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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE GOLDEN STATE

California Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about California for kids in grades 2 to 8, with a fast-facts page and every answer key.

Crossword · Word Search · Word Fill-In · Word Scramble · Cryptogram · Fast Facts · Answer Keys

Welcome to California!

Grab a pencil and roll down the window: we're road-tripping through California! In the next few pages you'll crack a code, hunt for hidden cities, and follow clues from the snowy top of Mount Whitney to the sunny beaches of the Pacific. You'll meet a bird with a curly topknot, a tree taller than a football field is long, and a desert hot enough to break records. Ready? Eureka!



CALIFORNIA FAST FACTS

Capital	Sacramento
Largest city	Los Angeles
Nickname	The Golden State
Statehood	September 9, 1850 (the 31st state)
Region	West
State bird	California Quail
State flower	California Poppy
State tree	California Redwood
State Animal	California Grizzly Bear
State Gemstone	Benitoite
State Marine Fish	Garibaldi
Motto	Eureka (Greek for "I have found it")

For parents and teachers: This California pack fits grades 2 to 8, and the answer keys are at the back. Print as many copies as you need for your home or classroom.

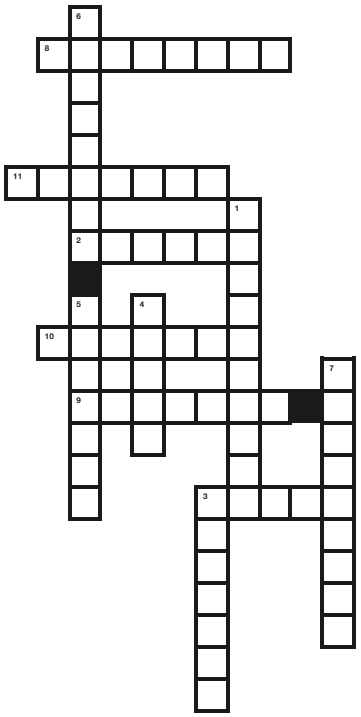
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

California Crossword

12 clues about the state

Read each clue and write the answer in the matching squares, one letter per box.

Puzzle Guide: Start with the clues you are sure of. Every letter you write is a free hint for the words that cross it.



ACROSS

2. State motto, a Greek word meaning "I have found it"

3. The bright orange state flower

8. It began after a shiny find at Sutter's Mill in 1848

9. Mount ___, the tallest peak in the lower 48 states

10. Giant tree, and a national park named for it

11. Kind of bear shown on the state flag

DOWN

1. The state capital, built where two big rivers meet

3. The ocean along the state's long western coast

4. State bird with a curly feather on its head

5. State tree, and the tallest kind on Earth

6. National park famous for Half Dome and El Capitan

7. Los Angeles neighborhood famous for making movies

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

California Places to Explore

Cities, deserts, mountains and coastline from north to south

Find every word in the list. Words go across, down and on a slant.

Puzzle Guide: Hunt for an unusual letter like Q, X, J or Z first, then check all eight directions around it.

T	L	X	J	L	R	S	S	L	A	S	S	E	N	P
H	D	U	O	O	X	Z	A	B	W	T	O	K	L	D
U	B	L	S	S	R	D	N	H	K	L	K	C	W	T
P	T	A	H	A	B	K	F	Z	W	S	R	C	Y	S
O	X	K	U	N	I	H	R	R	J	Q	G	Q	Y	I
S	Q	E	A	G	G	W	A	X	T	R	B	H	G	E
A	N	T	T	E	S	G	N	F	R	E	S	N	O	R
N	A	A	R	L	U	T	C	H	D	N	N	F	V	R
D	P	H	E	E	R	K	I	D	W	C	G	P	S	A
I	A	O	E	S	S	T	S	V	N	Q	G	S	A	N
E	F	E	L	A	E	M	C	B	N	A	K	F	N	E
G	D	Q	U	J	P	G	O	N	M	M	M	S	J	V
O	X	M	O	N	T	E	R	E	Y	I	J	E	O	A
M	G	D	E	A	T	H	V	A	L	L	E	Y	S	D
M	O	J	A	V	E	S	H	A	S	T	A	S	E	A

