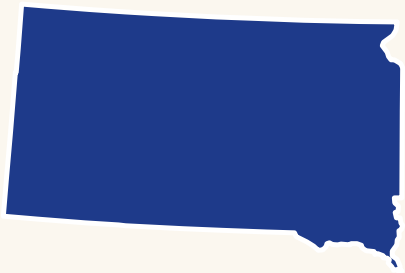
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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE MOUNT RUSHMORE STATE

South Dakota Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about South Dakota 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 South Dakota!

Grab a pencil and your cowboy boots: we're heading across South Dakota! In these pages you'll gaze up at the giant faces of Mount Rushmore, hike through the striped buttes of the Badlands, and crawl into a cave full of honeycomb rock. You'll visit a prairie dog town, spot a bright pheasant and meet a herd of shaggy bison. Then crack a code about the day the state was born. Ready to ride?



SOUTH DAKOTA FAST FACTS

Capital	Pierre
Largest city	Sioux Falls
Nickname	The Mount Rushmore State
Statehood	November 2, 1889 (the 40th state)
Region	Midwest
State bird	Ring-necked Pheasant
State flower	American Pasqueflower
State tree	Black Hills Spruce
State Animal	Coyote
State Fossil	Triceratops
State Dessert	Kuchen
Motto	Under God the People Rule

For parents and teachers: This South Dakota 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.

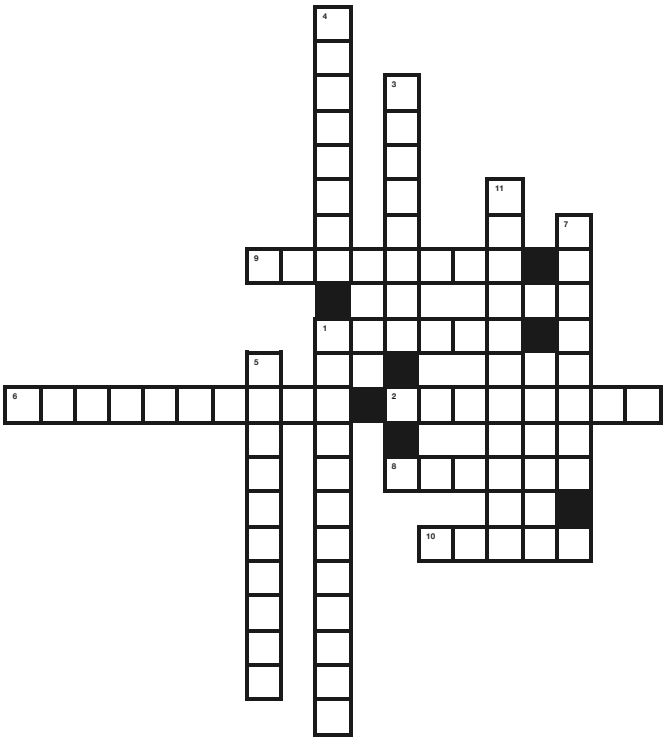
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

South Dakota 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, on the Missouri River

2. Ring-necked ___, the colorful state bird

6. The largest city, named for waterfalls on a river

8. Wild dog of the prairie that is the state animal

9. Big river that splits the state into East and West

10. Shaggy grazing animal, also called a buffalo

DOWN

1. Purple state flower that blooms in early spring

3. Mount ___, carved with four giant faces

4. National park of striped buttes and fossils

5. Pine-covered mountains in the western part of the state

7. First cave in the world to become a national park

11. Three-horned dinosaur that is the state fossil

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

South Dakota Places to Explore

Cities, towns, caves and scenic drives 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.

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

Word List

NEEDLESHIGHWAY
CORNPALACE
WATERTOWN
ABERDEEN
LAKEOAHE
VERMILLION
RAPIDCITY
SPEARFISH
MITCHELL
YANKTON
HOTSPRINGS
BROOKINGS
JEWELCAVE
KEYSTONE
CUSTER

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ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	South Dakota Black Hills	Word Search
2	South Dakota Farm and Food	Word Scramble
3	South Dakota Cities and Towns	Word Fill-In
4	South Dakota Rushmore Fact	Cryptogram
5	South Dakota Native Nations	Word Search
6	South Dakota Weather and Seasons	Word Scramble
7	South Dakota Bison Herd	Word Fill-In
8	South Dakota Cave Fact	Cryptogram
9	South Dakota Badlands and Fossils	Word Search
10	South Dakota Mount Rushmore Words	Word Scramble
11	South Dakota Pioneer Days	Word Fill-In
12	South Dakota River Fact	Cryptogram
13	South Dakota Prairie Life	Word Search
14	South Dakota Cave Words	Word Scramble
15	South Dakota Night Sky	Word Fill-In
16	South Dakota Runner Fact	Cryptogram
17	South Dakota Missouri River Country	Word Search
18	South Dakota Rodeo and Ranch	Word Scramble
19	South Dakota Dinosaur Dig	Word Fill-In
20	South Dakota Badlands Fact	Cryptogram

