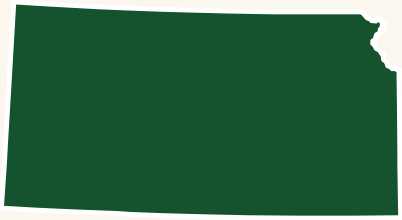
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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE SUNFLOWER STATE

Kansas Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about Kansas 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 Kansas!

Grab a pencil and look up at that big, wide sky: we're crossing Kansas! In the next few pages you'll crack a secret code, hunt for hidden towns, and follow clues across golden wheat fields, the rolling Flint Hills and old cattle trails. You'll meet a singing meadowlark, a herd of bison, and giant sea reptiles that swam here back when Kansas was under the sea. Ready? To the stars we go!



KANSAS FAST FACTS

Capital	Topeka
Largest city	Wichita
Nickname	The Sunflower State
Statehood	January 29, 1861 (the 34th state)
Region	Midwest
State bird	Western Meadowlark
State flower	Wild Native Sunflower
State tree	Cottonwood
State Animal	American Buffalo
State Reptile	Ornate Box Turtle
State Insect	Honeybee
Motto	Ad astra per aspera (Latin for "To the stars through difficulties")

For parents and teachers: This Kansas 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.

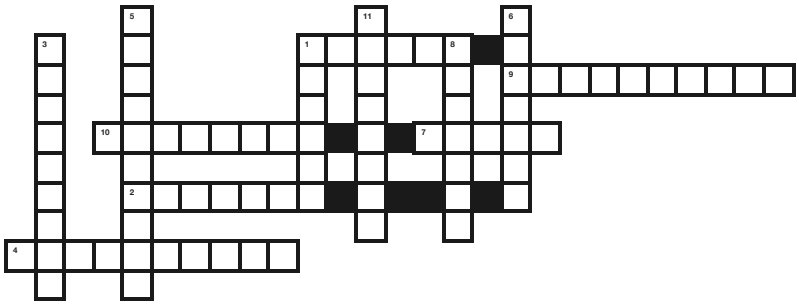
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

Kansas 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. Ornate box ___, the state reptile

2. Biggest city, known for building airplanes

4. Western ___, the yellow-chested state bird

7. Grain crop that gives the state a nickname

9. Rocky hills where tallgrass prairie still grows

10. Busy, buzzing state insect

DOWN

1. State capital, where a famous school case began

3. Tall, yellow state flower

5. State tree with fluffy white seeds

6. American ___, the state animal, also called a bison

8. Pilot Amelia ___, born in Atchison in 1897

11. River that flows across the west and south of the state

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

Kansas Places to Explore

Cities, towns and rock formations across the Sunflower 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.

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

Word List

MONUMENTROCKS
KANSASCITY
CASTLEROCK
LAWRENCE
OLATHE
OVERLANDPARK
HUTCHINSON
MANHATTAN
ABILENE
SALINA
LEAVENWORTH
GARDENCITY
DODGECITY
EMPORIA
HAYS

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20 more Kansas puzzles are waiting for you

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ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	Kansas Rivers and Lakes	Word Search
2	Kansas Wheat Harvest	Word Scramble
3	Kansas State Symbols	Word Fill-In
4	Kansas Center Point	Cryptogram
5	Kansas Trails and Frontier	Word Search
6	Kansas Weather and Sky	Word Scramble
7	Kansas Native Nations	Word Fill-In
8	Kansas Motto Fact	Cryptogram
9	Kansas Fossils and Ancient Sea	Word Search
10	Kansas Air Capital	Word Scramble
11	Kansas Birds	Word Fill-In
12	Kansas Flying Fact	Cryptogram
13	Kansas Cities and Towns	Word Search
14	Kansas Cowboy Days	Word Scramble
15	Kansas Stargazing	Word Fill-In
16	Kansas School Fact	Cryptogram
17	Kansas Prairie Plants	Word Search
18	Kansas Sunflower Fields	Word Scramble
19	Kansas Flint Hills Ranch	Word Fill-In
20	Kansas Sea Fact	Cryptogram

