

THE FIRST STATE

Delaware Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about Delaware 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 Delaware!

Grab a pencil and buckle up: we're touring Delaware, the very first state! In the next few pages you'll crack a code, hunt for hidden beach towns, and follow clues from the busy streets of Wilmington to the sandy shore at Cape Henlopen. You'll meet a blue hen, a crab with a tail like a spike, and a patriot who rode all night through a storm to help a new nation. Ready? Let's be first!



DELAWARE FAST FACTS

Capital	Dover
Largest city	Wilmington
Nickname	The First State
Statehood	December 7, 1787 (the 1st state)
Region	South
State bird	Blue Hen Chicken
State flower	Peach Blossom
State tree	American Holly
State Marine Animal	Horseshoe Crab
State Bug	Ladybug
State Wildlife Animal	Grey Fox
Motto	Liberty and Independence

For parents and teachers: This Delaware 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.

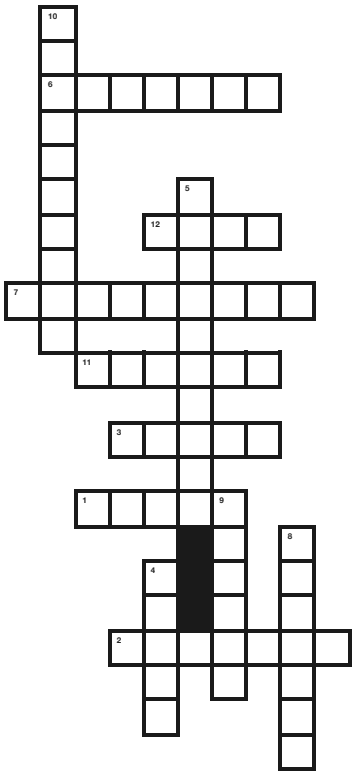
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

Delaware 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

1. The state capital, in Kent County

2. State bird, a chicken linked to Revolutionary War soldiers

3. Its pink blossom is the state flower

6. State bug, red with black spots

7. ___ crab, the state marine animal

11. Southernmost of the state's three counties

12. Official state beverage

DOWN

4. American ___, the state tree with red berries

5. Nickname earned by approving the Constitution before all others

8. State motto: ___ and Independence

9. Caesar ___, who rode all night to vote for independence

10. Largest city in the state, on the Christina River

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

Delaware Places to Explore

Towns, beaches, rivers and capes 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.

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

Word List

FENWICKISLAND
MIDDLETOWN
NEWCASTLE
SEAFORD
SMYRNA
CAPEHENLOPEN
GEORGETOWN
REHOBOTH
BETHANY
LEWES
DELAWAREBAY
BRANDYWINE
MILFORD
NEWARK
KENT

THE DELAWARE SUPER PACK

20 more Delaware puzzles are waiting for you

Hungry for more? The Delaware Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: Revolutionary heroes, Swedish settlers, horseshoe crabs, shorebirds, rivers, lighthouses, farm country and every quirky state symbol. Twenty puzzles, one small state packed with firsts, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	Delaware Revolutionary Days	Word Search
2	Delaware Wetlands	Word Scramble
3	Delaware Rivers and Creeks	Word Fill-In
4	Delaware County Fact	Cryptogram
5	Delaware Bay and Beach Life	Word Search
6	Delaware Colonial Days	Word Scramble
7	Delaware Refuge Birds	Word Fill-In
8	Delaware Midnight Ride	Cryptogram
9	Delaware Towns	Word Search
10	Delaware Boardwalk Day	Word Scramble
11	Delaware Lighthouses	Word Fill-In
12	Delaware Crab Fact	Cryptogram
13	Delaware Farm Country	Word Search
14	Delaware Horseshoe Crabs	Word Scramble
15	Delaware Forest Trees	Word Fill-In
16	Delaware Size Fact	Cryptogram
17	Delaware State Symbols	Word Search
18	Delaware Weather and Seasons	Word Scramble
19	Delaware Bike Ride	Word Fill-In
20	Delaware Settler Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying Delaware 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 Delaware 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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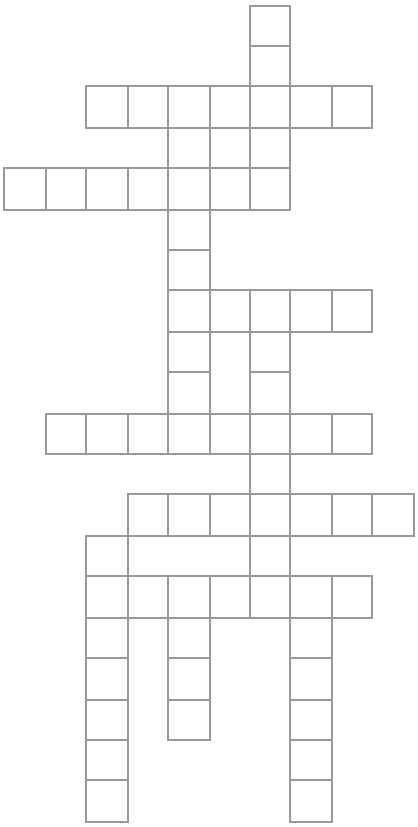
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

Delaware Animals

Creatures of the marshes, woods and bay

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

4 letters:	DEER
5 letters:	HERON, OTTER
6 letters:	OSPREY
7 letters:	DOLPHIN, GREYFOX, MUSKRAT, RACCOON, REDKNOT
8 letters:	BLUECRAB, TERRAPIN
9 letters:	SNOWGOOSE

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

Delaware Fun

Things to eat and do in the First 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: Delaware words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	WAKBOLDRA	_____
2.	LNSAACTDSE	_____
3.	EARWSRBRYT	_____
4.	PHPIEACE	_____
5.	NYILGBCIC	_____
6.	GIHLEOUSTH	_____
7.	YAGKKAIN	_____
8.	REYFR	_____
9.	ECSRLAPP	_____
10.	CBRCEKAA	_____
11.	LSLHSESEA	_____
12.	IAGLSIN	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

Delaware Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn how Delaware got its nickname

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.