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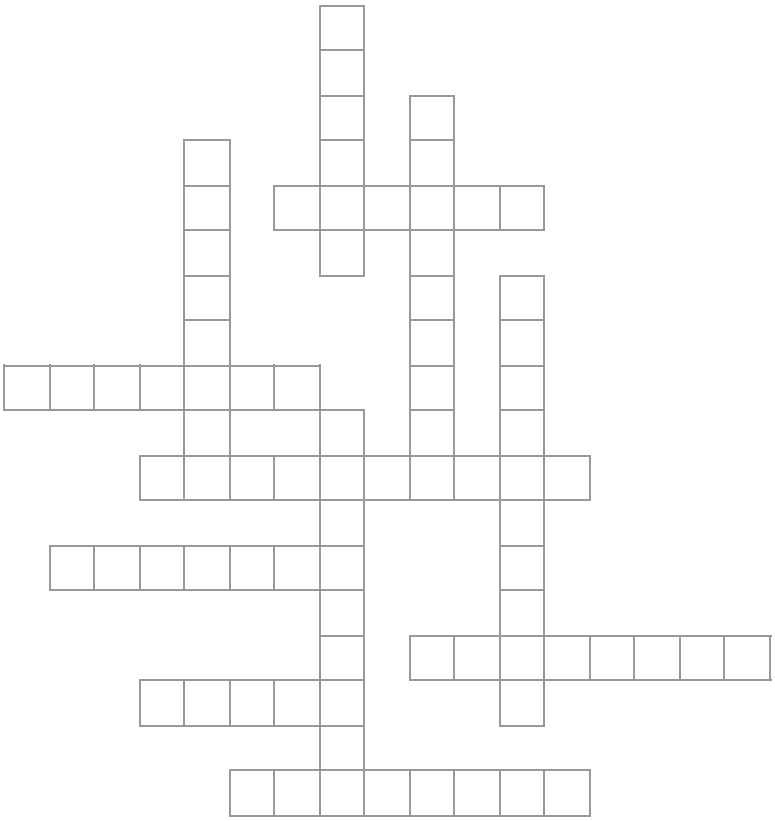
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

South Dakota Animals

Creatures of the prairie, the Badlands and the Black Hills

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:	BURRO
6 letters:	BADGER, FERRET
7 letters:	BIGHORN, WALLEYE
8 letters:	HONEYBEE, MULEDEER, SWIFTFOX
9 letters:	PORCUPINE, PRONGHORN
10 letters:	COTTONTAIL, PRAIRIEDOG

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

South Dakota Fun

Things to eat, play and do in the Mount Rushmore 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: South Dakota words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	OEDOR	_____
2.	EKUNHC	_____
3.	DEYRRBFA	_____
4.	HCILSCI	_____
5.	LFDIDE	_____
6.	WPWOWO	_____
7.	CMNIAGP	_____
8.	TOAUVRCE	_____
9.	RLETIRDAI	_____
10.	AGNITARSGZ	_____
11.	EACINGNO	_____
12.	NOHSSWOE	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

South Dakota Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when South Dakota 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.

R	P	I	M	C		A	Z	Y	P	M	Z		T	J	N	Z	X	J		Z					
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J	B	F	C	M	D		W	B	W	J	,		Q	B	M	C										
W	P	E	M	C		A	Z	Y	P	M	Z	.														

Hints:

`T = B` `C = H` `Y = K`

FINISH LINE

You did it, South Dakota explorer!

You solved your way across South Dakota, the Mount Rushmore 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 South Dakota. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Pierre.

DID YOU KNOW? 10 TRUE FACTS ABOUT SOUTH DAKOTA

- South Dakota and North Dakota both became states on November 2, 1889. South Dakota is counted as the 40th state.
- Each of the four faces carved on Mount Rushmore is about 60 feet tall. The carving took from 1927 to 1941.
- In 1903, Wind Cave became the first cave anywhere in the world to be named a national park.
- Wind Cave holds most of the world's known boxwork, a rare cave formation shaped like a honeycomb.
- The Missouri River splits the state into two parts that South Dakotans call East River and West River.
- Black Elk Peak in the Black Hills, more than 7,200 feet tall, is the highest point in South Dakota.
- Badlands National Park has one of the world's richest fossil beds, with bones of ancient horses and rhinos.
- Author Laura Ingalls Wilder based five of her pioneer books on her family's homestead near De Smet.
- Billy Mills, an Oglala Lakota runner from Pine Ridge, won the 10,000-meter race at the 1964 Olympics.
- About 887,000 people lived in South Dakota at the 2020 Census, and about 192,500 lived in Sioux Falls.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the South Dakota 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 South Dakota.

