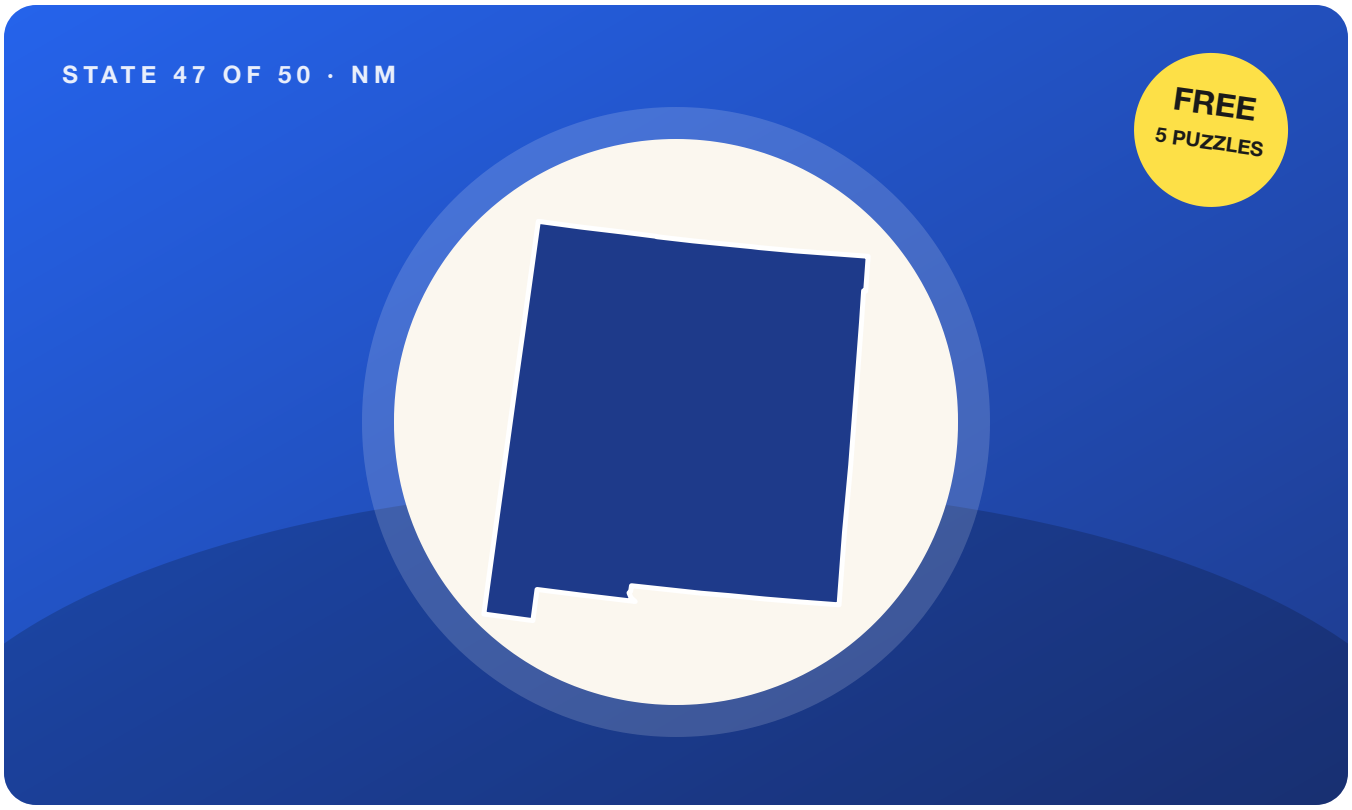


THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

New Mexico Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about New Mexico 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 New Mexico!

Grab a pencil and a sun hat: we're exploring New Mexico! In the next few pages you'll drift above the desert in a hot air balloon, climb down into the giant Big Room at Carlsbad Caverns and slide across the bright white dunes of White Sands. You'll meet a speedy roadrunner, a black bear and a small, quick dinosaur called Coelophysis that lived here long ago. Ready for a spicy challenge? Red or green, let's go!



