

STATES AND CAPITALS

What is a State?

In the United States, a state is a political division. **Boundaries** between states are either lines drawn by people or natural lines, like rivers. There are **50 states** in the United States of America.

What is a Capital?

A **capital** is the center of government in each state. Government buildings, such as courts, are located in the capital city. Government officials such as the governor and the senators work in these buildings.

Here are some states and their capitals...



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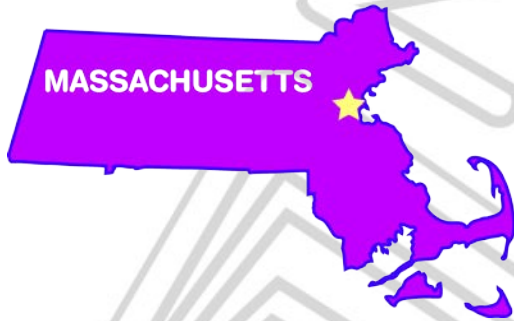
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Try This!

How Well Do You Know the States and their Capitals?

1. The capital of **Pennsylvania** is _____.

- a] Philadelphia
- b] Harrisburg
- c] Pittsburgh
- d] Penn City

2. The capital of **Florida** is _____.

- a] Miami
- b] Orlando
- c] Tallahassee
- d] Tampa

3. The capital of **Iowa** is _____.

- a] Decatur
- b] Orleans
- c] Ames
- d] Des Moines



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