

State Location Clues

Use regions, borders, and nearby places to locate states.

USI.1.c "locating the 50 states."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each state name and circle the words or phrases that tell where that state is, so you can match states to location clues.

Finding States by Clues

- ① The United States has 50 states. To locate one, first notice its region. In the Northeast, Maine is at the far upper-right coast, while New York lies west of New England. In the Southeast, Florida reaches south between the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico. State names become easier to find when you connect them to nearby water, regions, and neighboring states.
- ② The Midwest is inland, around the Great Lakes and broad plains. Michigan touches several Great Lakes, and Illinois is south of Wisconsin. Farther south, Texas is large and touches the Gulf of Mexico. Looking for a state's border, such as a lake, river, ocean, or another state, helps narrow its place on a map.
- ③ In the West, California runs along the Pacific Ocean, and Nevada is directly east of California. Washington is above Oregon near the Pacific. Two states are not connected to the other 48 states. Alaska is northwest of Canada, and Hawaii is a group of islands in the Pacific Ocean. These location clues help you check each state's position.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1

Which state reaches south between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico?

2

Which state is directly east of California?

3

Which state in the passage touches several Great Lakes?

4

Name the two states that are not connected to the other 48 states.

3

YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose three states from the passage that were not answers to Part 2. In the table, write each state and one accurate location clue that would help someone find it.

STATE	LOCATION CLUE

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each state name and circle the words or phrases that tell where that state is, so you can match states to location clues. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which state reaches south between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico?	Florida.
2	Which state is directly east of California?	Nevada.
3	Which state in the passage touches several Great Lakes?	Michigan.
4	Name the two states that are not connected to the other 48 states.	Alaska and Hawaii.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

STATE	LOCATION CLUE
Maine	At the far upper-right coast in the Northeast
Illinois	South of Wisconsin
Washington	Above Oregon near the Pacific

Accept any three states from the passage that were not Part 2 answers, with accurate location clues from the passage. Clues may be written as phrases or complete sentences.