Word List

SANFRANCISCO
LOSANGELES
SANDIEGO
FRESNO
LASSEN
SIERRANEVADA
JOSHUATREE
MONTEREY
MOJAVE
SHASTA
DEATHVALLEY
LAKETAHOE
SANJOSE
BIGSUR
NAPA

THE CALIFORNIA SUPER PACK

20 more California puzzles are waiting for you

Finished already? The California Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: Gold Rush miners, giant sequoias, tide pools, desert critters and the coolest state symbols, from a saber-toothed cat to a blue gemstone. Twenty puzzles, one road trip, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	California National Parks	Word Search
2	California Foods	Word Scramble
3	California Mountains and Lakes	Word Fill-In
4	California Tall Trees	Cryptogram
5	California Gold Rush	Word Search
6	California Land and Weather	Word Scramble
7	California Desert Life	Word Fill-In
8	California Gold Fact	Cryptogram
9	California Ocean Life	Word Search
10	California Technology	Word Scramble
11	California Forest Friends	Word Fill-In
12	California Hot Spot	Cryptogram
13	California Cities and Towns	Word Search
14	California Road Trip	Word Scramble
15	California Beach Day	Word Fill-In
16	California Bridge Fact	Cryptogram
17	California State Symbols	Word Search
18	California Plants	Word Scramble
19	California Farms	Word Fill-In
20	California People Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying California so far? The Super Pack has 20 more puzzles, and every one has its own theme: 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 word scrambles and 5 word fill-ins. Not one of them repeats a puzzle in this free pack.

For grown-ups: it is a one-time payment of $1.99, not a subscription. Every puzzle comes with an answer key, and the personal and classroom license lets you print unlimited copies for your own home or classroom.

- ✓ 20 new California puzzles, each with its own theme
- ✓ 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 scrambles and 5 fill-ins
- ✓ Answer keys for every puzzle
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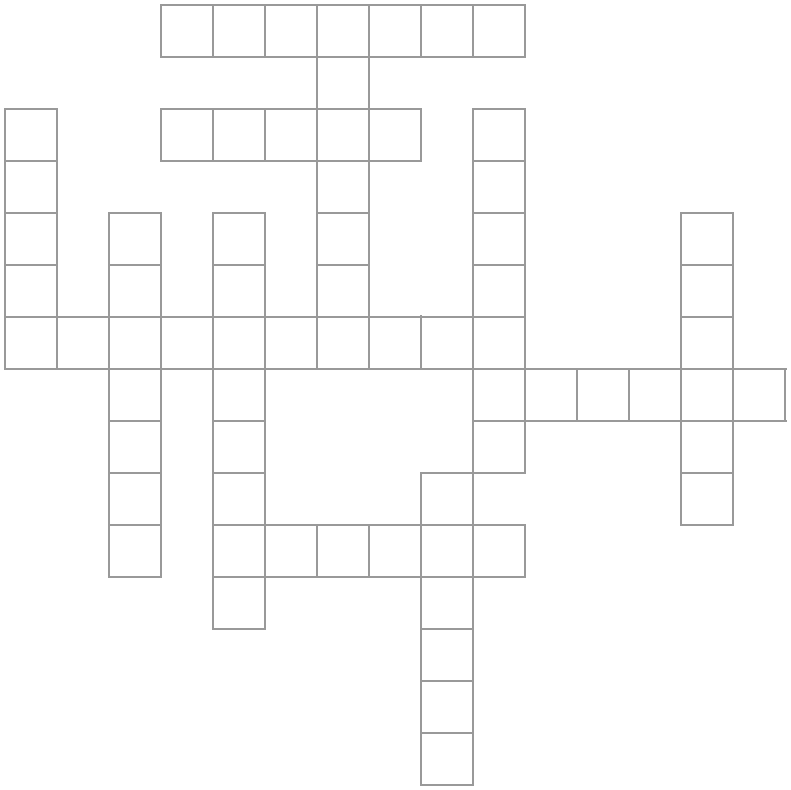
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

California Animals

Creatures of the coast, the forests and the desert

Fit every word from the list into the grid. Start with the longest words and the ones that only fit one place.

