

THE LONE STAR STATE

Texas Puzzle Pack

Five free puzzles about Texas 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 Texas!

Grab a pencil and tip your hat: we're riding into Texas! In the next few pages you'll crack a code, hunt for hidden cities, and follow clues from the canyons of Big Bend to the sandy beaches of Padre Island. You'll meet a little armored armadillo, a field of blue bluebonnets, and a lone star that gave a whole state its nickname. Then it's on to Houston, where Mission Control talks to astronauts. Ready, partner? Let's ride!



TEXAS FAST FACTS

Capital	Austin
Largest city	Houston
Nickname	The Lone Star State
Statehood	December 29, 1845 (the 28th state)
Region	South
State bird	Mockingbird
State flower	Bluebonnet
State tree	Pecan
State Small Mammal	Armadillo
State Large Mammal	Longhorn
State Reptile	Texas Horned Lizard
Motto	Friendship

For parents and teachers: This Texas 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.

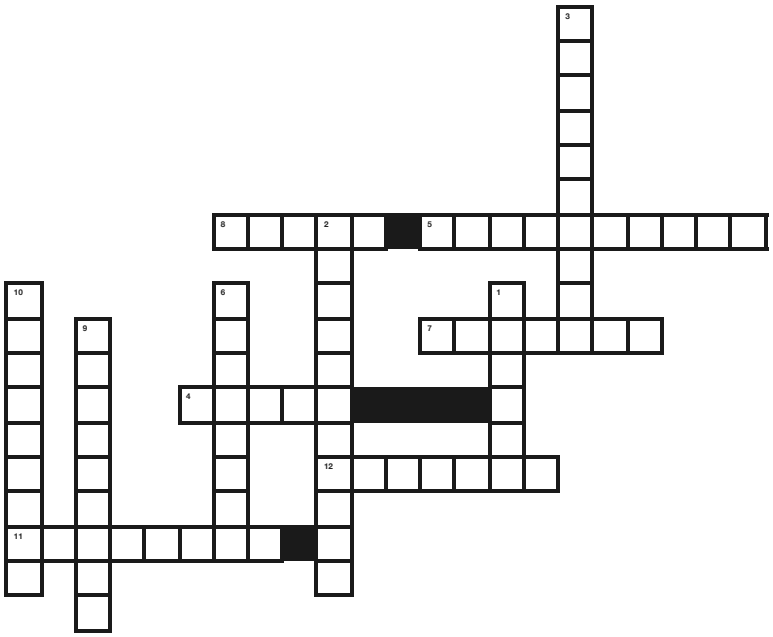
PUZZLE 1 OF 5 · CROSSWORD

Texas 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

4. State tree, famous for its tasty nuts

5. The state motto, from a Caddo word meaning friend

7. Largest city, home of NASA's Mission Control

8. Famous old mission in San Antonio

11. State large mammal, a steer with very wide horns

12. National park named for a curve in a river

DOWN

1. The state capital, on the Colorado River

2. State bird that copies the songs of other birds

3. State flower that paints spring fields blue

6. Nickname: the ___ State, for the single star on its flag

9. River that forms the border with Mexico

10. State small mammal that wears a bony shell

PUZZLE 2 OF 5 · WORD SEARCH

Texas Places to Explore

Cities, canyons, peaks and beaches 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.

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

Word List

CORPUSCHRISTI
SANANTONIO
GALVESTON
LUBBOCK
LAREDO
GUADALUPEPEAK
FORTWORTH
AMARILLO
DALLAS
PLANO
PADREISLAND
ARLINGTON
PALODURO
ELPASO
WACO

THE TEXAS SUPER PACK

20 more Texas puzzles are waiting for you

Still hungry for more? The Texas Super Pack has 20 more puzzles: ranch life and cattle drives, space words from Houston, Gulf Coast critters, Tex-Mex treats, wildflowers and the coolest state symbols. Twenty puzzles, one giant state, $1.99.

ALL 20 PUZZLES INSIDE

1	Texas Wild Places	Word Search
2	Texas Foods	Word Scramble
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4	Texas Name Fact	Cryptogram
5	Texas Cities and Towns	Word Search
6	Texas Rivers and Coast	Word Scramble
7	Texas History	Word Fill-In
8	Texas Republic Fact	Cryptogram
9	Texas Ranch Life	Word Search
10	Texas Regions	Word Scramble
11	Texas Gulf Coast Life	Word Fill-In
12	Texas Mountain Fact	Cryptogram
13	Texas State Symbols	Word Search
14	Texas Wildflowers	Word Scramble
15	West Texas Critters	Word Fill-In
16	Texas Ranch Fact	Cryptogram
17	Texas Space Words	Word Search
18	Texas Jobs and Industries	Word Scramble
19	Texas Music and Dance	Word Fill-In
20	Texas Flower Fact	Cryptogram

