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FREE
5 PUZZLES



THE VOLUNTEER STATE

Tennessee Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about Tennessee 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 Tennessee!

Grab a pencil and lace up your hiking boots: we're heading to Tennessee! In the next few pages you'll climb misty mountains in the Great Smokies, paddle across a lake made by earthquakes, and tap your toes to the music of Nashville and Memphis. You'll meet a bird that copies other birds' songs, a raccoon with a bandit mask, and a Cherokee scholar who gave his people a written language. Ready, Volunteer? Let's go!



TENNESSEE FAST FACTS

Capital	Nashville
Largest city	Nashville
Nickname	The Volunteer State
Statehood	June 1, 1796 (the 16th state)
Region	South
State bird	Mockingbird
State flower	Iris
State tree	Tulip Poplar
State Wild Animal	Raccoon
State Horse	Tennessee Walking Horse
State Amphibian	Tennessee Cave Salamander
Motto	Agriculture and Commerce

For parents and teachers: This Tennessee 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.

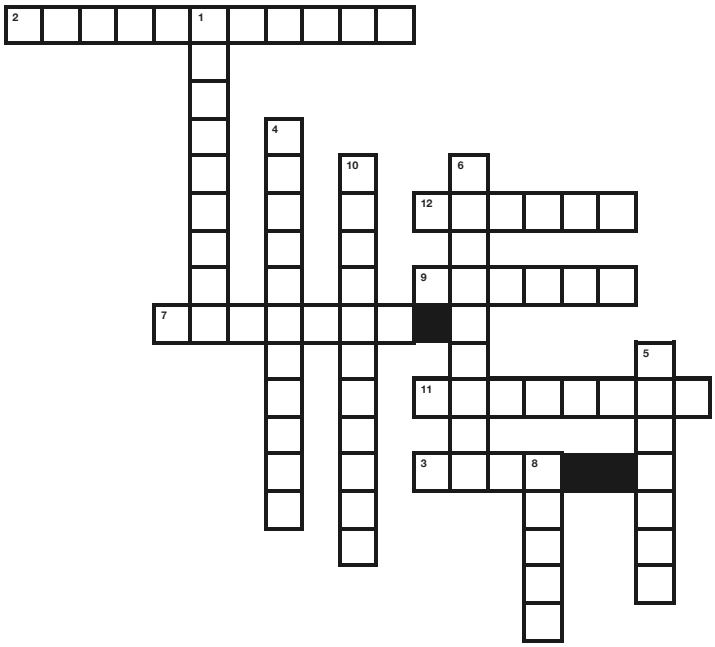
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

Tennessee 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 that copies the songs of other birds

3. State cultivated flower, often purple

7. Big river city in the west, famous for blues music

9. Highest peak in the state, its Cherokee name restored in 2024

11. Cherokee scholar who created a way to write his language

12. State fruit, red and juicy in a summer garden

DOWN

1. The state capital, nicknamed Music City

4. State tree with flowers shaped like tulips

5. State wild animal with a masked face and ringed tail

6. Nickname: the ___ State

8. Great ___ Mountains, the most visited national park

10. Mighty river that forms the state's western border

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

Tennessee Places to Explore

Cities, mountains, lakes and famous streets 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.

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

Word List

FALLCREEKFALLS
NATCHEZTRACE
CLARKSVILLE
COOKEVILLE
KINGSPORT
MURFREESBORO
ROANMOUNTAIN
JOHNSONCITY
GATLINBURG
FRANKLIN
REELFOOTLAKE
CHATTANOOGA
BEALESTREET
KNOXVILLE
OAKRIDGE

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20 more Tennessee puzzles are waiting for you

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ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	Tennessee Great Smoky Mountains	Word Search
2	Tennessee Kitchen	Word Scramble
3	Tennessee Native Nations	Word Fill-In
4	Tennessee Park Fact	Cryptogram
5	Tennessee Rivers and Lakes	Word Search
6	Tennessee Farms	Word Scramble
7	Tennessee Forest Animals	Word Fill-In
8	Tennessee Lake Fact	Cryptogram
9	Tennessee Cities and Towns	Word Search
10	Tennessee Caves	Word Scramble
11	Tennessee Birds	Word Fill-In
12	Tennessee Writing Fact	Cryptogram
13	Tennessee State Symbols	Word Search
14	Tennessee Seasons	Word Scramble
15	Tennessee Pioneer Days	Word Fill-In
16	Tennessee Neighbors Fact	Cryptogram
17	Tennessee Music Makers	Word Search
18	Tennessee Forest Trees	Word Scramble
19	Tennessee Summer Bugs	Word Fill-In
20	Tennessee Mountain Fact	Cryptogram

