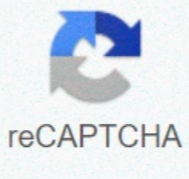




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Name all 50 states in alphabetical order

Image: Henryk Sadura / Moment / Getty Images With 50 states in the union, there's a lot of cities out there. Without making it completely obvious, do you think you can pick the state if we present you with three of a state's lesser-known cities? While we promise we haven't gone into completely obscure towns with a population of 13 people, we have tried to challenge that beautiful brain between your ears. No matter how much of a geography whiz you are, you might feel a little challenged by some of our chosen cities. We could have given you the capitals to all of them, but what fun would that be? We know that you probably covered those towns back in elementary school. As we travel around the country through this quiz, see how many of them you can get right without needing a hint. You might think you have the bragging rights to be called the geography champion of the world, but can you prove it? Out of 35 states, how many cities can you place correctly? Once you've finished, we will let you know how well you did! Will it be as well as you think you'll do, or do you need to revisit the books? TRIVIA Can You Guess The State From The Names of Three Cities? 6 Minute Quiz 6 Min TRIVIA We'll Give You Three Cities, You Tell Us the State! 6 Minute Quiz 6 Min TRIVIA If We Give You a Capital, Can You Give Us the Right State? 6 Minute Quiz 6 Min TRIVIA EASY The Ultimate State Outline Quiz! 6 Minute Quiz 6 Min TRIVIA Can You Name These U.S. Cities from Three Clues? 6 Minute Quiz 6 Min TRIVIA We'll Show You Three Sports Team Logos, You Tell Us Which State They Belong To 6 Minute Quiz 6 Min TRIVIA Can You Name These U.S. States by Their Shapes? 5 Minute Quiz 5 Min TRIVIA Can You Identify the U.S. State From a Crossword Clue? 6 Minute Quiz 6 Min PERSONALITY What State Matches Your Temperament? 5 Minute Quiz 5 Min TRIVIA If We Give You the Lyric, Can You Fill In the State? 6 Minute Quiz 6 Min How much do you know about dinosaurs? 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A vast land made up of 50 states, each individual state has something that helps make it memorable. From food to major landmarks, can you name these states from three clues?The history of the United States as a country began in 1776 with the start of the American Revolutionary War. Eleven years later would bring about the formation of the first few states through the ratification of the Constitution. What started as the original thirteen colonies would grow to become 50 states in the world's third largest country. How well do you know the states? Each state has its own characteristics that make it unique. Their nicknames like "The Garden State" and "The Lone Star State" help make them easily recognizable. Landmarks like the Statue of Liberty, the Space Needle, and Golden Gate Bridge help give them culture while the birthplace of presidents like George Washington, Bill Clinton, and Barack Obama make them memorable. From all the culture and customs lying within each state, can you identify them from just three clues? Can you differentiate between "The First State" and the last state, which is also called "The Aloha State?" There's only one way to find out! Take this quiz and let's find out what "state" of mind you're in! 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The Social Security Administration (SSA) compiles a list of the most popular baby names over the past 100 years. This represents perhaps the most complete picture of the most common names in the United States. The following list includes both male and female names — ranked from 10 to 1 — as well as the most common last names based on the 2010 census. In 2010, 1,060,159 people in the US had the last name Martinez. This was the tenth most common last name in the country. Meanwhile, the tenth most common first names over the last 100 years have been Charles (2,144,937 or 1.23 percent of 173,916,919 male births) and Margaret (993,136 or 0.59 percent of 169,671,039 female births). The ninth most common last name was also Hispanic. There were 1,094,924 Rodriguezes in 2010. And of all the baby boys born between 1918 and 2017, 2,174,023 have been Thomases. A total of 996,554 baby girls were named Sarah. Two common 'J' names are the eighth most popular in America: the biblical Joseph and Jessica. These aCCounted for 2,384,205 and 1,043,436 baby names, respectively. Meanwhile, in 2010, 1,116,357 people had the last name Davis. A sum of 2,487,983 Richards amount to 1.43 percent of all baby boys born between 1918 and 2017. The 1,106,071 Susans represent 0.65 percent of the total baby girl births. As for Millers, there were 1,161,437 of these recorded in 2010. Another Hispanic last name comes in at number six. There were 1,166,120 Garcias in the 2010 census. But over the past century, there have been more than 3,557,293 Davids and over 1,410,059 Barbaras. Love them or loathe them, the British royal family have long been the inspiration for baby names. There were 3,662,399 Williams born between 1918 and 2017 and 1,443,415 Elizabeths. Good luck keeping up with the Joneses, though; there were 1,425,470 of these in 2010. The fourth most common last name in 2010 was Brown, with 1,437,026 occurrences. Michael and Linda were the fourth most common baby names in the century before 2018. There were 4,315,462 and 1,448,097 of these, respectively. Robert and Jennifer are both pretty versatile names. Diminutives include Rob, Bob, Robbie, Bobby, and Jen. Jenna, Jenny and Jennie. That might be why they're so popular. Of all baby boys born 1918-2017, 4,371,203 (2.63 percent) were called Robert, while 1,465,928 (0.86 percent) of all girls were called Jennifer. 