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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE HAWKEYE STATE

Iowa Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about Iowa 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 Iowa!

Grab a pencil and hop on the hay wagon: we're visiting Iowa! In the next few pages you'll crack a secret code, hunt for hidden towns, and follow clues from the mighty Mississippi River on the east to the Missouri River on the west. You'll meet a bright yellow goldfinch, a rock with crystals hiding inside, ancient mounds shaped like bears, and a cow made entirely of butter. Ready? Let's explore the Hawkeye State!



IOWA FAST FACTS

Capital	Des Moines
Largest city	Des Moines
Nickname	The Hawkeye State
Statehood	December 28, 1846 (the 29th state)
Region	Midwest
State bird	Eastern Goldfinch
State flower	Wild Rose
State tree	Oak
State Rock	Geode
Motto	Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain

For parents and teachers: This Iowa 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.

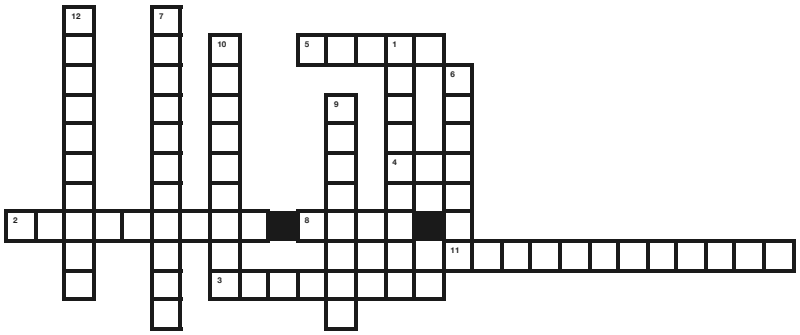
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

Iowa 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. Yellow state bird, also called the wild canary

3. Pink state flower, named in 1897

4. Strong state tree that grows from acorns

5. State rock with crystals hidden inside

8. Crop Iowa grows more of than any other state

11. National monument with mounds shaped like bears and birds

DOWN

1. The state capital and biggest city

6. Nickname: the ___ State

7. Big river along the eastern border

9. River that forms the border with Nebraska

10. Dairy sculpture shown at the State Fair since 1911

12. Hills of wind-blown soil along the western edge

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

Iowa Places to Explore

Cities, river towns and lakes across the Hawkeye State

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.

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

Word List

COUNCILBLUFFS
DAVENPORT
CLEARLAKE
WATERLOO
DECORAH
CEDARRAPIDS
SIOUXCITY
MASONCITY
DUBUQUE
ANKENY
SPIRITLAKE
URBANDALE
IOWACITY
OKOBOJI
AMES

THE IOWA SUPER PACK

20 more Iowa puzzles are waiting for you

Still hungry for puzzles? The Iowa Super Pack has 20 more: State Fair favorites, prairie wildlife, Native nations, Mississippi River life, wind farms and the computer pioneers of Ames. Twenty puzzles, farm-fresh fun, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	Iowa Rivers and Lakes	Word Search
2	Iowa Farm Animals	Word Scramble
3	Iowa Flag and Seal	Word Fill-In
4	Iowa Butter Art	Cryptogram
5	Iowa Cities and Towns	Word Search
6	Iowa Weather and Seasons	Word Scramble
7	Iowa Corn and Crops	Word Fill-In
8	Iowa River Borders	Cryptogram
9	Iowa Prairie Life	Word Search
10	Iowa Wind and Energy	Word Scramble
11	Iowa Mississippi River Life	Word Fill-In
12	Iowa Mound Fact	Cryptogram
13	Iowa Native Nations	Word Search
14	Iowa Small Town Life	Word Scramble
15	Iowa Woodland Wildlife	Word Fill-In
16	Iowa Name Fact	Cryptogram
17	Iowa State Fair	Word Search
18	Iowa Pioneer Days	Word Scramble
19	Iowa Computer Pioneers	Word Fill-In
20	Iowa Computer Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying Iowa 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.

