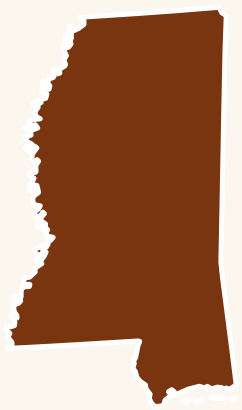
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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE MAGNOLIA STATE

Mississippi Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about Mississippi 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 Mississippi!

Grab a pencil and pull up a porch chair: we're rolling down to Mississippi! In the next few pages you'll crack a code, hunt for hidden towns, and follow clues from the sandy islands of the Gulf Coast to the winding Natchez Trace. You'll meet a bird that copies other birds' songs, a flower big enough to fill your hands, and the toy bear with a true Mississippi story. Ready? Let's make some music!



MISSISSIPPI FAST FACTS

Capital	Jackson
Largest city	Jackson
Nickname	The Magnolia State
Statehood	December 10, 1817 (the 20th state)
Region	South
State bird	Northern Mockingbird
State flower	Magnolia
State tree	Southern Magnolia
State Water Mammal	Bottlenose Dolphin
State Toy	Teddy Bear
State Reptile	American Alligator
Motto	Virtute et Armis (Latin for "By Valor and Arms")

For parents and teachers: This Mississippi 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.

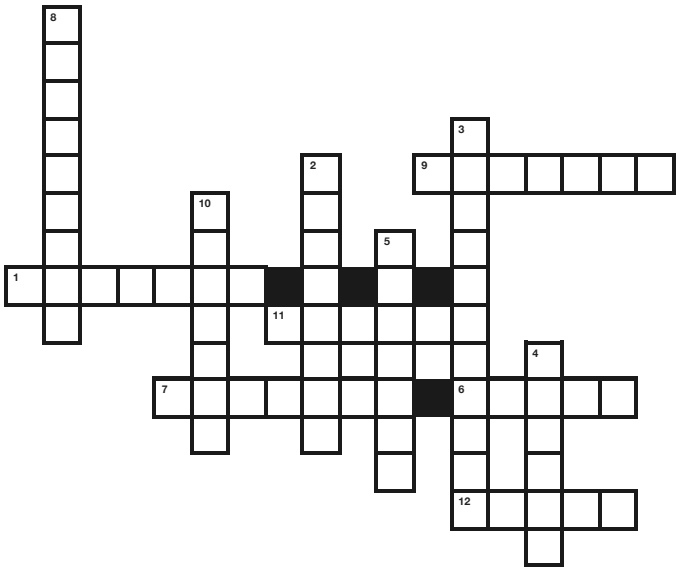
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

Mississippi 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 and largest city, on the Pearl River

6. Music style with deep roots in the state's Delta

7. Whiskered fish raised on many of the state's farms

9. Bottlenose ___, the state water mammal

11. Fluffy white crop grown on big farms in the state

12. Flat, rich farm region in the northwest of the state

DOWN

2. Big white blossom that is the state flower and tree

3. State bird that copies the songs of other birds

4. City where Elvis Presley was born

5. Old river city; a famous scenic parkway is named for it

8. State toy, named for President Theodore Roosevelt

10. Native nation whose Mississippi Band lives in Neshoba County

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

Mississippi Places to Explore

Cities, rivers and islands from the hills to the coast

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.

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

Word List

OCEANSPRINGS
GREENVILLE
HORNISLAND
VICKSBURG
COLUMBUS
HATTIESBURG
CLARKSDALE
PEARLRIVER
GULFPORT
BILOXI
STARKVILLE
SHIPISLAND
SOUTHAVEN
MERIDIAN
OXFORD