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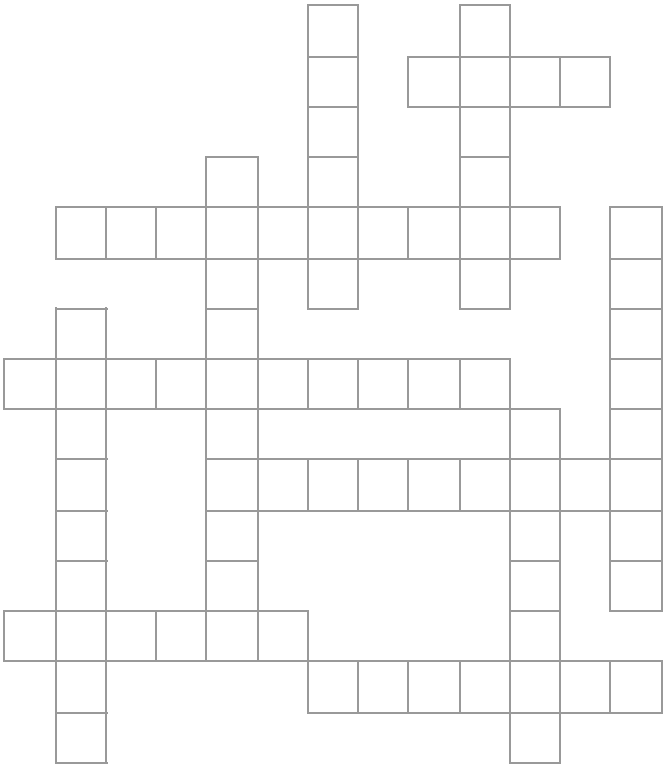
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

Kansas Animals

Creatures of the prairie, creeks and plains

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:	HAWK
6 letters:	BADGER, BOBCAT, COYOTE
7 letters:	CATFISH, OPOSSUM
8 letters:	MULEDEER
9 letters:	BULLSNAKE, PRONGHORN
10 letters:	JACKRABBIT, PRAIRIEDOG, SALAMANDER

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

Kansas Fun

Things to do and see in the Sunflower 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: Kansas words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	NESUST	_____
2.	DREOO	_____
3.	UBEAECRB	_____
4.	AKASLBTLEB	_____
5.	YBCOWO	_____
6.	TAEILRDIR	_____
7.	GTYIINEFLK	_____
8.	GZRGTSIAAN	_____
9.	PIERRAI	_____
10.	LHYEAAB	_____
11.	MSGRHOU	_____
12.	TATCLE	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

Kansas Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when Kansas 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.

I O D R O R V A Z O W A E N A

E N Y Q E T M P J Q E N R E O E A P D

F O D J O Q T E L A D E T D Y D E N ,

A Y H N E A A D R Y B E T P D A .

Hints:

`O = A` `N = H` `H = G`

FINISH LINE

You did it, Kansas explorer!

You solved your way across Kansas, the Sunflower 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 Kansas. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Topeka.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT KANSAS

- Kansas became the 34th state on January 29, 1861. Topeka is the capital, and Wichita is the largest city.
- The geographic center of the lower 48 states is in Kansas, near the small town of Lebanon.
- Pilot Amelia Earhart was born in Atchison, Kansas, in 1897. In 1932 she flew alone across the Atlantic Ocean.
- Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve in the Flint Hills protects part of a prairie that once covered 170 million acres.
- Brown v. Board of Education, the 1954 Supreme Court case that ruled school segregation unconstitutional, began in Topeka.
- Millions of years ago a shallow sea covered Kansas, and fossils of sea reptiles like Tylosaurus are found in its chalk.
- Mount Sunflower in Wallace County is the highest point in Kansas, at about 4,039 feet above sea level.
- Home on the Range became the official state song in 1947, and the American buffalo became the state animal in 1955.
- Kansas is named for the Kansa people, also called the Kaw. Four Native nations have reservations in Kansas today.
- Kansas farmers grow so much wheat that the state is often called the Wheat State.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the Kansas 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 Kansas.