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- ✓ 20 new Iowa 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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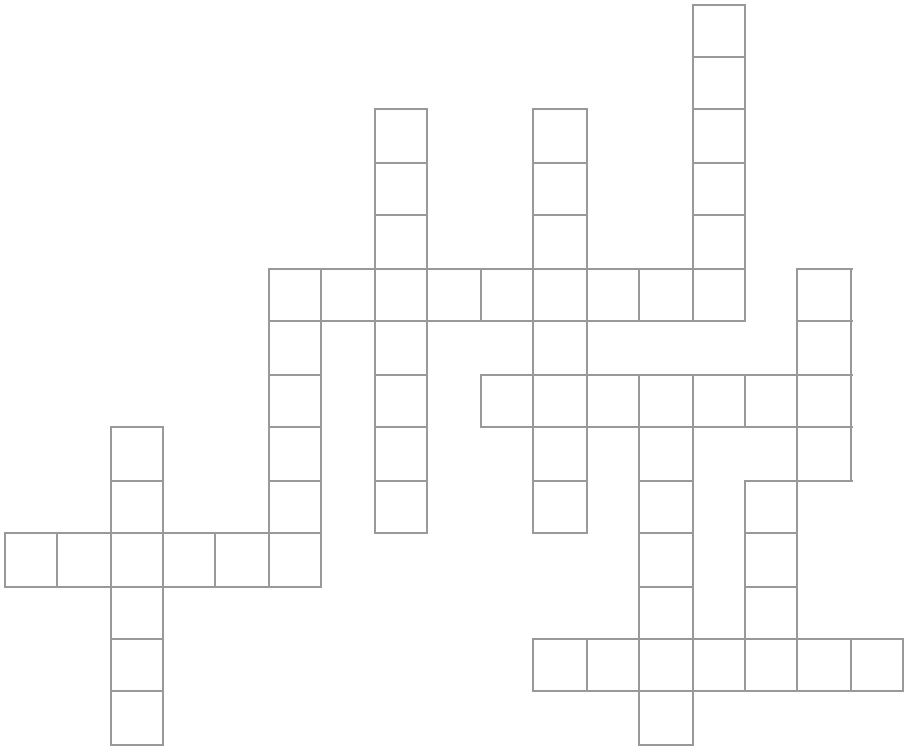
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

Iowa Animals

Creatures of Iowa's fields, woods and waters

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, MINK
6 letters:	BADGER, BEAVER, COYOTE, REDFOX
7 letters:	CATFISH, MUSKRAT, RACCOON
8 letters:	BULLFROG, PHEASANT
9 letters:	BALDEAGLE

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

Iowa Farm Fun

Crops, animals and good times on Iowa farms

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: Iowa words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	ATRTRCO	_____
2.	YBSEASNO	_____
3.	IGPS	_____
4.	ESGG	_____
5.	NBRA	_____
6.	OSLI	_____
7.	REIHAYD	_____
8.	EANORMCZ	_____
9.	RETNCESWO	_____
10.	AISATRETF	_____
11.	MILNLDWI	_____
12.	INBMOEC	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

Iowa Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when Iowa 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 X T L F D Y L O D W V D

W T D E W A E H E W V P W L W D

X E Z D Y D O F D I W T D E W A

D H C V W V , D H C V W D D E

B X I W A P H N .

Hints:

`Y = C` `F = B` `X = O`

FINISH LINE

You did it, Iowa explorer!

You solved your way across Iowa, the Hawkeye 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 Iowa. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Des Moines.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT IOWA

- Iowa became the 29th state on December 28, 1846. Des Moines is both its capital and its largest city.
- Rivers form almost all of Iowa's east and west borders: the Mississippi on the east and the Missouri and Big Sioux on the west.
- Iowa is a farming powerhouse: it leads the nation in growing corn, raising hogs and producing eggs.
- Effigy Mounds National Monument protects more than 200 American Indian mounds, and some are shaped like bears and birds.
- The Iowa State Fair's famous butter cow, sculpted from about 600 pounds of butter, was first made in 1911.
- The geode, Iowa's state rock, looks like a plain round stone outside but can hold sparkling crystals inside.
- Iowa is named for the Ioway people. The Meskwaki Nation lives on the Meskwaki Settlement near Tama.
- Hawkeye Point in Osceola County is the highest place in Iowa, at 1,670 feet above sea level.
- One of the first electronic digital computers was built at Iowa State College in Ames between 1939 and 1942.
- The Loess Hills along Iowa's western edge are made of fine soil that was carried there by the wind long ago.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the Iowa 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 Iowa.

