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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE OLD LINE STATE

Maryland Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about Maryland 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 Maryland!

Grab a pencil and a crab mallet: we're exploring Maryland! In the next few pages you'll crack a code, hunt for hidden towns, and follow clues from the mountains in the west to the wide, salty Chesapeake Bay. You'll meet an orange and black oriole, wild horses on a sandy island, and the star-shaped fort that inspired our national anthem. Then try a slice of a cake with as many as fifteen thin layers. Ready? Let's go!



MARYLAND FAST FACTS

Capital	Annapolis
Largest city	Baltimore
Nickname	The Old Line State
Statehood	April 28, 1788 (the 7th state)
Region	South
State bird	Baltimore Oriole
State flower	Black-Eyed Susan
State tree	White Oak
State Crustacean	Blue Crab
State Dog	Chesapeake Bay Retriever
State Sport	Jousting
Motto	Fatti maschii, parole femine (Italian, officially translated as "Strong deeds, gentle words")

For parents and teachers: This Maryland 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.

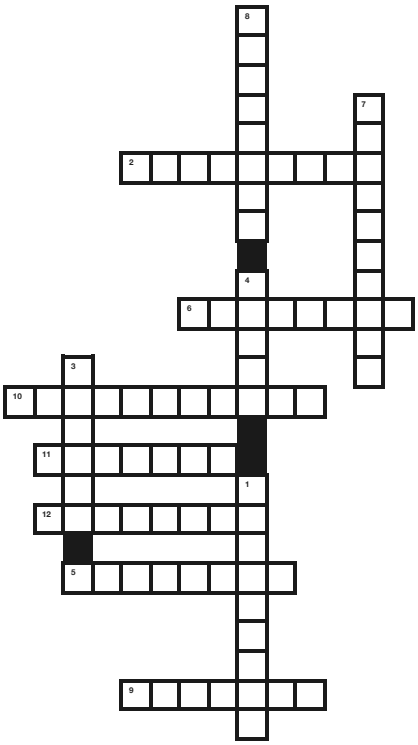
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

Maryland 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. Largest city, home of a famous star-shaped fort

5. State tree, known for its strong wood

6. State crustacean, a famous Chesapeake catch

9. Nickname: the ___ State, after brave Revolutionary troops

10. Fort whose 1814 defense inspired the national anthem

11. River along the state's southern border

12. Diamondback ___, the state reptile

DOWN

1. The state capital, home of the U.S. Naval Academy

3. Orange and black state bird

4. Black-eyed ___, the yellow state flower

7. Bay that nearly splits the state in two

8. Official state sport, with riders aiming at rings

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

Maryland Places to Explore

Cities, islands, lakes and mountains across the 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.

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

Word List

DEEPCREEKLAKE
HAGERSTOWN
ASSATEAGUE
SALISBURY
CATOCTIN
GAITHERSBURG
CUMBERLAND
FREDERICK
OCEANCITY
EASTON
SMITHISLAND
STMICHAELS
ROCKVILLE
COLUMBIA
BOWIE

THE MARYLAND SUPER PACK

20 more Maryland puzzles are waiting for you

Finished already? The Maryland Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: Chesapeake Bay life, the Star-Spangled Banner, crab feasts, jousting knights, mountain trails and the state's official dinosaur and shark. Twenty puzzles, one bay-to-mountains adventure, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	Maryland Chesapeake Bay	Word Search
2	Maryland Crab Feast	Word Scramble
3	Maryland Bay Creatures	Word Fill-In
4	Maryland Anthem Fact	Cryptogram
5	Maryland Star-Spangled Banner	Word Search
6	Maryland Jousting and Lacrosse	Word Scramble
7	Maryland Birds	Word Fill-In
8	Maryland Bay Fact	Cryptogram
9	Maryland Cities and Towns	Word Search
10	Maryland Freedom Seekers	Word Scramble
11	Maryland Beach and Barrier Island	Word Fill-In
12	Maryland Capital Fact	Cryptogram
13	Maryland State Symbols	Word Search
14	Maryland Farms and Gardens	Word Scramble
15	Maryland Trees and Wildflowers	Word Fill-In
16	Maryland Freedom Fact	Cryptogram
17	Maryland Western Mountains	Word Search
18	Maryland Sailing	Word Scramble
19	Maryland Four Seasons	Word Fill-In
20	Maryland Scientist Fact	Cryptogram