M	H	N	G	K	G	B	H		K	G	J		I	W	H
D	A	B	J	I		J	I	G	I	H		I	X	
G	V	V	B	X	S	H		I	W	H		O	T	A	I	H	M
J	I	G	I	H	J												
R	X	T	J	I	A	I	O	I	A	X	T						

Hints:

`V = P` `H = E` `J = S`

FINISH LINE

You did it, Delaware explorer!

You solved your way across Delaware, the First 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 Delaware. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Dover.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT DELAWARE

- Delaware became the first state on December 7, 1787, when it was the first to approve the U.S. Constitution.
- Delaware is the second-smallest state by area. Only Rhode Island covers less land and water.
- Delaware has only three counties, New Castle, Kent and Sussex, the fewest of any state.
- Delaware has the lowest average elevation of any state. Its highest point is less than 450 feet above sea level.
- On the night of July 1, 1776, Caesar Rodney rode through a thunderstorm to Philadelphia to vote for independence.
- In 1638, Swedish settlers who sailed on the Kalmar Nyckel built Fort Christina, in what is now Wilmington.
- Dover has been the capital since 1777, when the government moved there from New Castle.
- Each spring, horseshoe crabs crawl onto Delaware Bay beaches to lay eggs, and red knots stop to eat them.
- The Lenape lived mostly in the north of what is now Delaware, and the Nanticoke lived in much of the south.
- About 990,000 people lived in Delaware at the 2020 Census.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the Delaware 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 Delaware.

Word Search Maker

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

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Dover and the First State for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

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

puzzlepage.app/worksheet-builder

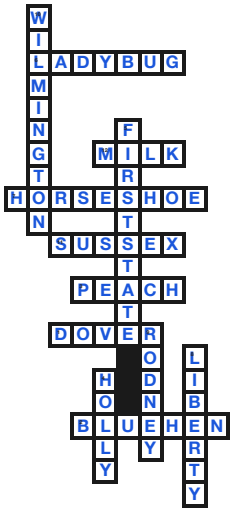
Flash Card Maker

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

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Answer Key

1. Delaware Crossword (Crossword)



2. Delaware Places to Explore (Word Search)

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

Answer Key

3. Delaware Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. Delaware Fun (Word Scramble)

1.	WAKBOLDRA	**BOARDWALK**
2.	LNSAACTDSE	**SANDCASTLE**
3.	EARWSRBRYT	**STRAWBERRY**
4.	PHPIEACE	**PEACHPIE**
5.	NYILGBCIC	**BICYCLING**
6.	GIHLEOUSTH	**LIGHTHOUSE**
7.	YAGKKAIN	**KAYAKING**
8.	REYFR	**FERRY**
9.	ECSRLAPP	**SCRAPPLE**
10.	CBRCEKAA	**CRABCAKE**
11.	LSLHSESEA	**SEASHELLS**
12.	IAGLSIN	**SAILING**

5. Delaware Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

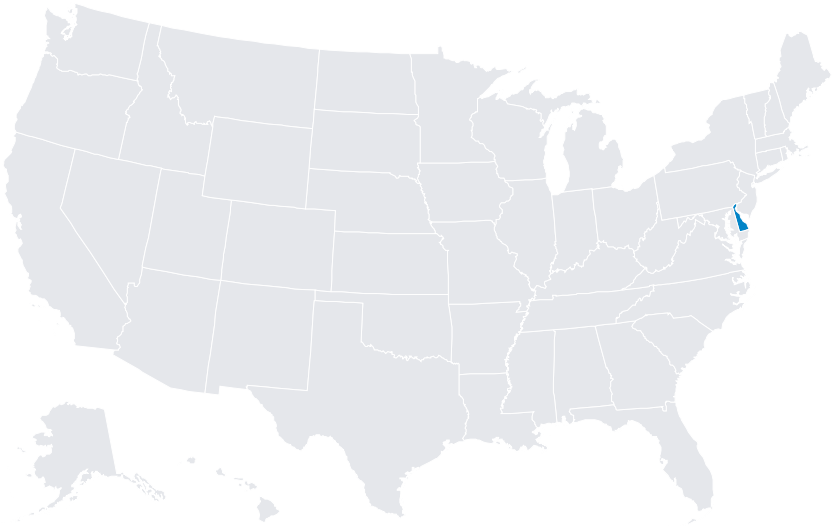
DELAWARE WAS THE FIRST STATE TO APPROVE THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 1 of 50

Delaware was the 1st state to ratify the Constitution. Every state has its own free puzzle pack, so you can solve your way across the whole country. Next stop in statehood order: Pennsylvania.

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
- [ ] California
- [ ] Colorado
- [ ] Connecticut
- [x] **Delaware**
- [ ] Florida
- [ ] Georgia
- [ ] Hawaii
- [ ] Idaho
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