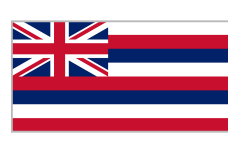


The Ultimate 50-States Quiz Challenge

Six rounds · 86 questions · 100 points

Name That Flag · Capital Match-Ups · Mystery Shapes
Nickname Detective · Lightning Round · Wild Card



A free companion to the book
The 50 States of America

by MindGrid Books

Print it once and play it again and again. Every answer is in the back — and every flag, shape, capital and fact in this pack comes straight out of the book.

How to Run Your Quiz Night

This is built to be played out loud, by two or more people, with one person reading and everyone else writing. It also works perfectly well as a quiet solo challenge with a pencil.

The six rounds

- **Round 1: Name That State Flag.** 24 flags, one point each. Print this round in colour if you can — the colours are half the clue.
- **Round 2: Capital Match-Ups.** 20 states, 20 capitals, drawn lines. One point each.
- **Round 3: Mystery State Shapes.** 8 outlines with nothing around them. Two points each, because they are hard.
- **Round 4: Nickname Detective.** 18 multiple-choice questions, one point each.
- **Round 5: The Lightning Round.** 10 true-or-false, read fast, one point each.
- **Round 6: The Wild Card.** 6 questions worth two points each. This is the round that decides it.

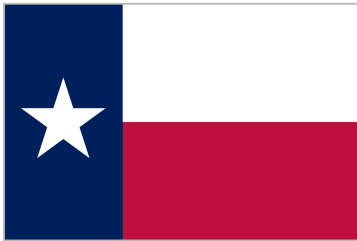
House rules that make it better

- Younger players may keep the book open. Older players may not. That is the handicap system and it works.
- Each Name That Flag round has a word bank underneath. Fold it under for the hard version, leave it showing for the easy one.
- Spelling never counts. If you can tell which state they meant, it is a point.
- The score sheet is on page 10. The answer key starts on page 11 — quizmaster only.

One thing worth knowing before you start: this pack covers about forty of the fifty states. The book gives all fifty a full-colour page of their own, plus Washington D.C. and the five U.S. territories.

Round 1: Name That State Flag

Twelve state flags. Write the state under each one.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



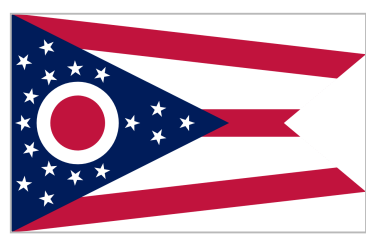
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9. _____



10. _____



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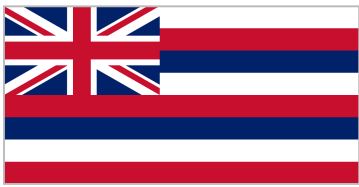
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WORD BANK

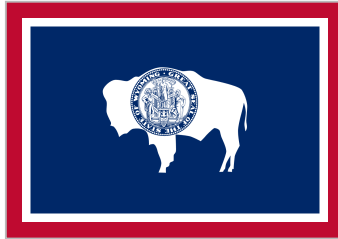
Florida · New Mexico · New York · Texas · Colorado · Arizona · South Carolina · California · Maryland · Alaska · Ohio · Tennessee

Round 1: Name That State Flag (continued)

Twelve more. These are the ones that catch grown-ups out.



13. _____



14. _____



15. _____



16. _____



17. _____



18. _____



19. _____



20. _____



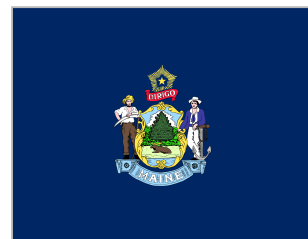
21. _____



22. _____



23. _____



24. _____

WORD BANK

Nevada · North Carolina · Oregon · Mississippi · Maine · Alabama · Utah · Wyoming · Hawaii · Rhode Island ·
Indiana · Oklahoma

Round 2: Capital Match-Ups

Draw a line from each state to its capital city. Each set has exactly ten matches and no leftovers. Careful — the biggest city in a state is usually not its capital.

Set A

State
1. New York
2. California
3. Texas
4. Illinois
5. Pennsylvania
6. Ohio
7. Georgia
8. North Carolina
9. Michigan
10. Washington

Capital city
A. Springfield
B. Olympia
C. Columbus
D. Austin
E. Atlanta
F. Lansing
G. Harrisburg
H. Sacramento
I. Albany
J. Raleigh

Set B

State
1. Massachusetts
2. Minnesota
3. Colorado
4. Arizona
5. Louisiana
6. Missouri
7. Oregon
8. Tennessee
9. Iowa
10. Nevada

Capital city
A. Denver
B. Des Moines
C. Carson City
D. Boston
E. Nashville
F. Saint Paul
G. Phoenix
H. Baton Rouge
I. Jefferson City
J. Salem

Round 3: Mystery State Shapes

Every state has a shape as recognisable as its flag. Name each one from its outline alone. Two points each. The hint gives you the region.

A



Hint: Southeast - a long peninsula pointing at Cuba.