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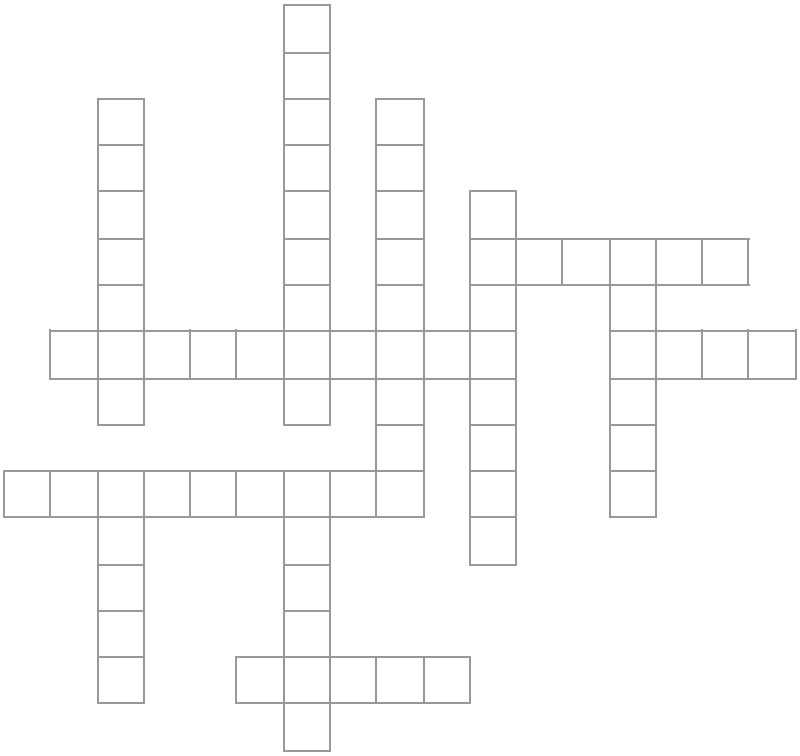
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

Maryland Animals

Creatures of the bay, the marshes and the woods

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, OYSTER, REDFOX
7 letters:	MUSKRAT
8 letters:	ROCKFISH
9 letters:	BALDEAGLE, SNOWGOOSE, WILDHORSE
10 letters:	CANVASBACK

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

Maryland Fun

Things to eat and do in the Old Line 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: Maryland words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	EBCCAKAR	_____
2.	WLBARKDOA	_____
3.	SAINLGI	_____
4.	SRLOCSEA	_____
5.	NCBARIGB	_____
6.	YFAFT	_____
7.	JKPSCIAK	_____
8.	TIHHUOLGSE	_____
9.	HCEBA	_____
10.	AANYKIGK	_____
11.	QMAUURIA	_____
12.	ISINFHG	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

Maryland Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when Maryland 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.

U C I O X C K W F Y A C U Y

G R Y V Y Z Y K G R V G C G Y

J K C B I S X G H Y K G O

Y S Q R G R , V Y Z Y K G Y Y K

Y S Q R G O Y S Q R G .

Hints:

`I = R` `X = L` `H = W`

FINISH LINE

You did it, Maryland explorer!

You solved your way across Maryland, the Old Line 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 Maryland. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Annapolis.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT MARYLAND

- Francis Scott Key wrote the words of the national anthem after watching the British attack Fort McHenry in Baltimore in September 1814.
- The Chesapeake Bay is the largest estuary in the United States, and it nearly splits Maryland in two.
- Annapolis was the capital of the United States from November 1783 to August 1784.
- The Maryland State House, begun in 1772, is the oldest state capitol still in continuous use by its lawmakers.
- Maryland was named for Queen Henrietta Maria, the wife of England's King Charles I.
- Jousting became Maryland's official state sport in 1962, and lacrosse became the official team sport in 2004.
- Harriet Tubman was born in Dorchester County and Frederick Douglass in Talbot County, both on Maryland's Eastern Shore.
- Benjamin Banneker, born in Baltimore County in 1731, was a self-taught scientist who published almanacs with astronomy predictions.
- Hoye-Crest on Backbone Mountain, at 3,360 feet, is the highest point in Maryland.
- Maryland gave land along the Potomac River to help create Washington, D.C., the capital of the United States.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the Maryland 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 Maryland.