Word Search Maker

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

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Write your own clues about Pierre and the Mount Rushmore State for a custom crossword.

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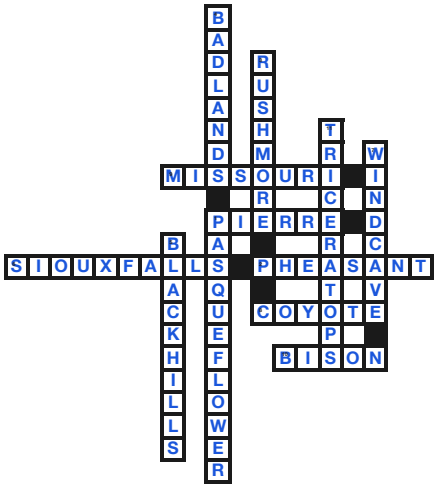
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Make printable cards for South Dakota facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

1. South Dakota Crossword (Crossword)

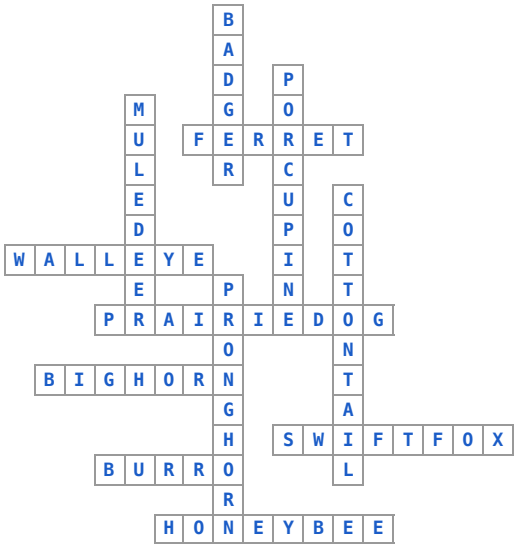


2. South Dakota Places to Explore (Word Search)

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

Answer Key

3. South Dakota Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. South Dakota Fun (Word Scramble)

1.	OEDOR	**RODEO**
2.	EKUNHC	**KUCHEN**
3.	DEYRRBFA	**FRYBREAD**
4.	HCILSCI	**CHISLIC**
5.	LFDIDE	**FIDDLE**
6.	WPWOWO	**POWWOW**
7.	CMNIAGP	**CAMPING**
8.	TOAUVRCE	**CAVETOUR**
9.	RLETIRDAI	**TRAILRIDE**
10.	AGNITARSGZ	**STARGAZING**
11.	EACINGNO	**CANOEING**
12.	NOHSSWOE	**SNOWSHOE**

5. South Dakota Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

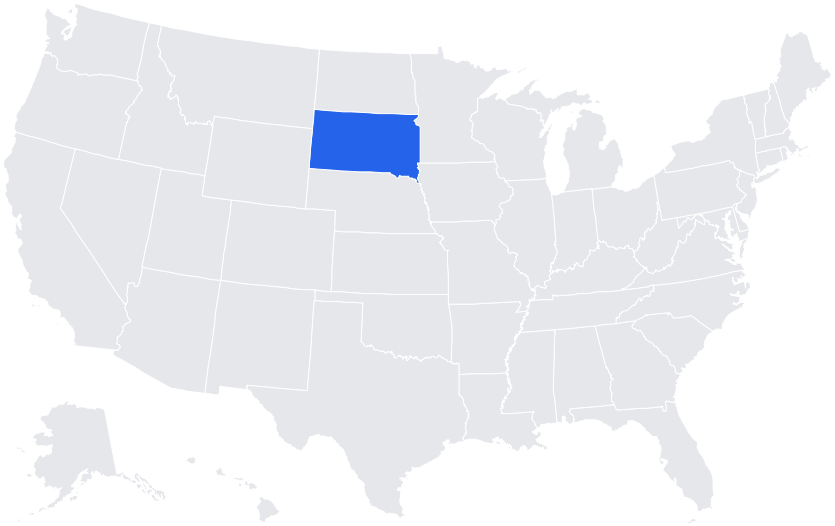
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