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Take the letters in the post office state abbreviations

and place them in their proper places in the twenty-three four- and

five-letter words defined below:

1. car part
2. live outdoors
3. morning
4. toward the bottom
5. discover
6. hoisting tool
7. boys
8. draw
9. spot
10. ship part
11. monastic order member
12. fleet of ships
13. in comparison with
14. questioning word
15. area

1. funny man
2. in an overacting way
3. actuator
4. metallic
5. cargo carrier
6. sound
7. call on
8. flying equipment

Answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

For those who found this challenge too simple: what is the smallest possible number of words exactly using these letters? To be more precise, let’s only use boldface words appearing in Webster’s Second or Third editions.