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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE CORNHUSKER STATE

Nebraska Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about Nebraska 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 Nebraska!

Grab a pencil and pull on your boots: we're heading out across Nebraska! In the next few pages you'll follow pioneer wagons past Chimney Rock, watch huge flocks of sandhill cranes gather along the Platte River, and roll over the grassy dunes of the Sandhills. You'll meet a yellow-breasted songbird, a giant ice age mammoth and the state where Arbor Day was born. Ready to husk some clues? Let's get puzzling!



NEBRASKA FAST FACTS

Capital	Lincoln
Largest city	Omaha
Nickname	The Cornhusker State
Statehood	March 1, 1867 (the 37th state)
Region	Midwest
State bird	Western Meadowlark
State flower	Goldenrod
State tree	Cottonwood
State Mammal	White-tailed Deer
State Fossil	Mammoth
State Gemstone	Blue Agate
Motto	Equality Before the Law

For parents and teachers: This Nebraska 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.

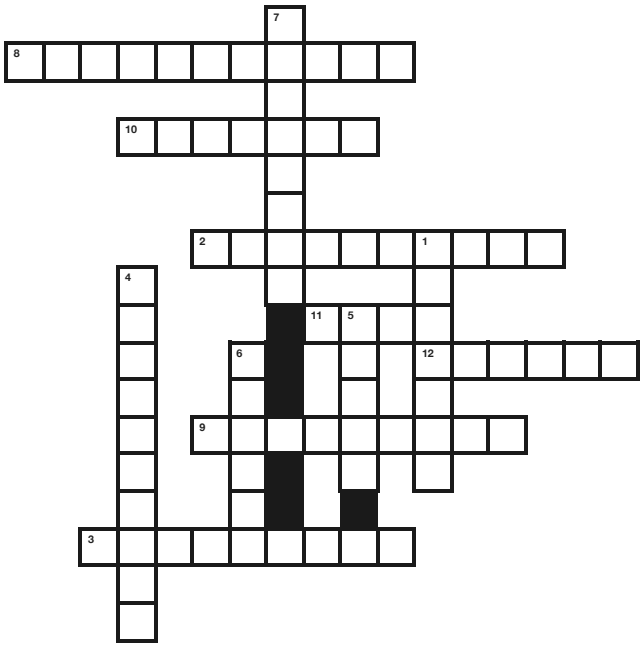
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

Nebraska 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. State bird, a yellow-breasted songbird of the prairie

3. State flower with tall sprays of yellow blooms

8. Tall rock spire that guided Oregon Trail pioneers

9. Grass-covered dunes in the middle of the state

10. Giant ice age elephant that is the state fossil

11. Crop farmers once husked by hand, giving the state its nickname

12. Tall gray birds that gather by a big river each spring

DOWN

1. The state capital, named after the 16th president

4. State tree whose seeds float on fluffy white fuzz

5. Largest city, on the Missouri River

6. Wide, shallow river whose Otoe name meant flat water

7. Tree-planting holiday first held here in 1872

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

Nebraska Places to Explore

Cities, landmarks and wild places from east to west

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

Word List

LAKEMCCONAUGHY
FORTROBINSON
GRANDISLAND
NORTHPLATTE
SCOTTSBLUFF
VALENTINE
TOADSTOOL
BELLEVUE
HASTINGS
BEATRICE
ALLIANCE
NIOBRARA
CARHENGE
KEARNEY
NORFOLK