State: _____

B



Hint: Midwest - two pieces, and one looks like a mitten.

State: _____

C



Hint: Southeast - a boot, with a river delta at the toe.

State: _____

D



Hint: Mountain West - narrow at the top, wide at the bottom.

State: _____

E



Hint: Great Plains - a saucepan with a long handle.

State: _____

F



Hint: Southeast - all corners and no straight edges.

State: _____

G



Hint: Midwest - a notch in the top, on the biggest lake.

State: _____

H



Hint: Pacific West - a rectangle with one slanted corner.

State: _____

Round 4: Nickname Detective

Every state has a nickname, and no two states share one. Circle the right answer. One point each.

1. Which state is nicknamed The Lone Star State?

- A) New Jersey
- B) Texas
- C) Wyoming
- D) New Hampshire

2. Which state is nicknamed The Sunshine State?

- A) Virginia
- B) Florida
- C) South Dakota
- D) Colorado

3. Which state is nicknamed The Prairie State?

- A) Illinois
- B) Indiana
- C) Colorado
- D) South Carolina

4. Which state is nicknamed The Great Lakes State?

- A) Michigan
- B) Minnesota
- C) Vermont
- D) New York

5. Which state is nicknamed The Silver State?

- A) Arkansas
- B) Florida
- C) Nevada
- D) New Jersey

6. Which state is nicknamed The Pelican State?

- A) Arizona
- B) Texas
- C) Louisiana
- D) Ohio

7. Which state is nicknamed The Sunflower State?

- A) Alabama
- B) Ohio
- C) Kansas
- D) Arkansas

8. Which state is nicknamed The Sooner State?

- A) Oklahoma
- B) Louisiana
- C) Wisconsin
- D) New Jersey

9. Which state is nicknamed The Garden State?

- A) Rhode Island
- B) Connecticut
- C) Arkansas
- D) New Jersey

Round 4: Nickname Detective (continued)

10. Which state is nicknamed The Peach State?

- A) Michigan
- B) Georgia
- C) Florida
- D) Louisiana

11. Which state is nicknamed The Centennial State?

- A) Rhode Island
- B) Texas
- C) Colorado
- D) North Carolina

12. Which state is nicknamed The Evergreen State?

- A) Arizona
- B) North Dakota
- C) Washington
- D) Louisiana

13. Which state is nicknamed The Golden State?

- A) North Carolina
- B) South Carolina
- C) West Virginia
- D) California

14. Which state is nicknamed The Empire State?

- A) Oklahoma
- B) New York
- C) Florida
- D) Massachusetts

15. Which state is nicknamed The Last Frontier?

- A) Iowa
- B) California
- C) Alaska
- D) New Hampshire

16. Which state is nicknamed The Aloha State?

- A) Louisiana
- B) Hawaii
- C) Minnesota
- D) New York

17. Which state is nicknamed The Beehive State?

- A) Nevada
- B) Utah
- C) Hawaii
- D) New York

18. Which state is nicknamed The Volunteer State?

- A) Alabama
- B) Minnesota
- C) Montana
- D) Tennessee

Round 5: The Lightning Round

True or false, read out fast. Circle T or F. One point each, and no conferring.

Statement	T / F
1. Alaska is bigger than Texas, California and Montana put together.	T F
2. Ohio's flag is the only state flag that is not a rectangle.	T F
3. Every state has a state bird that no other state shares.	T F
4. The Mississippi River touches ten states.	T F
5. Rhode Island is the smallest state by area.	T F
6. Hawaii is the only state made entirely of islands.	T F
7. Delaware was the first state to join the Union.	T F
8. Every state capital is also that state's biggest city.	T F
9. Maine borders only one other state.	T F
10. Wyoming has fewer people than any other state.	T F

Round 6: The Wild Card

Two points each. Write your answer on the line. This is the round that decides it.

1. Four states call themselves a Commonwealth instead of a state. Name any two.

2. Which state's flag shows a bear that no longer lives there?

3. Which state was named after a British queen's nickname, the Virgin Queen?

4. Only one state flag was designed by a schoolchild who entered a contest. Which?

5. Which four states meet at a single point?

6. Which state has a flag made from another country's flag?

The Score Sheet

Photocopy this page before you start if you have more than three players, or just add columns down the side.

Round	Out of	Player 1	Player 2	Player 3
Round 1: Name That State Flag	24			
Round 2: Capital Match-Ups	20			
Round 3: Mystery State Shapes (x2)	16			
Round 4: Nickname Detective	18			
Round 5: The Lightning Round	10			
Round 6: The Wild Card (x2)	12			
TOTAL	100			

How did you do?

- **0–24: Tourist.** You have seen a map. Somewhere.
- **25–49: Road Tripper.** Solid. You would not get lost for long.
- **50–74: State Scholar.** Genuinely good. Most adults do not get here.
- **75–89: Cartographer.** Suspiciously good. Was the book open?
- **90–100: Certified Fifty-Stater.** There is nothing left to teach you. Go and set the questions yourself.

The Answer Key

Quizmaster only! Every answer below is also in the book, so a player who wants to check their own work can go and find it there instead.

