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Toronto, ON – According to an Angus Reid poll commissioned by Diet Pepsi and released today, a majority of Canadians (53%) play pranks at work to relieve workplace boredom. Of a list of childhood games and pranks, "I spy " (31%) and speaking pig latin (27%) emerge as the two most fondly remembered games.

These are the findings of an Angus Reid poll conducted between March 23rd and March 31st 2000. The poll is based on a randomly selected sample of 1,500 adult Canadians. With a sample of this size, the results are considered accurate to within ± 2.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, of what they would have been had the entire adult Canadian population been polled. The margin of error will be larger within regions and for other sub-groupings of the survey population. These data were statistically weighted to ensure the sample's regional and age/sex composition reflects that of the actual Canadian population according to the 1996 Census data.

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A majority (53%) of employed Canadians play pranks at work to relieve workplace boredom while 47% say they do not play pranks at work.

- Employed Albertans (61%) are more likely than residents of other provinces to say they play pranks at work.
- Younger Canadians who are employed (64%) are more likely than employed middle aged (53%) or older Canadians (31%) to play pranks at work.
- Men (59%) are more likely than women (46%) to play pranks at work.

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Of a list of childhood games and pranks, "I spy" (31%) and speaking pig latin (27%) receive the most number of mentions as games which bring back the fondest memories. Mentions of other games are as follows: "punch buggy" (15%), "pull my finger" (10%), giving "noogies" (9%) and finally, giving "wedgies" (8%). The childhood games and pranks that Canadians still occasionally play today include: making faces behind someone's back (31%), "I spy" (25%), "punch buggy" (23%), and giving a "wedgie" (9%).

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