Enjoying Texas 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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- ✓ 20 new Texas 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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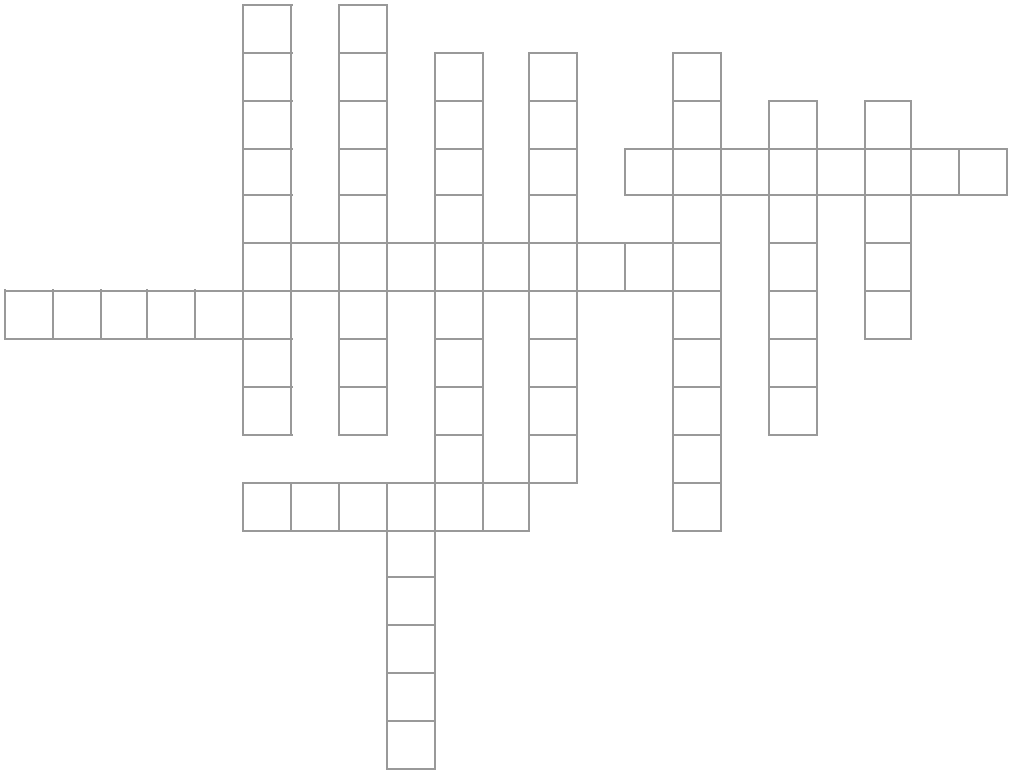
PUZZLE 3 OF 5 · WORD FILL-IN

Texas Animals

Creatures of the deserts, plains, swamps and coast

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:	BOBCAT, COYOTE, OCELOT
7 letters:	PELICAN
8 letters:	JAVELINA
9 letters:	ALLIGATOR, SEATURTLE, TARANTULA
10 letters:	JACKRABBIT, PRAIRIEDOG, ROADRUNNER

PUZZLE 4 OF 5 · WORD SCRAMBLE

Texas Fun

Things to eat, wear and do in the Lone Star 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: Texas words sound right.

Unscramble each word below.

	Scrambled	Your Answer
1.	**DOORE**	_____
2.	**CWOBYO**	_____
3.	**OTOBS**	_____
4.	**SALSO**	_____
5.	**IHCLI**	_____
6.	**SALAS**	_____
7.	**IRSETKB**	_____
8.	**TAOLTRIL**	_____
9.	**GARTUI**	_____
10.	**AHCRN**	_____
11.	**CEBHA**	_____
12.	**IFETAS**	_____

PUZZLE 5 OF 5 · CRYPTOGRAM

Texas Secret Fact

Crack the code to learn when Texas 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.

I F K E L W F G E D F I N F

I R F U I P F B S N I N L I E I F X U

M F G F D W F Y I R F U I P U B U I N ,

F B S N I F F U T X Y I P T B J F .

Hints:

J = V D = M N = H

FINISH LINE

You did it, Texas explorer!

You solved your way across Texas, the Lone Star 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 Texas. Here is one to start you off: its capital is Austin.

DID YOU KNOW? 9 TRUE FACTS ABOUT TEXAS

- Texas is the second largest state in both size and population, with about 29.1 million people at the 2020 Census.
- Texas became the 28th state on December 29, 1845, after nearly ten years as its own country, the Republic of Texas.
- The name Texas comes from a Caddo word meaning "friend," and the state motto is Friendship.
- Guadalupe Peak in far West Texas, at 8,751 feet, is the highest point in the state.
- The Rio Grande, one of the longest rivers in North America, forms the border between Texas and Mexico.
- Texas has two national parks: Big Bend, along the Rio Grande, and Guadalupe Mountains in far West Texas.
- Texas raises more cattle than any other state, and it also grows more cotton than any other state.
- The bluebonnet has been the state flower of Texas since 1901, and it colors fields and roadsides blue each spring.
- Houston, the largest city in Texas, is home to NASA's Mission Control for astronauts in space.