THE MISSISSIPPI SUPER PACK

20 more Mississippi puzzles are waiting for you

Finished already? The Mississippi Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: blues and rock and roll, Gulf Coast sea creatures, river life, Choctaw and Chickasaw heritage, Southern cooking and swamp critters. Twenty puzzles, one magnolia-sweet road trip, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	Mississippi River Life	Word Search
2	Mississippi Southern Foods	Word Scramble
3	Mississippi Rivers and Lakes	Word Fill-In
4	Mississippi Teddy Bear Fact	Cryptogram
5	Mississippi Blues and Music	Word Search
6	Mississippi Farms and Forests	Word Scramble
7	Mississippi Swamp and Bayou	Word Fill-In
8	Mississippi Music Fact	Cryptogram
9	Mississippi Gulf Coast	Word Search
10	Mississippi Native Nations	Word Scramble
11	Mississippi Forest Wildlife	Word Fill-In
12	Mississippi Trail Fact	Cryptogram
13	Mississippi Cities and Towns	Word Search
14	Mississippi Weather and Seasons	Word Scramble
15	Mississippi Road Trip	Word Fill-In
16	Mississippi Flag Fact	Cryptogram
17	Mississippi State Symbols	Word Search
18	Mississippi Garden Flowers	Word Scramble
19	Mississippi Sea Creatures	Word Fill-In
20	Mississippi Catfish Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying Mississippi 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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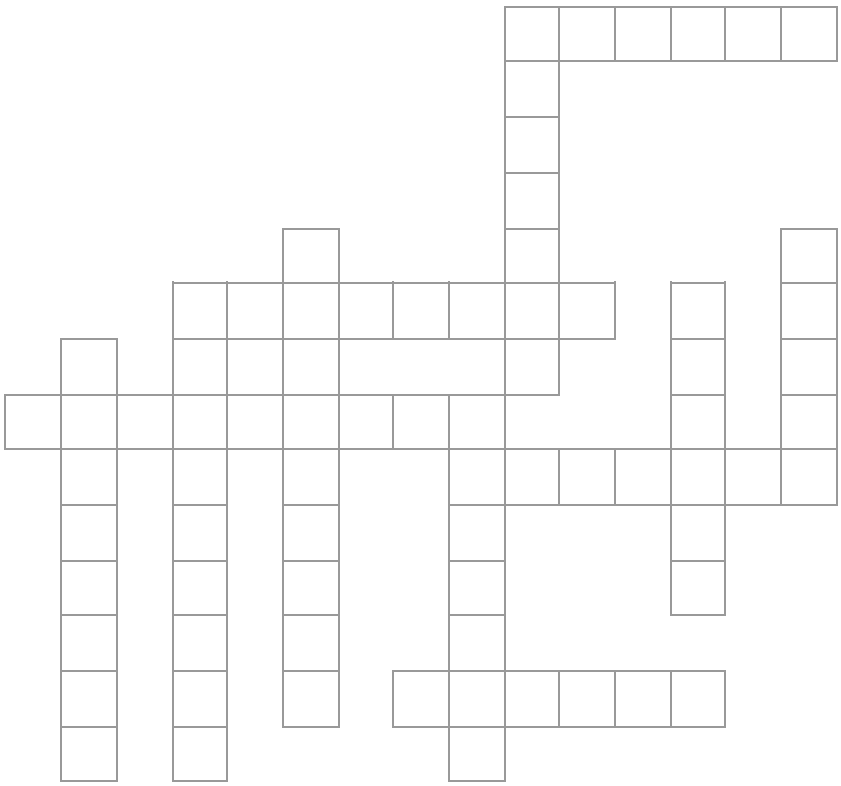
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

Mississippi Animals

Creatures of the woods, swamps and shore

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:	HERON
6 letters:	BOBCAT, REDFOX, TURTLE
7 letters:	OPOSSUM, PELICAN, RACCOON
8 letters:	BULLFROG, CRAWFISH
9 letters:	ALLIGATOR, ARMADILLO, BLACKBEAR

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

Mississippi Fun

Things to eat and do in the Magnolia 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: Mississippi words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	ITOABRERV	_____
2.	URAITG	_____
3.	KRAO	_____
4.	PSACEN	_____
5.	TEWSEEAT	_____
6.	CSIBTISU	_____
7.	NOEDCRABR	_____
8.	PHCRO	_____
9.	HKMAMCO	_____
10.	SPHMRI	_____
11.	IGIFHNS	_____
12.	TANOWEMRLE	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

Mississippi Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when Mississippi 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.

Z L H H L H H L B B L T P M R Z P

W O P W E P D W L P W O

H W R W P G D U P M P Z T P K

W P D W O , P L X O W P P D

H P N P D W P P D .

Hints:

`O = H` `B = P` `U = D`

FINISH LINE

You did it, Mississippi explorer!

You solved your way across Mississippi, the Magnolia 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 Mississippi. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Jackson.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT MISSISSIPPI

- Mississippi is named for the Mississippi River. The name comes from an Ojibwe word meaning great river.
- The Natchez Trace Parkway is a 444-mile scenic road that runs through Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee.
- Elvis Presley, called the King of Rock and Roll, was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.
- The teddy bear, the state toy, is named for President Theodore Roosevelt after a 1902 hunting trip in Mississippi.
- Mississippi raises more than half of all the farm-raised catfish in the United States.
- The state flag, adopted in 2021, shows a white magnolia blossom inside a circle of stars.
- Blues legends B.B. King and Robert Johnson were both born in Mississippi.
- Woodall Mountain, at about 807 feet, is the highest point in Mississippi.
- Ship Island, part of Gulf Islands National Seashore, is home to the old brick Fort Massachusetts.
- About 2.96 million people lived in Mississippi at the 2020 Census, and Jackson is its largest city.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the Mississippi 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 Mississippi.