1,625,252 people had the last name Williams in 2010. OK, so you might not find many John Johnsons; but they both take the number two spot. A total 2.64 percent of baby boys (4,594,023 born in the last century) were given the name John, and the last census recorded 1,932,812 last names as Johnson. The 1,564,163 Patricias (Pat, Patty, Trisha, Trixie) represent 0.92 percent of all female births between 1918 and 2017. No surprises here: Smith is by far the most common name in the USA. In the 2010 census, 2,442,977 of them were counted. James and Mary are the most common first names. But while there were just 198,931 more Jameses than Johns born 1918-2017, there were 1,829,293 more Marys than Patricias. The 3,393,456 females called Mary aCCounted for 2 percent of all girl births. Forest Foxy/ShutterstockQuick—run through the list of U.S. states in your mind. Now take a guess: what's the one letter of the alphabet that doesn't show up in any of their names?Got your guess? Well, my trivia-savvy friends, the answer is...Q. That's right—50 different names, and not one of them contains the letter Q. Every other letter of our alphabet shows up at least once (well, unless you count these 6 letters that dropped out of our alphabet.If you guessed J or Z, though, you were close—and probably don't live in New Jersey or Arizona, since those are the only states that contain J and Z, respectively. There are couple of other rare letters, too, that only show up twice. No states except Alabama and Nebraska have a B in their name, and California and Florida are the only state names that contain F. If X was your guess, you were also close—the rare letter makes an appearance in only New Mexico and Texas. For a tougher state trivia challenge, try to guess each U.S. state based off its nickname.The only other letter with fewer than five appearances might surprise you: P! It's only in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, and Mississippi (the latter's double-P bumps it up to four appearances, even though it's only in three state names). However, if the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico become our 51st and 52nd states, that'll mean a little more representation for B, F, and P. Still no love for Q, though! Of course, there's more to the states than just their names—just look at these quirky facts about each of the U.S. states.Josh KatzThese 9 Words Reveal Where You Grew UpTonelloPhotography/ShutterstockHow Every State in America Got Its NameRaif Kleemann/ShutterstockThe Dumbest Laws in Every State Yev Haidamaka/Rd.comAs English speakers, it's pretty much a guarantee that we have the alphabet ingrained in our memory, in order, from a very young age. You can probably say the ABC's at rapid speed without even thinking about it, and some people can even say them backwards. We certainly can't imagine the alphabet being in any other order... but why is it in that order in the first place?When you think about it, it doesn't really make sense. It's not arranged by vowels and consonants, similar sounds, or how often the letters are used. (That actually varies by language; on French keyboards, the letter "Q" is where our "A"s are. Here's the full explanation for the location of our letters on the keyboard.)So how did the order we know today come to be? There's really not an easy answer. No one woke up and decided to put the letters in that order; the alphabet evolved slowly over a long period of time to become what it is today. In fact, here are the six letters you never knew that our alphabet lost along the way. Our alphabet can be traced all the way back to ancient Egypt, where foreign workers developed alphabetic lettering while the Egyptians themselves were still using hieroglyphics. This first alphabet was adapted by the Phoenicians, whose Mediterranean civilization thrived from 1500 to 300 BC. The Greeks then began using it around the 8th century BC, and we have them to thank for vowels. (And birthday cake, but that's a whole 'nother story.)From Greece, our alphabet traveled to Rome, and it's the Romans who turned it into the "modern" alphabet, with letters we recognize today. The University of Maryland made a seriously cool animation that visualizes the alphabet's evolution. As you can see, while the individual letters changed quite a bit, the order as a whole has stayed pretty much the same, with only a couple exceptions. The Romans took "Z," which was near the beginning of the Greek alphabet as "zeta" but had since disappeared, and tacked it onto the end of their alphabet. They also did something similar with "Y." (Neither of those, however, was actually the last letter added to the alphabet—this letter was.)So why that specific order? Well, we actually don't know for sure. Some scholars theorize that it was based off of the order of Egyptian hieroglyphics. One of the most popular theories suggests that there was a numerical component; each letter had a number equivalent, and those have just been lost over time. Others have theorized that the order came from a mnemonic device meant to help people remember it—some kind of sentence where each letter became a full word, like the technique you used in school to remember the order of the planets. Can you imagine what a 26-odd-letter mnemonic device would be like, though? (We can!) Personally, we much prefer the song!And I know what you're thinking; no, the letters weren't put into that order to fit the song. The tune already existed, in the form of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star," "Baa Baa Black Sheep," and a French folk song widely considered to be the earliest version. In fact, considering that the alphabet order and the song tune already existed, it's pretty impressive that they matched up so well! Next, learn the science behind why some songs get stuck in your head.[Source: mentalfloss.com] 1 Weird Things Cats And Dogs Do - And The Meanings Behind Them 2 Hunter S. 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