Word Search Maker

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

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Annapolis and the Old Line State for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

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

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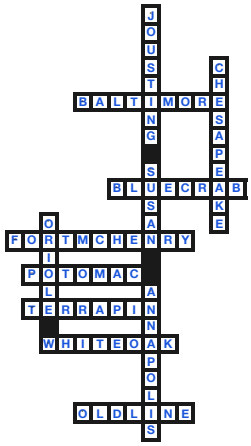
Flash Card Maker

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

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Answer Key

1. Maryland Crossword (Crossword)

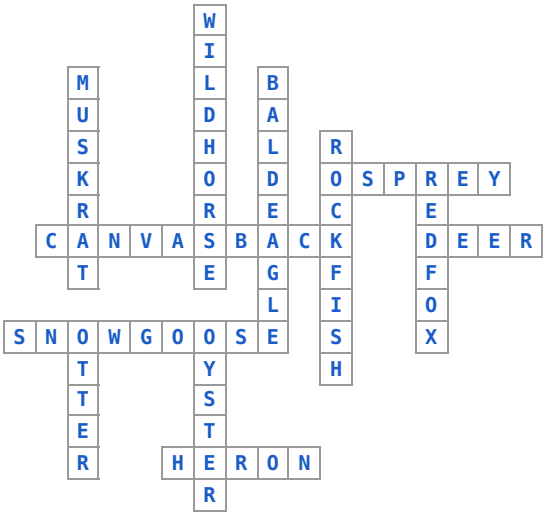


2. Maryland Places to Explore (Word Search)

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

Answer Key

3. Maryland Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. Maryland Fun (Word Scramble)

1. EBCCAKAR — **CRABCAKE**
2. WLBARKDOA — **BOARDWALK**
3. SAINLGI — **SAILING**
4. SRLOCSEA — **LACROSSE**
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6. YFAFT — **TAFFY**
7. JKPSCIAK — **SKIPJACK**
8. TIHHUOLGSE — **LIGHTHOUSE**
9. HCEBA — **BEACH**
10. AANYKIGK — **KAYAKING**
11. QMAUURIA — **AQUARIUM**
12. ISINFHG — **FISHING**

5. Maryland Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

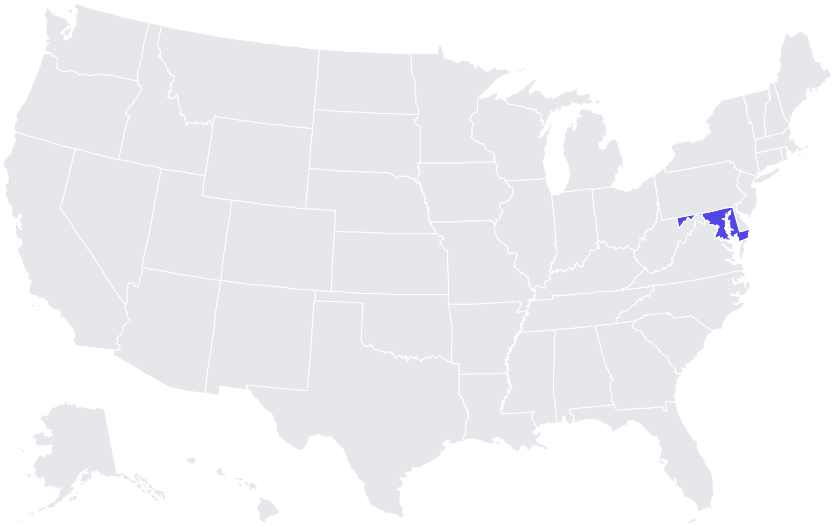
MARYLAND BECAME THE SEVENTH STATE ON APRIL TWENTY EIGHTH, SEVENTEEN EIGHTY EIGHT.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 7 of 50

Maryland was the 7th 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: South Carolina.

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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