer adventures.

Take some time to browse through this Family Fun Guide and plan an adventure for you and your family this summer. The memories you create will last a lifetime.



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# FUN GUIDE

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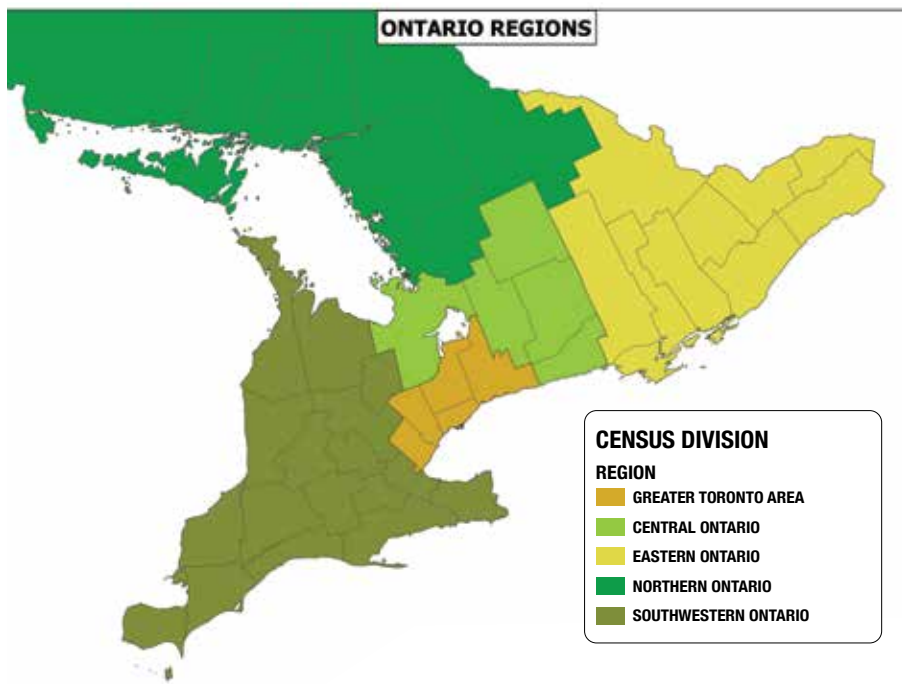
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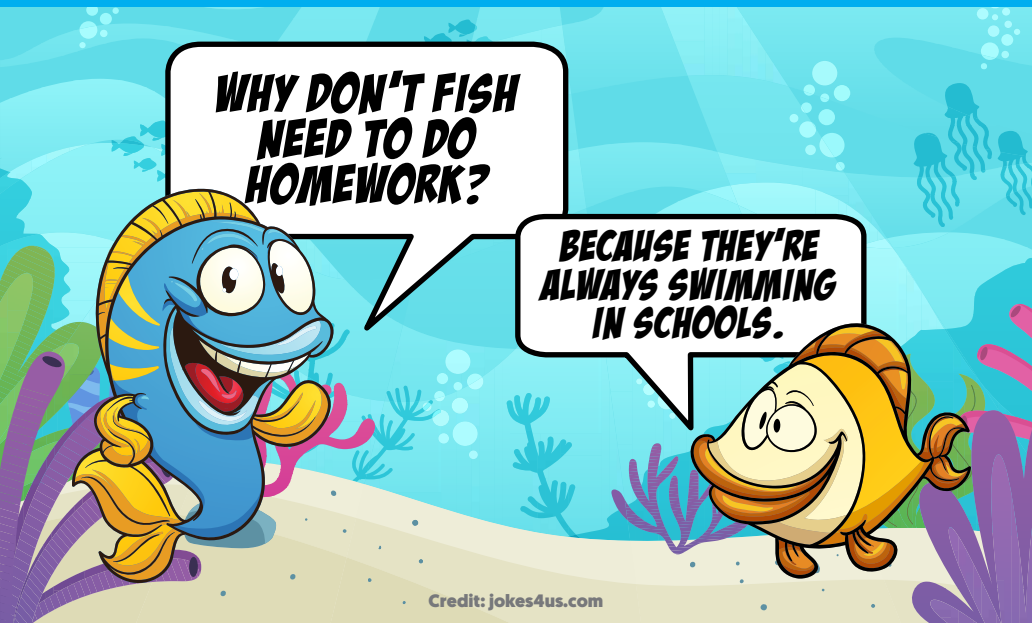
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H E B C A

C C N I P I

Use the letters in the orange circles to solve the riddle below. Something enjoyed on a hot summer day.

