

THE STATES WE'RE IN

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Celebrated June 14, Flag Day commemorates the adoption by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes in 1777 as the official flag of America. The thirteen stripes on the flag represent the original colonies and the fifty stars the united states of the United States.

What's in a name? Plenty when you start playing around with the names we have assigned to those fifty divisions of land. Today I unfurl a Yankee Doodle Dandy of a quiz. Here are twenty questions designed to test unflinchingly the state of your knowledge and your knowledge of the states. Try your patriotic best before consulting the Answers and Solutions.

1. Name all ten states that contain two words.
2. Name all eight states beginning with the letter M.
3. What other letter begins the name of eight states?
4. Name all 21 states that end with the letter A.
5. Aside from Alabama, Alaska and Arizona, which state name ends with the same letter with which it begins?
6. Identify two state names that derive from country names.
7. Which state is named after an American president?
8. What other states are named after people?
9. If you look at a map of the United States you will see how freely settlers used words of Native American origin. How many of the 50 states have Indian names?
10. Which two state names contain three sets of double letters?
11. What are the only two state names having a double vowel?
12. Which 10 state names have alternating consonants and vowels?
13. Which three state names boast the greatest number of letters?
14. Name two states whose names consist of 75 per cent vowels.
15. Name two states whose names contain 67 per cent vowels.
16. **State** is a reversal of its plural in French, **etats**. Two United States postal service two-letter abbreviations are reversals of each other. Identify the pairs.
17. Which of these United States postal service abbreviations consist of touching letters in the alphabet?
18. Every letter of the alphabet appears at least twice in the names of the states, except J (New Jersey), Z (Arizona) and a third letter that does not appear at all. What is it?
19. Which state contains within its name a 7-letter palindrome?
20. A certain consonant, a certain vowel or both appear in the names of 47 of the 50 states. Identify the consonant, the vowel, and the three state names in which neither is found.