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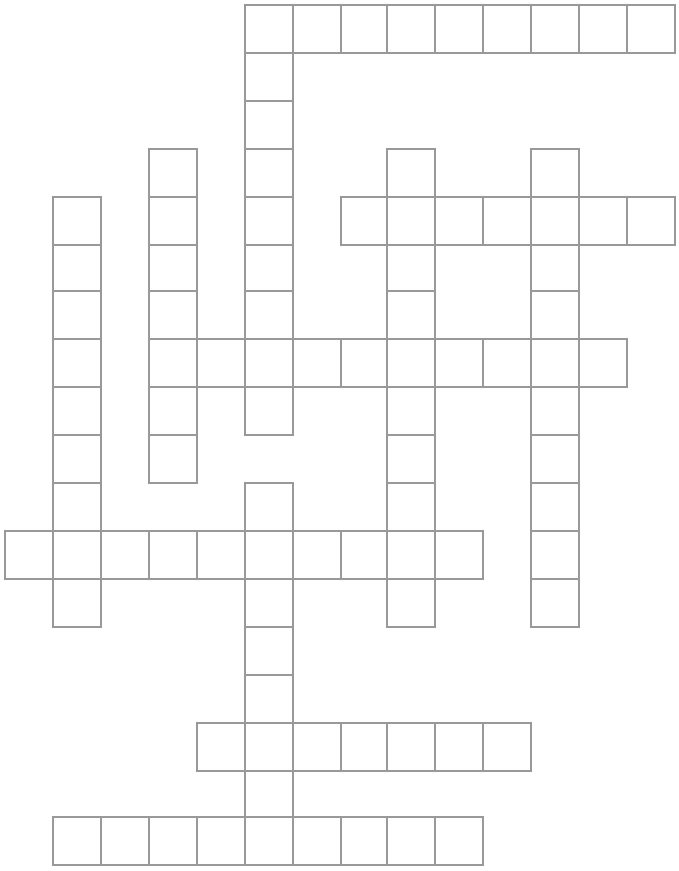
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

Tennessee Animals

Creatures of the mountains, rivers and 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

7 letters:	CATFISH, FIREFLY, OPOSSUM
8 letters:	BOBWHITE
9 letters:	BALDEAGLE, BLACKBEAR, BOXTURTLE, WHITETAIL
10 letters:	RIVEROTTER, SALAMANDER, SMALLMOUTH, WILDTURKEY

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

Tennessee Fun

Things to do and play in the Volunteer 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: Tennessee words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	NIKIHG	_____
2.	MGAIPCN	_____
3.	SINIFHG	_____
4.	NGFRATI	_____
5.	ENNGIOAC	_____
6.	ANOBGTI	_____
7.	SECAV	_____
8.	WTALAFLER	_____
9.	IPNCIC	_____
10.	IUARGT	_____
11.	LIEDDF	_____
12.	BAONJ	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

Tennessee Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when Tennessee 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.

O Q I I Q U U Q Q T Q S F Y Q

O D Q U M Z O Q Q I O D

U O F O Q L I G B I Q

H M C U O , U Q K Q I O Q Q I

I M I Q O J U M Z .

Hints:

`B = U` `T = B` `C = R`

FINISH LINE

You did it, Tennessee explorer!

You solved your way across Tennessee, the Volunteer 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 Tennessee. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Nashville.