Puzzle Guide: Count the boxes first. A word that is the only one of its length can go in right away.



Word List

5 letters:	OTTER, WHALE
6 letters:	BOBCAT, CONDOR, COYOTE, SALMON
7 letters:	DOLPHIN, MONARCH, PELICAN, SEALION
8 letters:	TORTOISE
10 letters:	ROADRUNNER

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

California Fun

Things to eat, ride and do in the Golden State

Unscramble each word. Every answer is from this state's story.

Puzzle Guide: Find the vowels, then try a starting letter. Say your guesses out loud: California words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	URIGFNS	_____
2.	ABHCE	_____
3.	MVSOEI	_____
4.	NGROSEA	_____
5.	CADOAVO	_____
6.	OMADSLN	_____
7.	SGAREP	_____
8.	ONMSEL	_____
9.	ASADKRTBEO	_____
10.	ACLECRAB	_____
11.	YEWREFA	_____
12.	MNIISSO	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

California Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when California became a state

Each letter stands for a different letter. Use the given letters to crack the code and read a true fact.

Puzzle Guide: Look for one-letter words first. They are almost always A or I, and that unlocks a lot of the code.

H P I O A Z D S O P U W H P R W

X G W X G O D X K A O D V X

V X P X W Z S V W L X W R U W D

S O S X G , W O F G X W W S

A O A X K .

Hints:

F = G X = T D = R

FINISH LINE

You did it, California explorer!

You solved your way across California, the Golden State. Check your work on the answer pages that follow, and give yourself a star for every puzzle you finished.

One more challenge: tell someone three things you learned about California. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Sacramento.

DID YOU KNOW? 9 TRUE FACTS ABOUT CALIFORNIA

- More people live in California than in any other state: about 39.5 million at the 2020 Census.
- California has nine national parks, more than any other state.
- Mount Whitney, at 14,505 feet, is the tallest mountain in the lower 48 states.
- Badwater Basin in Death Valley sits 282 feet below sea level, the lowest point in North America.
- The coast redwood is the tallest kind of tree on Earth. The tallest one known is about 380 feet tall.
- The Gold Rush began after James Marshall found gold at Sutter's Mill in January 1848.
- The Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco opened in 1937.
- Nearly all of the almonds grown in the United States come from California farms.
- The state flag shows a grizzly bear, a red star and the words California Republic.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the California lessons going

Every puzzle in this pack was made with PuzzlePage. The same tools are at puzzlepage.app: type your own words, preview the page and print. Here are four ways to use them for California.

Word Search Maker

Turn a spelling list of California cities, rivers and landmarks into a word search.

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Sacramento and the Golden State for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

Put a California word search, scramble and crossword on one page for a quick review sheet.

puzzlepage.app/worksheet-builder

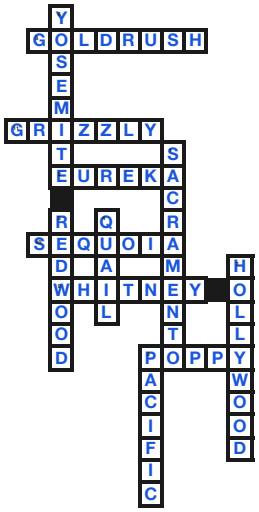
Flash Card Maker

Make printable cards for California facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