Word Search Maker

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

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Des Moines and the Hawkeye State for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

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

puzzlepage.app/worksheet-builder

Flash Card Maker

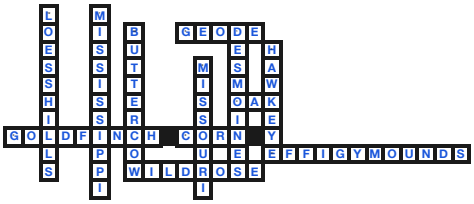
Make printable cards for Iowa facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

1. Iowa Crossword (Crossword)

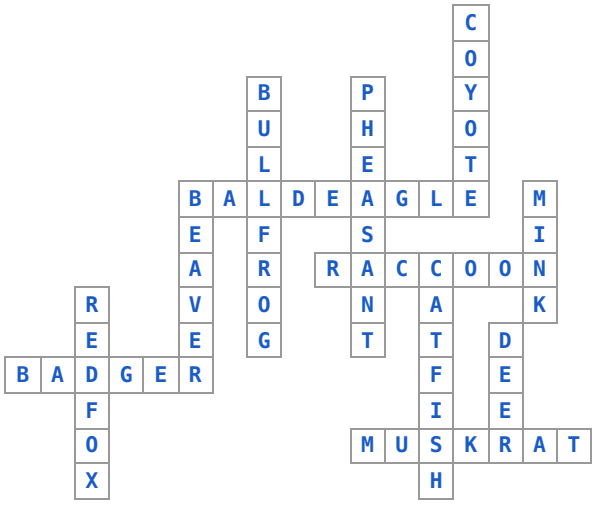


2. Iowa Places to Explore (Word Search)

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

Answer Key

3. Iowa Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. Iowa Farm Fun (Word Scramble)

1.	ATRTRCO	**TRACTOR**
2.	YBSEASNO	**SOYBEANS**
3.	IGPS	**PIGS**
4.	ESGG	**EGGS**
5.	NBRA	**BARN**
6.	OSLI	**SILO**
7.	REIHAYD	**HAYRIDE**
8.	EANORMCZ	**CORNMAZE**
9.	RETNCESWO	**SWEETCORN**
10.	AISATRETF	**STATEFAIR**
11.	MILNLDWI	**WINDMILL**
12.	INBMOEC	**COMBINE**

5. Iowa Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

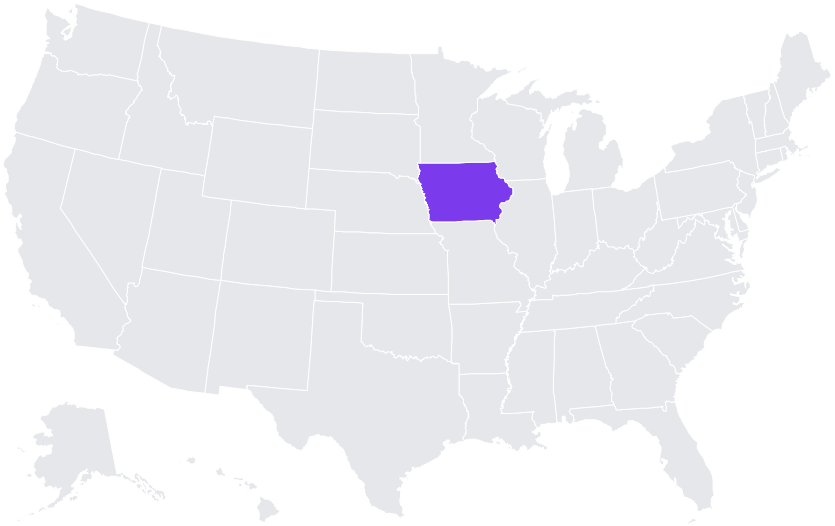
IOWA BECAME THE TWENTY NINTH STATE ON DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHTH, EIGHTEEN FORTY SIX.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 29 of 50

Iowa was the 29th 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: Wisconsin.

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
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- [ ] California
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- [ ] Connecticut
- [ ] Delaware
- [ ] Florida
- [ ] Georgia
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- [ ] Idaho
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