



Task prepared for the project “Using Technology to Facilitate Connections between Literacy and the Broader Community” (2014). This task set was vetted by this project and was not reviewed by the QUILL team.

Task Title: Preparing for a Winter Road Trip

OALCF Cover Sheet – Learner Copy

Learner Name: _____

Date Started (m/d/yyyy): _____

Date Completed (m/d/yyyy): _____

Task Description: Note: This task can only be completed November 1 to April 1. Learners will access two websites to obtain information on weather and road conditions, and then decide whether they would risk a trip north of their current location.

Competency: A: Find and Use Information, C: Understand and Use Numbers, D: Use Digital Technology, F: Engage with Others

Task Groups: A2: Interpret documents, C2: Manage time, D: Use Digital Technology, F: Engage with Others

Level Indicators:

- A2.2: Interpret simple documents to locate and connect information
- C2.1: Measure time and make simple comparisons and calculations
- D.2: Perform well-defined, multi-step digital tasks
- F: Engage with Others (only if doing Task 4 as a class activity)

Materials Required: Access to the Internet, digital device

URLs

511 Ontario Traveller Information: <https://511on.ca/roadconditions>

Learner Information and Work Sheet

The Canadian and Ontario governments provide information on travel conditions to help people make informed decisions before setting out.

Task 1: Go to the Environment Canada: Weather Information website. Choose Weather and then choose Ontario forecast. Click on your community's name in the list (or the closest if yours is not given).

What is the current...

Temperature: _____

Visibility: _____

Wind Speed: _____

What is the forecast for tonight?

Task 2: How many hours is it from now until sunset? _____

Task 3: Go to [511 Ontario Traveller Information](#).

Read the descriptions of road conditions and visibility provided in the chart.

Click to view the "Interactive Map", then make sure "Road Conditions" is selected. If you travel north of your community, are there any:

Current incidents?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Icy roads?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Closed roads?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Areas of reduced visibility?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Task 4: If you are working alone, decide if you would make a trip north of your community today. Why or why not? If you are working as a class, discuss the conditions and decide whether you would make a trip north of your community today.