

# State Nicknames – A Right Angle Puzzle

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Determine the name of the state for each of the fifty nicknames listed below.  
Then write the letters of that state in the 19 by 22 matrix using the following rules:

- (1) Each word makes one right-angle turn somewhere along its length.  
But you must determine where each word makes this turn and in which direction.
- (2) As a guide, the starting direction (i.e., the direction of the word before its right angle turn) of each answer is indicated by the letter given after the clue number.
- (3) Words can go North, South, East, or West to start with.  
For example, 1E begins on square 1 and heads East.
- (4) Each letter in the correctly completed grid appears in only one word.
- (5) When entering the letters of the two word states (like Rhode Island), do not enter a space between the two words.

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1E The Granite State  
2W The Keystone State, or The Quaker State

3E The Bluegrass State  
4N The Volunteer State

5S The Peace Garden State  
6S The Centennial State

7S The Equality State, or The Cowboy State  
8E The Heart of Dixie, or The Yellowhammer State

9W The North Star State, or The Gopher State, or The Land of 10,000 Lakes  
10E The Badger State

11N The Constitution State  
12W The Sooner State

13E The Razorback State, or The Natural State  
14N The Golden State

15E The Treasure State, or The Big Sky State  
16W The Ocean State

17W The Silver State  
18W The Old Dominion

19W The Pelican State  
20E The Aloha State, or The Pineapple State

21S The Peach State  
22S The Cornhusker State

23S The Beaver State  
24N The Garden State

25W The Tar Heel State  
26N The Green Mountain State

27N The Grand Canyon State  
28W The Sunshine State

29N The Evergreen State  
30S The Last Frontier

31S The Beehive State  
32W The Pine Tree State

33S The Lone Star State  
34W The First State

35E The Hawkeye State  
36N The Buckeye State

37N The Mountain State  
38E The Magnolia State

39W The Hoosier State  
40W The Land of Enchantment

41W The Great Lakes State, or The Wolverine State  
42E The Empire State

43W The Coyote State  
44S The Prairie State, or The Land of Lincoln

45E The Old Line State, or The Free State  
46E The Sunflower State

47N The Gem State  
48N The Bay State

49W The Palmetto State  
50E The Show Me State

## Answer Key to State Nicknames

1E	NEW HAMPSHIRE	The Granite State
2W	PENNSYLVANIA	The Keystone State, or The Quaker State
3E	KENTUCKY	The Bluegrass State
4N	TENNESSEE	The Volunteer State
5S	NORTH DAKOTA-	The Peace Garden State
6S	COLORADO	The Centennial State
7S	WYOMING	The Equality State, or The Cowboy State
8E	ALABAMA	The Heart of Dixie, or The Yellowhammer State
9W	MINNESOTA	The North Star State, The Gopher State, The Land of 10,000 Lakes
10E	WISCONSIN	The Badger State
11N	CONNECTICUT	The Constitution State
12W	OKLAHOMA	The Sooner State
13E	ARKANSAS	The Razorback State, or The Natural State
14N	CALIFORNIA	The Golden State
15E	MONTANA	The Treasure State, or The Big Sky State
16W	RHODE ISLAND	The Ocean State
17W	NEVADA	The Silver State
18W	VIRGINIA	The Old Dominion
19W	LOUISIANA	The Pelican State
20E	HAWAII	The Aloha State, or The Pineapple State
21S	GEORGIA	The Peach State
22S	NEBRASKA	The Cornhusker State
23S	OREGON	The Beaver State
24N	NEW JERSEY	The Garden State
25W	NORTH CAROLINA	The Tar Heel State
26N	VERMONT	The Green Mountain State
27N	ARIZONA	The Grand Canyon State
28W	FLORIDA	The Sunshine State

29N	WASHINGTON	The Evergreen State
30S	ALASKA	The Last Frontier
31S	UTAH	The Beehive State
32W	MAINE	The Pine Tree State
33S	TEXAS	The Lone Star State
34W	DELAWARE	The First State
35E	IOWA	The Hawkeye State
36N	OHIO	The Buckeye State
37N	WEST VIRGINIA	The Mountain State
38E	MISSISSIPPI	The Magnolia State
39W	INDIANA	The Hoosier State
40W	NEW MEXICO	The Land of Enchantment
41W	MICHIGAN	The Great Lakes State, or The Wolverine State
42E	NEW YORK	The Empire State
43W	SOUTH DAKOTA	The Coyote State
44S	ILLINOIS	The Prairie State, or The Land of Lincoln
45E	MARYLAND	The Old Line State, or The Free State
46E	KANSAS	The Sunflower State
47N	IDAHO	The Gem State
48N	MASSACHUSETTS	The Bay State
49W	SOUTH CAROLINA	The Palmetto State
50E	MISSOURI	The Show Me State

NEW HAY SN NE PEE SSENNE  
AINRMLCTICUT KENTUC T  
A N A O P V E C A A W A L A B A M K A  
NONFSANOMTYOMINGAYN  
IRAIHN NLOOSENNI MNSA  
LTI L I I O O H W I S C O N S I A T  
OHSARA C R A L K O A R K A N S N  
RDI C E O D A N O T Y E S R E J M O  
AAUA I H R T N **T** G V E N N A W I V  
CKO L N O I A O **h** N A H A O G E R N  
HOTAI DPDM **e** I D O W Z E N G E  
TRO N G E P I R **U** H A R A I O E I B  
ETTSRIIRE **S** S E E I R R R N R  
SAAOISSO V **A** A N G I A G A I A  
UNT CVLSL F A W I O N A I W A S  
HIOITAI A N N U A M T I O A A K  
CLKXSN SLAATAHEH K L E D  
AOAEEDSAGI I O W X O R S H O  
SRDM W M I S I D N I A A S O A A I  
SAHWE N A K H C I M N E W Y S D R  
ACTUO S I M A R Y L A N K A N I U  
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