THE NEBRASKA SUPER PACK

20 more Nebraska puzzles are waiting for you

Finished already? The Nebraska Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: Oregon Trail pioneers, prairie wildlife, ancient fossils, rivers and state parks, and ranch country from saddles to roundups. Twenty puzzles, one big prairie adventure, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	Nebraska Oregon Trail	Word Search
2	Nebraska Foods	Word Scramble
3	Nebraska Rivers and Lakes	Word Fill-In
4	Nebraska Tree Day	Cryptogram
5	Nebraska Parks and Wild Places	Word Search
6	Nebraska Weather	Word Scramble
7	Nebraska Native Nations	Word Fill-In
8	Nebraska Crane Fact	Cryptogram
9	Nebraska Prairie Wildlife	Word Search
10	Nebraska Pioneer Life	Word Scramble
11	Nebraska Ranch Country	Word Fill-In
12	Nebraska Name Fact	Cryptogram
13	Nebraska Cities and Towns	Word Search
14	Nebraska Trees and Plants	Word Scramble
15	Nebraska Birds	Word Fill-In
16	Nebraska Lawmakers Fact	Cryptogram
17	Nebraska Fossils and Rocks	Word Search
18	Nebraska Outdoor Fun	Word Scramble
19	Nebraska Road Trip	Word Fill-In
20	Nebraska Standing Bear Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying Nebraska 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 Nebraska puzzles, each with its own theme
- ✓ 5 word searches, 5 cryptograms, 5 scrambles and 5 fill-ins
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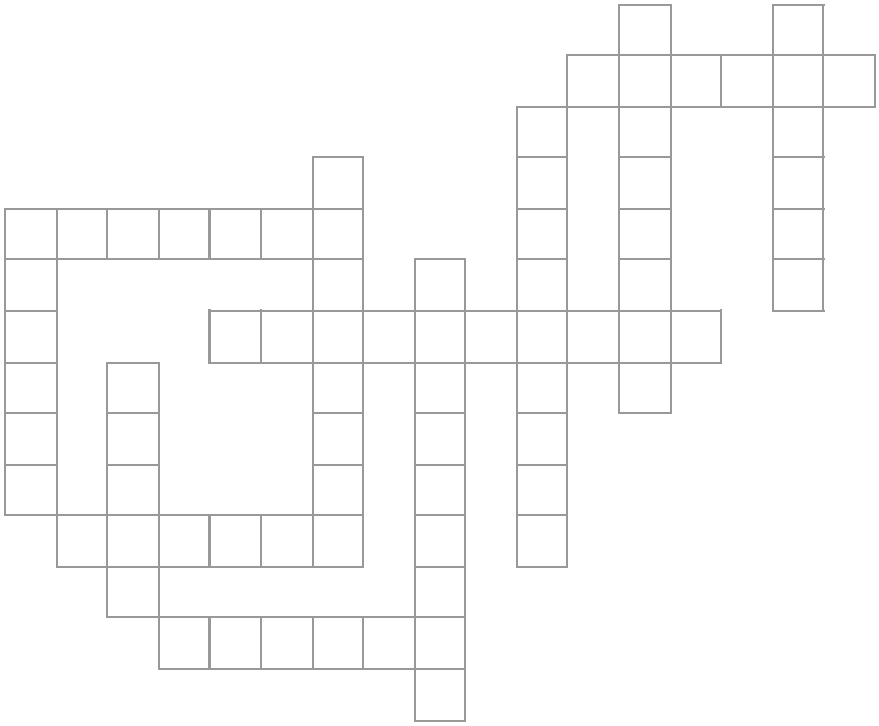
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

Nebraska Animals

Creatures of the prairie, the rivers and the farm fields

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:	BISON
6 letters:	BADGER, BEAVER, BOBCAT, COYOTE, TURKEY
7 letters:	CATFISH
8 letters:	BULLFROG, PHEASANT
9 letters:	BALDEAGLE, PRONGHORN
10 letters:	PRAIRIEDOG

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

Nebraska Farm Life

Crops, animals and machines on Nebraska farms and ranches

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: Nebraska words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	TTECLA	_____
2.	NBSYEOAS	_____
3.	TWEHA	_____
4.	RRTACTO	_____
5.	TASVREH	_____
6.	NCARH	_____
7.	COOBWY	_____
8.	LLIDINMW	_____
9.	RRIPEAI	_____
10.	BNRA	_____
11.	ISLO	_____
12.	HYBLAEA	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

Nebraska Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when Nebraska 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.

V K O M W E H W O K Y W F K

A U K A U C M A N E K I K V A U

E A W A K D V F W M Y U

X C M E A , K C Q U A K K V

E C T A N E K I K V .

Hints:

`I = V` `V = N` `N = Y`

FINISH LINE

You did it, Nebraska explorer!

You solved your way across Nebraska, the Cornhusker 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 Nebraska. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Lincoln.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT NEBRASKA

- Nebraska became the 37th state on March 1, 1867. Its capital, Lincoln, is named after President Abraham Lincoln.
- The name Nebraska comes from an Otoe word meaning "flat water," a name for the wide, shallow Platte River.
- The very first Arbor Day was held in Nebraska on April 10, 1872, and an estimated one million trees were planted.
- Nebraska is the only state with a one-house legislature, called the Unicameral. It first met in 1937.
- The Sandhills of Nebraska are the largest area of sand dunes in the Western Hemisphere, and grass covers most of them.
- Each spring, hundreds of thousands of sandhill cranes stop to rest and feed along the Platte River.
- Chimney Rock, a tall rock spire in western Nebraska, was a famous landmark for pioneers on the Oregon Trail.
- In 1879, a judge in Omaha ruled that Ponca Chief Standing Bear was a person under the law, with rights of his own.
- The Nebraska State Capitol is about 400 feet tall, with a statue of a farmer sowing seeds, called The Sower, on top.
- About 1.96 million people lived in Nebraska at the 2020 Census. Omaha is the largest city.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the Nebraska 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 Nebraska.