NEW MEXICO FAST FACTS

Capital	Santa Fe
Largest city	Albuquerque
Nickname	The Land of Enchantment
Statehood	January 6, 1912 (the 47th state)
Region	West
State bird	Greater Roadrunner
State flower	Yucca Flower
State tree	Pinon Pine
State Animal	Black Bear
State Gem	Turquoise
State Fossil	Coelophysis
Motto	Crescit eundo (Latin for "It grows as it goes")

For parents and teachers: This New Mexico 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.

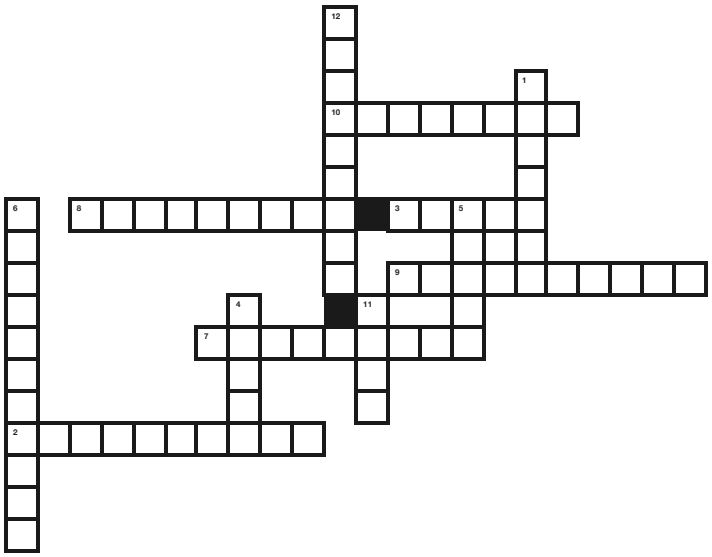
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

New Mexico 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. Speedy state bird that races across the desert

3. Spiky plant with white blossoms, the state flower

7. Big river that runs north to south through the state

8. Sky-blue stone that is the state gem

9. National park with the world's largest gypsum dunes

10. ___ Caverns, home of the huge Big Room

DOWN

1. The state capital, founded in 1610

4. Small pine tree with tasty nuts, the state tree

5. Red or green? This pepper is a state vegetable

6. Largest city, famous for hot air balloons

11. ___ Pueblo, lived in for more than 1,000 years

12. Furry state animal of the mountain forests

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

New Mexico Places to Explore

Cities, parks and landmarks 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.

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

Word List

CHACOCANYON
LASCRUCES
SHIPROCK
CAPULIN
SANDIA
FARMINGTON
RIORANCHO
ROSWELL
GALLUP
HOBBS
SILVERCITY
BANDELIER
ELMORRO
CLOVIS
RATON