# GREATER TORONTO AREA



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AGA KHAN MUSEUM

## Aga Khan Museum

### Summer at the Aga Khan Museum

Summer in Toronto is shaping up to be beautiful, and what better way to enjoy the season than by exploring one of the city's best hidden gems. The Aga Khan Museum has a jam-packed season awaiting you, and we're just a short drive or public transit trip from downtown Toronto.

**Contact:** [info@agakhanmuseum.org](mailto:info@agakhanmuseum.org)

**Website:** [agakhanmuseum.org](http://agakhanmuseum.org)

**Location:** 77 Wynford Drive, North York, M2H 1Y3



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Aga Khan Museum in Toronto, Canada is the first museum in North America dedicated to the arts and culture of Muslim civilisations.





## SUMMER FUN AT THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM



### RHYTHMS OF CANADA FESTIVAL

June 30–July 3

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**Contact:** 1.888.213.1121 or 905.893.1121

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**Contact:** 416-979-7799

**Website:** [www.batashoemuseum.ca](http://www.batashoemuseum.ca)

**Location:** 327 Bloor Street West, Toronto, ON

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**Website:** [bramptononstage.ca](http://bramptononstage.ca)

**Location:** 1 Theatre Lane Brampton, ON

### DID YOU KNOW?

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**Contact:** 905.683.8401

**Website:** [pickeringmuseumvillage.ca](http://pickeringmuseumvillage.ca)

**Location:** 3550 Greenwood Rd. Greenwood, ON L1X 0J3



The city of Pickering was named after the town of Pickering in Yorkshire, England



## Events



### Canada Day

12:00 - 5:00 pm | Esplanade Park

7:00 - 10:00 pm | Kinsmen Park

[pickering.ca/canadaday](http://pickering.ca/canadaday)

### Pickering Food Truck Festival

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## Gardiner Museum

Come play with clay

The Gardiner Museum is your destination for incredible ceramic art, family-friendly clay activities, dining, shopping, and more! The Gardiner also runs popular pottery camps for kids and teens weekly throughout the summer. Ages 18 and under enjoy free admission every day. Plan your visit!

**Contact:** 416-586-8080 or [mail@gardinermuseum.com](mailto:mail@gardinermuseum.com)

**Website:** [www.gardinermuseum.com](http://www.gardinermuseum.com)

**Location:** 111 Queen's Park, Toronto, ON M5S 2C7



The Gardiner is one of the only museums in the world dedicated to ceramics.



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# CENTREVILLE AMUSEMENT PARK TORONTO ISLANDS

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**Contact:** 416 234 2345, [lori@centreisland.ca](mailto:lori@centreisland.ca)

**Website:** [www.centreisland.ca](http://www.centreisland.ca)

**Location:** 9 Queen's Quay West, Toronto, ON

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**Contact:** 416-356-8942

**Website:** [www.fringetoronto.com](http://www.fringetoronto.com)

**Location:** Toronto, Ontario

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**Website:** [treetoptrekking.com](http://treetoptrekking.com)

**Location:** 7 Locations in Ontario

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Ontario's forests cover a land area equivalent in size to Germany, Italy and the Netherlands combined.