Word Search Maker

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

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Lincoln and the Cornhusker State for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

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

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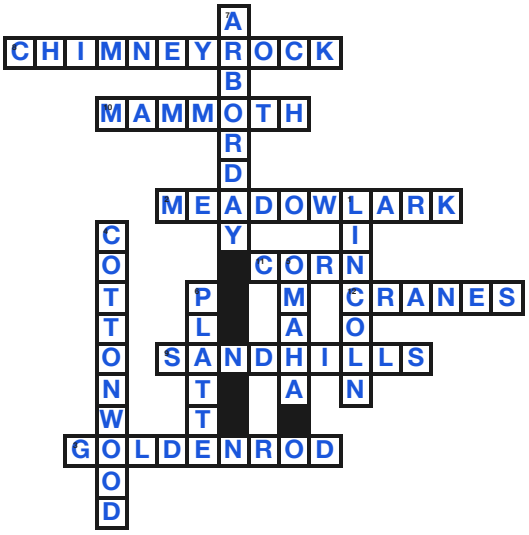
Flash Card Maker

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

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Answer Key

1. Nebraska Crossword (Crossword)

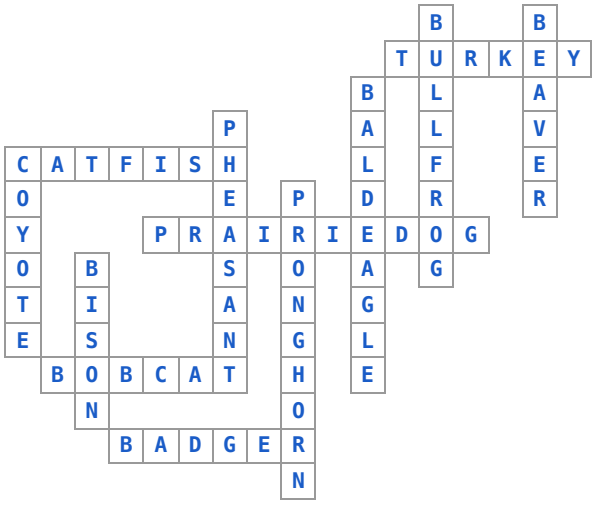


2. Nebraska Places to Explore (Word Search)

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Answer Key

3. Nebraska Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. Nebraska Farm Life (Word Scramble)

1.	TTECLA	**CATTLE**
2.	NBSYEOAS	**SOYBEANS**
3.	TWEHA	**WHEAT**
4.	RRTACTO	**TRACTOR**
5.	TASVREH	**HARVEST**
6.	NCARH	**RANCH**
7.	COOBWY	**COWBOY**
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9.	RRIPEAI	**PRAIRIE**
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11.	ISLO	**SILO**
12.	HYBLAEA	**HAYBALE**

5. Nebraska Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

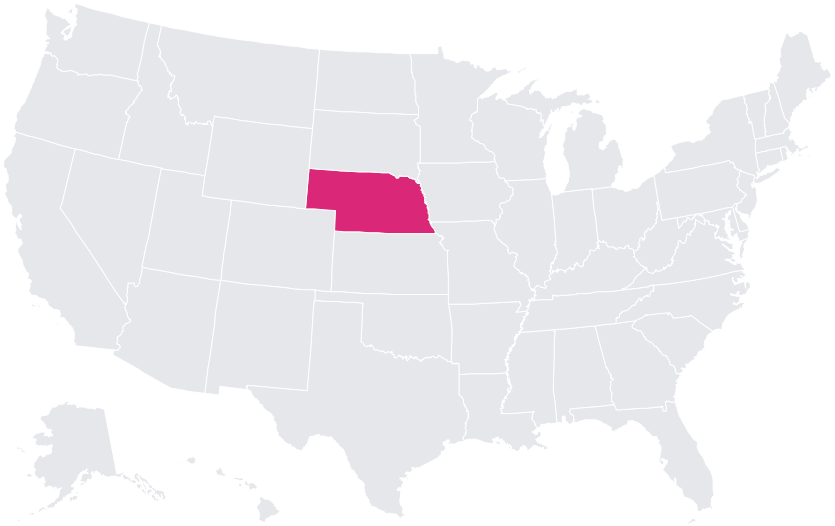
NEBRASKA BECAME THE THIRTY SEVENTH STATE ON MARCH FIRST, EIGHTEEN SIXTY SEVEN.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 37 of 50

Nebraska was the 37th 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: Colorado.

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
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- [x] **Nebraska**
- [ ] Nevada
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