THE NEW MEXICO SUPER PACK

20 more New Mexico puzzles are waiting for you

Finished already? The New Mexico Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: the Pueblos, ancient cliff dwellings, chile harvests, hot air balloons, desert wildlife, and caves, canyons and volcanoes. Twenty puzzles, one Land of Enchantment road trip, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	New Mexico Pueblos	Word Search
2	New Mexico Chile Harvest	Word Scramble
3	New Mexico Mountains and Rivers	Word Fill-In
4	New Mexico Capital Fact	Cryptogram
5	New Mexico Ancient Places	Word Search
6	New Mexico Hot Air Balloons	Word Scramble
7	New Mexico Dine and Apache Nations	Word Fill-In
8	New Mexico Dunes Fact	Cryptogram
9	New Mexico Rocks and Landforms	Word Search
10	New Mexico Arts and Crafts	Word Scramble
11	New Mexico Trails and Travel	Word Fill-In
12	New Mexico State Question	Cryptogram
13	New Mexico Wildlife	Word Search
14	New Mexico Space and Sky	Word Scramble
15	New Mexico Plants	Word Fill-In
16	New Mexico Pueblo Fact	Cryptogram
17	New Mexico Cities and Towns	Word Search
18	New Mexico Spanish Words	Word Scramble
19	New Mexico State Symbols	Word Fill-In
20	New Mexico Balloon Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying New Mexico 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 New Mexico 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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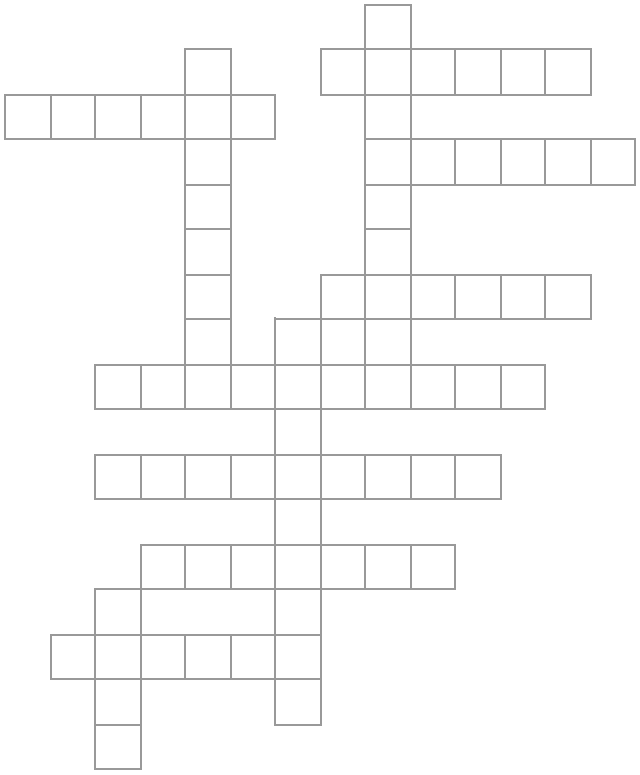
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

New Mexico Animals

Creatures of the deserts, mountains and caves

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:	BATS
6 letters:	BADGER, BOBCAT, COUGAR, COYOTE, LIZARD
7 letters:	BIGHORN
8 letters:	JAVELINA
9 letters:	PORCUPINE, PRONGHORN, TARANTULA
10 letters:	PRAIRIEDOG

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

New Mexico Kitchen

Favorite foods from New Mexico tables

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: New Mexico words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	LIAPOSPLAI	_____
2.	ALROTITL	_____
3.	STAAMLE	_____
4.	SOEPOL	_____
5.	AIHLACNED	_____
6.	IURBOTR	_____
7.	LSSAA	_____
8.	RELJSIOF	_____
9.	CNOULBRE	_____
10.	ULAAMECGO	_____
11.	ELSAAIDULQ	_____
12.	SRHUROC	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

New Mexico Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when New Mexico 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.

B N I H N J F K Z T N K V H N

G U N M Z L G O D N A N B G U

D G V G N Z B R V B X V L O

D F J G U , B F B N G N N B

G I N P A N .

Hints:

A = V F = I K = C

FINISH LINE

You did it, New Mexico explorer!

You solved your way across New Mexico, the Land of Enchantment. 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 New Mexico. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Santa Fe.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT NEW MEXICO

- New Mexico became the 47th state on January 6, 1912.
- Santa Fe, founded in 1610, is the oldest state capital in the United States. At about 7,000 feet, it is also the highest.
- Wheeler Peak, at 13,161 feet, is the highest point in New Mexico.
- White Sands National Park protects about 275 square miles of white sand, the largest gypsum dunefield in the world.
- The Big Room at Carlsbad Caverns is the largest cave chamber in North America, almost 4,000 feet long.
- People have lived at Taos Pueblo for more than 1,000 years, and it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- New Mexico is home to 19 Pueblos, along with Apache tribes and part of the Navajo Nation.
- New Mexico's official state question is "Red or green?" It asks which kind of chile you would like.
- The Rio Grande flows through the middle of New Mexico from north to south.
- About 2.1 million people lived in New Mexico at the 2020 Census. Albuquerque is the largest city.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the New Mexico 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 New Mexico.