1. California Crossword (Crossword)

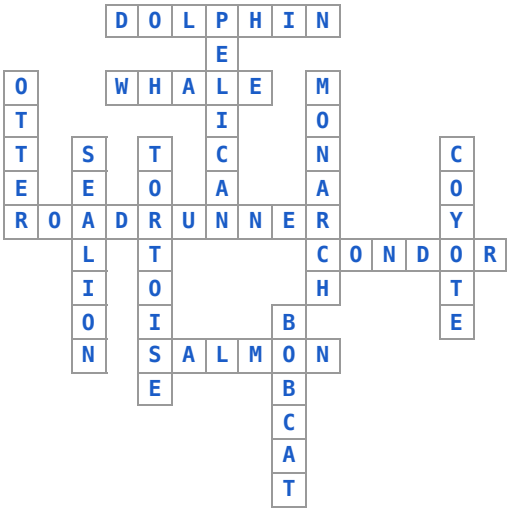


2. California Places to Explore (Word Search)

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U	B	L	S	S	R	D	N	H	K	L	K	C	W	T
P	T	A	H	A	B	K	F	Z	W	S	R	C	Y	S
O	X	K	U	N	I	H	R	R	J	Q	G	Q	Y	I
S	Q	E	A	G	G	W	A	X	T	R	B	H	G	E
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G	D	Q	U	J	P	G	O	N	M	M	M	S	J	V
O	X	M	O	N	T	E	R	E	Y	I	J	E	O	A
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M	O	J	A	V	E	S	H	A	S	T	A	S	E	A

Answer Key

3. California Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. California Fun (Word Scramble)

1.	URIGFNS	**SURFING**
2.	ABHCE	**BEACH**
3.	MVSOEI	**MOVIES**
4.	NGROSEA	**ORANGES**
5.	CADOAVO	**AVOCADO**
6.	OMADSLN	**ALMONDS**
7.	SGAREP	**GRAPES**
8.	ONMSEL	**LEMONS**
9.	ASADKRTBEO	**SKATEBOARD**
10.	ACLECRAB	**CABLECAR**
11.	YEWREFA	**FREEWAY**
12.	MNIISSO	**MISSION**

5. California Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

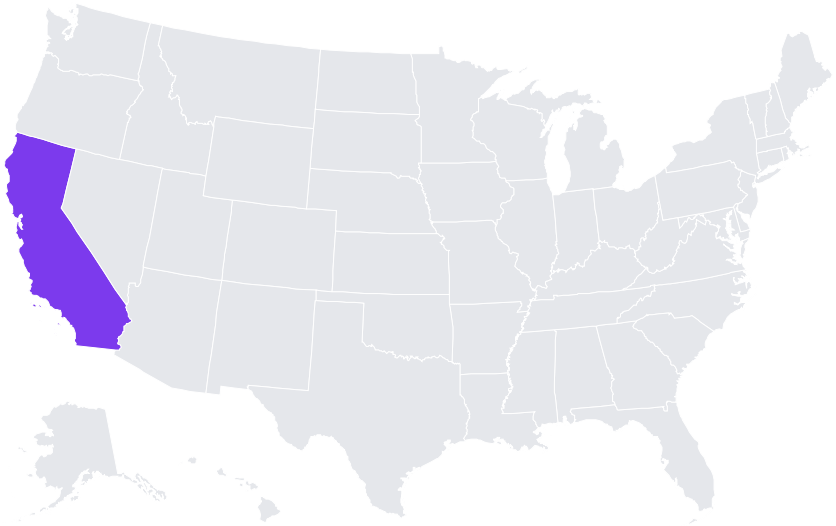
CALIFORNIA BECAME THE THIRTY FIRST STATE ON SEPTEMBER NINTH, EIGHTEEN FIFTY.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 31 of 50

California was the 31st state to join the Union. Every state has its own free puzzle pack, so you can solve your way across the whole country. Next stop in statehood order: Minnesota.

Learning capitals too? Our 50 States: Capital, Abbreviation & Nickname flash card deck covers every capital, postal code and nickname in 150 cards for $1.29.



- [ ] Alabama
- [ ] Alaska
- [ ] Arizona
- [ ] Arkansas
- [x] **California**
- [ ] Colorado
- [ ] Connecticut
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- [ ] Florida
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