MAKE YOUR OWN

Keep the Texas 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 Texas.

Word Search Maker

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

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Crossword Maker

Write your own clues about Austin and the Lone Star State for a custom crossword.

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Worksheet Builder

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

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Flash Card Maker

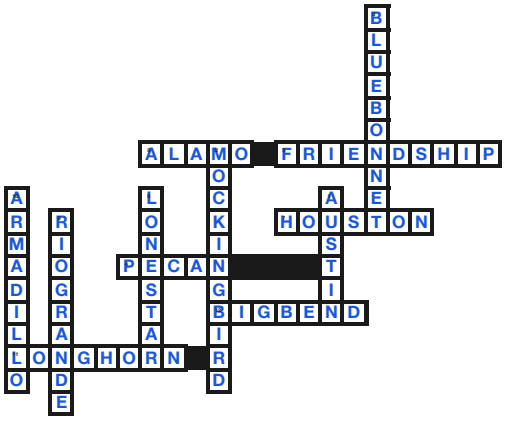
Make printable cards for Texas facts: its capital, nickname, statehood date and more.

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Answer Key

1. Texas Crossword (Crossword)

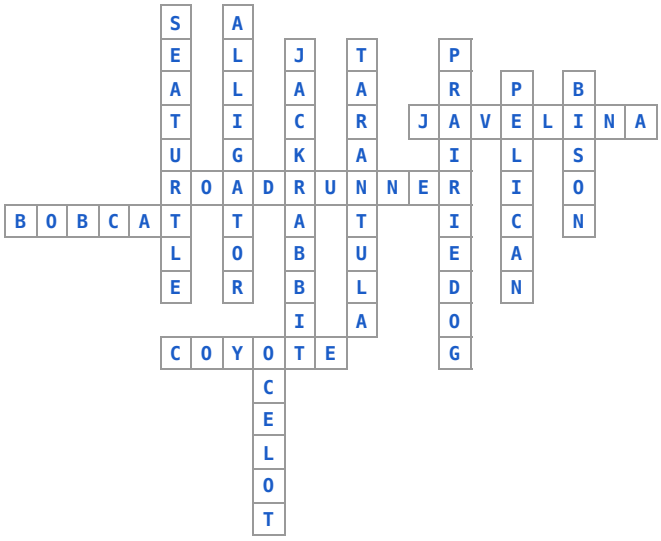


2. Texas Places to Explore (Word Search)

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

Answer Key

3. Texas Animals (Word Fill-In)



4. Texas Fun (Word Scramble)

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3.	OTOBS	**BOOTS**
4.	SALSO	**LASSO**
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5. Texas Secret Fact (Cryptogram)

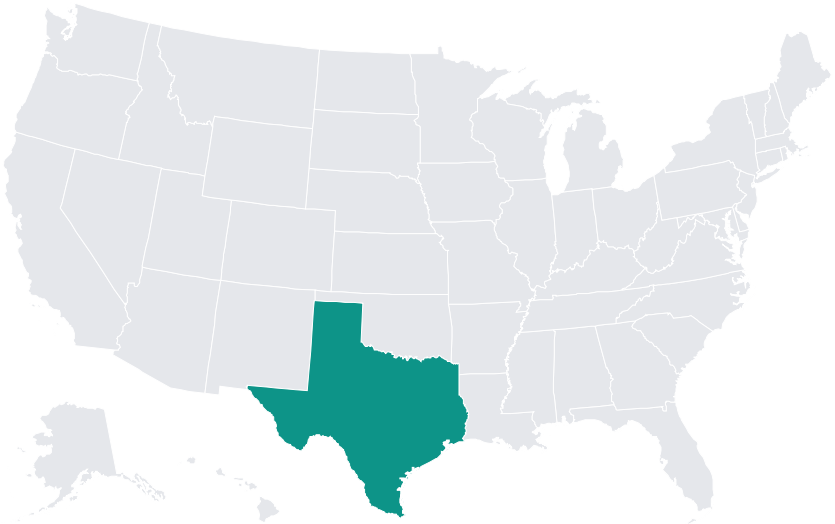
TEXAS BECAME THE TWENTY EIGHTH STATE ON DECEMBER TWENTY NINTH, EIGHTEEN FORTY FIVE.

COLLECT ALL 50

You're on state 28 of 50

Texas was the 28th 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: Iowa.

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- [ ] Alabama
- [ ] Alaska
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- [x] **Texas**
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