DID YOU KNOW? 9 TRUE FACTS ABOUT TENNESSEE

- Tennessee became the 16th state on June 1, 1796, joining the Union after Vermont and Kentucky.
- About 6.9 million people lived in Tennessee at the 2020 Census, and Nashville is the largest city.
- Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which Tennessee shares with North Carolina, is the most visited national park in the country.
- Kuwohi, at 6,643 feet, is the highest point in Tennessee. In 2024 the peak got back its Cherokee name, which means "mulberry place."
- Tennessee touches eight other states, tied with Missouri for the most neighbors of any state.
- Reelfoot Lake in northwest Tennessee was formed by powerful earthquakes in the winter of 1811 and 1812.
- Sequoyah, born in a Cherokee town in what is now Tennessee, finished a way to write the Cherokee language in 1821.
- The world record smallmouth bass, 11 pounds 15 ounces, was caught in Dale Hollow Lake on the Tennessee and Kentucky border in 1955.
- The three stars on the state flag stand for East, Middle and West Tennessee, the state's three Grand Divisions.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the Tennessee 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 Tennessee.

Word Search Maker

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

puzzlepage.app/word-search

Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Nashville and the Volunteer State for a custom crossword.

puzzlepage.app/crossword

Worksheet Builder

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

puzzlepage.app/worksheet-builder

Flash Card Maker

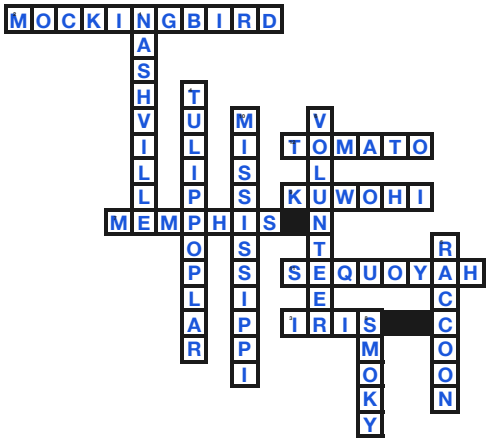
Make printable cards for Tennessee facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

1. Tennessee Crossword (Crossword)



2. Tennessee Places to Explore (Word Search)

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

3. Tennessee Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. Tennessee Fun (Word Scramble)

1.	NIKIHG	**HIKING**
2.	MGAIPCN	**CAMPING**
3.	SINIFHG	**FISHING**
4.	NGFRATI	**RAFTING**
5.	ENNGIOAC	**CANOEING**
6.	ANOBGTI	**BOATING**
7.	SECAV	**CAVES**
8.	WTALAFLER	**WATERFALL**
9.	IPNCIC	**PICNIC**
10.	IUARGT	**GUITAR**
11.	LIEDDF	**FIDDLE**
12.	BAONJ	**BANJO**

5. Tennessee Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

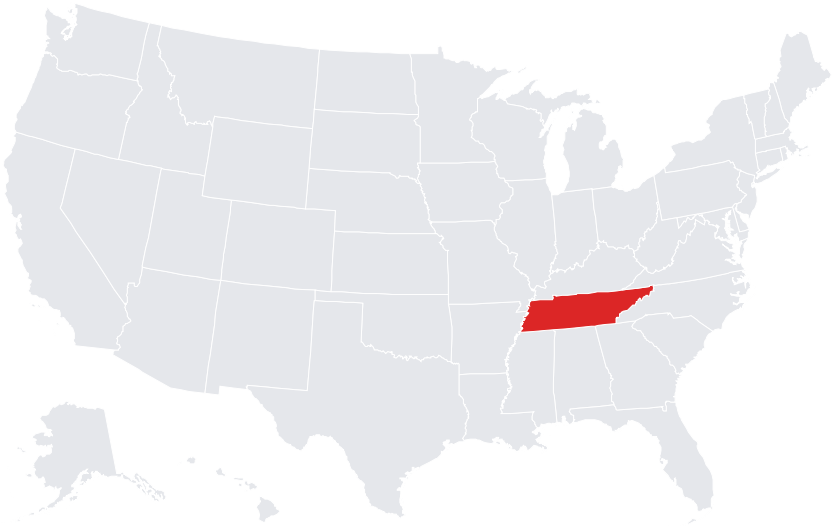
TENNESSEE BECAME THE SIXTEENTH STATE ON JUNE FIRST, SEVENTEEN NINETY SIX.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 16 of 50

Tennessee was the 16th 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: Ohio.

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- [ ] Alabama
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