Word Search Maker

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

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Jackson and the Magnolia State for a custom crossword.

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Worksheet Builder

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

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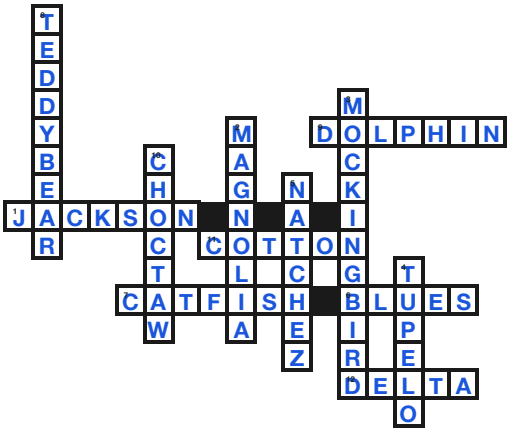
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Make printable cards for Mississippi facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

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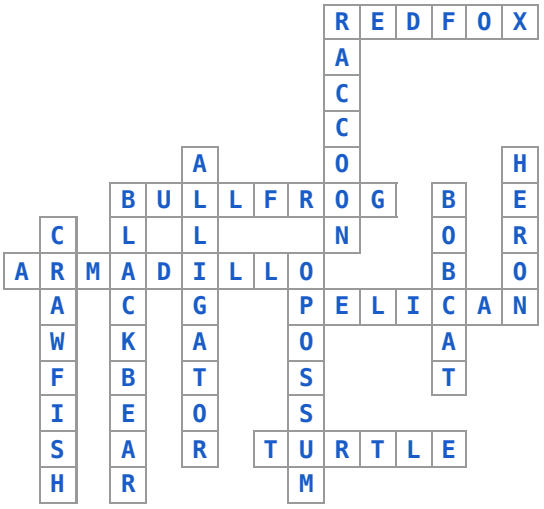


2. Mississippi Places to Explore (Word Search)

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

Answer Key

3. Mississippi Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. Mississippi Fun (Word Scramble)

1. ITOABRERV — **RIVERBOAT**
2. URAITG — **GUITAR**
3. KRAO — **OKRA**
4. PSACEN — **PECANS**
5. TEWSEEAT — **SWEETTEA**
6. CSIBTISU — **BISCUITS**
7. NOEDCRABR — **CORNBREAD**
8. PHCRO — **PORCH**
9. HKMAMCO — **HAMMOCK**
10. SPHMRI — **SHRIMP**
11. IGIFHNS — **FISHING**
12. TANOWEMRLE — **WATERMELON**

5. Mississippi Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

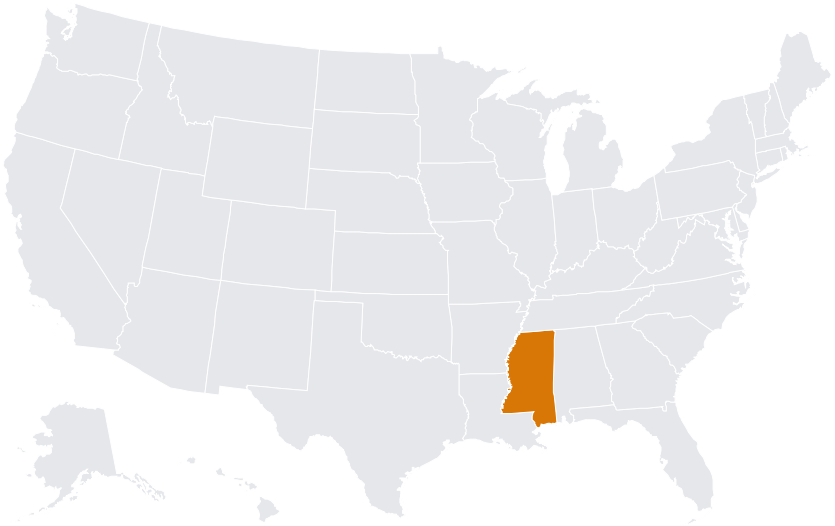
MISSISSIPPI BECAME THE TWENTIETH STATE ON DECEMBER TENTH, EIGHTEEN SEVENTEEN.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 20 of 50

Mississippi was the 20th 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: Illinois.

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- [ ] Alabama
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