# SOUTHWESTERN ONTARIO



**KNOCK KNOCK  
WHO'S THERE?**

**THE  
DOCTOR!**

**DOCTOR  
WHO?**

**THAT'S MY FAVORITE  
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HOW DID YOU KNOW?**

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**Contact:** 905-527-6610

**Website:** [www.artgalleryofhamilton.com](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com)

**Location:** 123 King Street West, Hamilton Ontario, L8P 4S8



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**Contact:** 519-856-9802

**Website:** HCRY.ORG

**Location:** 13629 Guelph Line Milton Ontario (just North of the 401)

## VACATION CONCENTRATION

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4. If you're lucky you'll see these at night
6. Get out in the fresh air and enjoy this
7. Some people can't see one of these for the trees
8. Fun activities to do when you go to camp

### DOWN

1. These pesky critters always come at night
2. These are delicious roasted over a campfire
3. Paddle one of these on a lake or river
5. Pitch one of these to sleep in
8. A fun thing to do on summer vacation
9. Always be sure to extinguish this before you leave



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Kiana Woo (Lucy) and Qasim Khan (Aslan) with the cast of *Prince Caspian*. Photo by David Cooper.

# COMIC RELIEF

A few laughs to lighten  
the news

Comics are one of the most popular features of any news publication. They provide a chuckle amid the more serious news articles. But do you ever think about who creates them—who thinks up the ideas, writes the words and draws the pictures? Rina Piccolo creates the comic Rhymes With Orange. It is seen in more than 300 newspapers, magazines and websites every day.

Cartoonists think up jokes—or “gags” as they call them—and draw pictures to go with them. Comics like Rhymes with Orange are just for fun.

“We just want to give people a laugh, a smile—it’s fun. (Comics are) fun to do and fun to read,” says Piccolo. Piccolo didn’t go to school to learn how to make comics, although some cartoonists do. She is self-taught.

“The only schooling I would advise for someone who wants to do this kind of work is get an education in however many topics that you can handle: history, science, sociology, politics,” she says. “And read. Read a lot! You’ve got to fill your brain with stuff! Because it’s going to come in really handy when you’re sitting down trying to drum up ideas.”

Around the age of 3 or 4, Piccolo says, she started scribbling and never stopped.

And she says that’s key to getting really good at drawing—keep at it.

How does Piccolo get her ideas? She says she sits down every morning for about an hour and a half, flipping through magazines looking at the ads, the photographs and the articles for ideas. She’s not thinking, “what’s funny?” she’s asking herself “what irritates people? What’s really annoying?”

For instance, waiting in line can be really boring and it’s something we all experience. Once she’s hit upon an interesting idea, she asks herself a what-if question. What if... a monster came along?

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## How was this comic made?

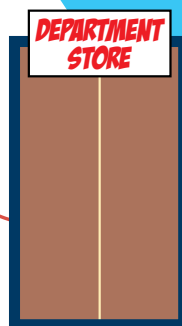
Rina Piccolo was thinking about news stations and how some of them have a “news ticker” that scrolls along the bottom of the screen during broadcasts. She was thinking how annoying those tickers are when you’re trying to read them and watch the news anchor at the same time. “On the piece of paper I was working with I had little sketches of medieval court jesters and kings and queens. And I thought in the medieval days, people used to get the news from a guy on the horse who would just ride from town to town and spread the news. If there’s a messenger delivering the news to the king and queen how could I tie that into the ticker thing going along the bottom? They didn’t have electronics. So it would just be a bunch of messengers going across the bottom. And I started to laugh—a bunch of guys literally crawling around the floor. Those are the kinds of cartoons where you almost have no doubt that it works.”



## Draw your own comic

Line-ups can be super annoying sometimes. And boring. But what if ... a monster came along? Try writing a caption for this comic to make it funny. You can add a speech bubble, with someone (even the monster) saying something. Think about what they’re waiting in line for and why the monster is there. What’s going to happen? Put a twist on reality – and make it funny!

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## Did You Know?

What word rhymes with orange? There isn’t one. That’s the joke! Literally no word in the English language rhymes with orange. (Try to think of one—we bet you can’t. It’s funny!)



# EASTERN ONTARIO

**WHAT DOES  
AN ENGLISH  
TEACHER EAT FOR  
BREAKFAST?**



**SYNONYM  
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SEE GIRAFFES  
IN ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL?**



**BECAUSE THEY'RE  
ALL IN HIGH  
SCHOOL!**

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## WORD SLEUTH

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