Round 1: Name That State Flag

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|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Texas | 2. California | 3. Arizona | 4. New Mexico |
| 5. Alaska | 6. Maryland | 7. South Carolina | 8. Colorado |
| 9. Ohio | 10. New York | 11. Florida | 12. Tennessee |
| 13. Hawaii | 14. Wyoming | 15. Indiana | 16. Nevada |
| 17. Alabama | 18. North Carolina | 19. Oklahoma | 20. Rhode Island |
| 21. Mississippi | 22. Utah | 23. Oregon | 24. Maine |

Round 2: Capital Match-Ups

Set A: 1-I, 2-H, 3-D, 4-A, 5-G, 6-C, 7-E, 8-J, 9-F, 10-B

New York = Albany; California = Sacramento; Texas = Austin; Illinois = Springfield; Pennsylvania = Harrisburg; Ohio = Columbus; Georgia = Atlanta; North Carolina = Raleigh; Michigan = Lansing; Washington = Olympia

Set B: 1-D, 2-F, 3-A, 4-G, 5-H, 6-I, 7-J, 8-E, 9-B, 10-C

Massachusetts = Boston; Minnesota = Saint Paul; Colorado = Denver; Arizona = Phoenix; Louisiana = Baton Rouge; Missouri = Jefferson City; Oregon = Salem; Tennessee = Nashville; Iowa = Des Moines; Nevada = Carson City

Round 3: Mystery State Shapes

- A. Florida — capital Tallahassee, the sunshine state.
- B. Michigan — capital Lansing, the great lakes state.
- C. Louisiana — capital Baton Rouge, the pelican state.
- D. Idaho — capital Boise, the gem state.
- E. Oklahoma — capital Oklahoma City, the sooner state.
- F. West Virginia — capital Charleston, the mountain state.
- G. Minnesota — capital Saint Paul, the north star state.
- H. Nevada — capital Carson City, the silver state.

The Answer Key (continued)

Round 4: Nickname Detective

1. B — Texas. Its capital is Austin and it joined the Union in 1845.
3. A — Illinois. Its capital is Springfield and it joined the Union in 1818.
5. C — Nevada. Its capital is Carson City and it joined the Union in 1864.
7. C — Kansas. Its capital is Topeka and it joined the Union in 1861.
9. D — New Jersey. Its capital is Trenton and it joined the Union in 1787.
11. C — Colorado. Its capital is Denver and it joined the Union in 1876.
13. D — California. Its capital is Sacramento and it joined the Union in 1850.
15. C — Alaska. Its capital is Juneau and it joined the Union in 1959.
17. B — Utah. Its capital is Salt Lake City and it joined the Union in 1896.
2. B — Florida. Its capital is Tallahassee and it joined the Union in 1845.
4. A — Michigan. Its capital is Lansing and it joined the Union in 1837.
6. C — Louisiana. Its capital is Baton Rouge and it joined the Union in 1812.
8. A — Oklahoma. Its capital is Oklahoma City and it joined the Union in 1907.
10. B — Georgia. Its capital is Atlanta and it joined the Union in 1788.
12. C — Washington. Its capital is Olympia and it joined the Union in 1889.
14. B — New York. Its capital is Albany and it joined the Union in 1788.
16. B — Hawaii. Its capital is Honolulu and it joined the Union in 1959.
18. D — Tennessee. Its capital is Nashville and it joined the Union in 1796.

The Answer Key (continued)

Round 5: The Lightning Round

1. TRUE — Alaska covers about 665,000 square miles - more than those three combined.
2. TRUE — It is a swallowtail pennant, with a notch cut out of the fly end.
3. FALSE — The northern cardinal alone is the state bird of seven states.
4. TRUE — It runs along or through ten, from Minnesota down to Louisiana.
5. TRUE — About 1,545 square miles - you can drive across it in under an hour.
6. TRUE — Every part of Hawaii is an island. No other state has that.
7. TRUE — It ratified the Constitution on 7 December 1787, which is why it is called the First State.
8. FALSE — Most are not. New York, Los Angeles and Chicago are all bigger than their state capitals.
9. TRUE — Only New Hampshire. The rest of its border is Canada or ocean.
10. TRUE — Fewer than 600,000 - about the population of one mid-sized city.

Round 6: The Wild Card

1. Kentucky, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Virginia.
2. California. The grizzly on the flag is extinct in the state.
3. Virginia, for Elizabeth I. West Virginia later split away from it.
4. Alaska. Benny Benson, aged 13, designed it in 1927.
5. Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah - the Four Corners.
6. Hawaii, which carries the Union Jack in its canton.

Where All Fifty States Live

This quiz pack is the companion to **The 50 States of America: Flags, Maps, Facts & Quizzes for Curious Kids**. The book gives every single state a full-colour page of its own: the state flag, a map showing exactly where the state sits, the shape of the state on its own, its capital, nickname, population, size, statehood date, state bird and state flower, and three facts worth telling somebody about. States are grouped into eight colour-coded regions, and there are eight region quizzes with a full answer key, plus a page for Washington D.C. and one for the five U.S. territories.

If tonight's quiz went well, the book is the version they will carry around the house.



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