Word Search Maker

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

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Santa Fe and the Land of Enchantment for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

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

puzzlepage.app/worksheet-builder

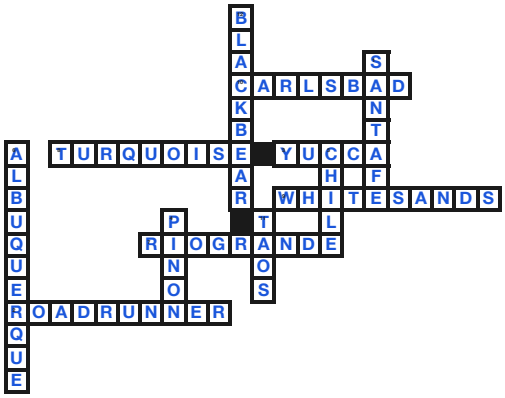
Flash Card Maker

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

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Answer Key

1. New Mexico Crossword (Crossword)

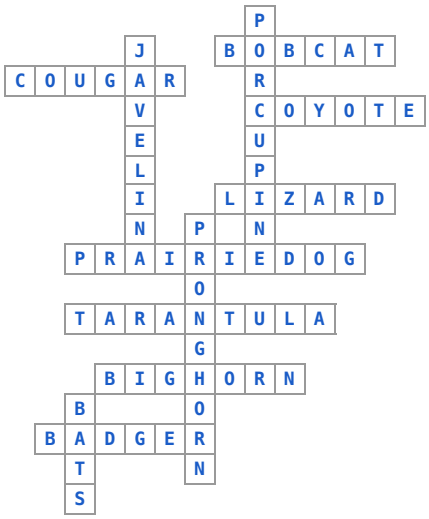


2. New Mexico Places to Explore (Word Search)

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

Answer Key

3. New Mexico Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. New Mexico Kitchen (Word Scramble)

1.	LIAPOSPLAI	**SOPAIPILLA**
2.	ALROTITL	**TORTILLA**
3.	STAAMLE	**TAMALES**
4.	SOEPOL	**POSOLE**
5.	AIHLACNED	**ENCHILADA**
6.	IURBOTR	**BURRITO**
7.	LSSAA	**SALSA**
8.	RELJSIOF	**FRIJOLES**
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12.	SRHUROC	**CHURROS**

5. New Mexico Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

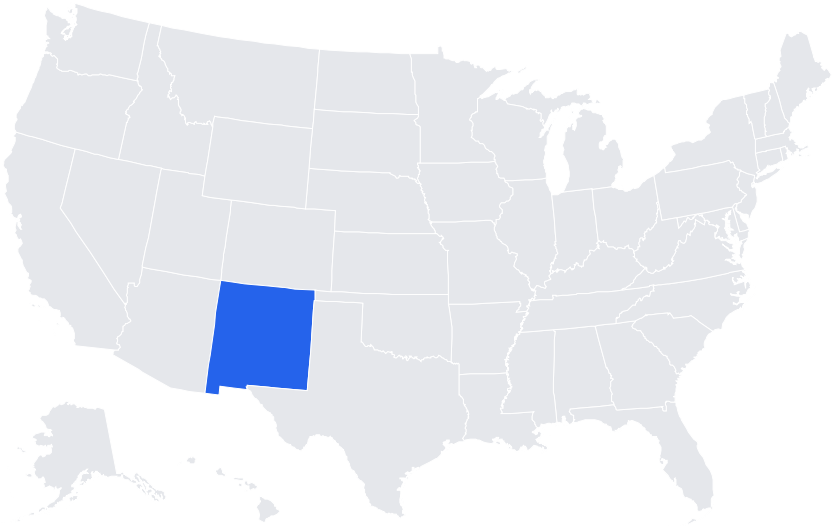
NEW MEXICO BECAME THE FORTY SEVENTH STATE ON JANUARY SIXTH, NINETEEN TWELVE.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 47 of 50

New Mexico was the 47th 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: Arizona.

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.



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