Word Search Maker

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

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Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Topeka and the Sunflower State for a custom crossword.

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Worksheet Builder

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

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Flash Card Maker

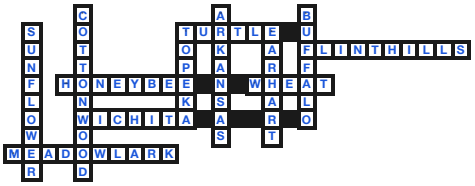
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Answer Key

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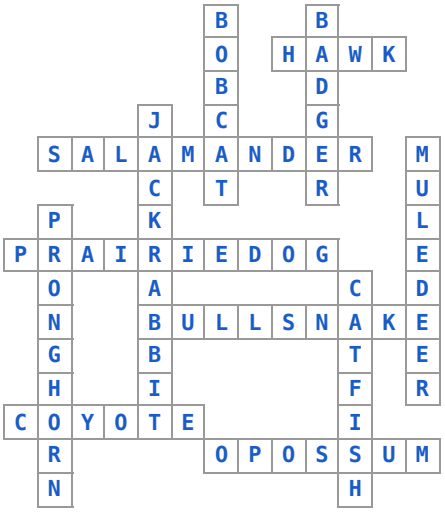


2. Kansas Places to Explore (Word Search)

Y	**M**	**A**	**N**	**H**	**A**	**T**	**T**	**A**	**N**	U	M	H	V	C
L	A	A	**G**	**A**	**R**	**D**	**E**	**N**	**C**	**I**	**T**	**Y**	K	E
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Answer Key

3. Kansas Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. Kansas Fun (Word Scramble)

1. NESUST — **SUNSET**
2. DREOO — **RODEO**
3. UBEAECRB — **BARBECUE**
4. AKASLBTLEB — **BASKETBALL**
5. YBCOWO — **COWBOY**
6. TAEILRDIR — **TRAILRIDE**
7. GTYIINEFLK — **KITEFLYING**
8. GZRGTSIAAN — **STARGAZING**
9. PIERRAI — **PRAIRIE**
10. LHYEAAB — **HAYBALE**
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5. Kansas Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

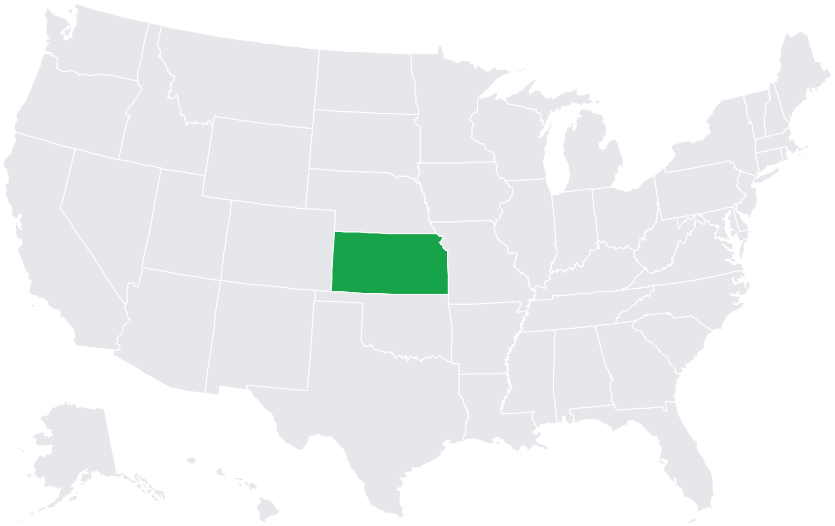
KANSAS BECAME THE THIRTY FOURTH STATE ON JANUARY TWENTY NINTH, EIGHTEEN SIXTY ONE.

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