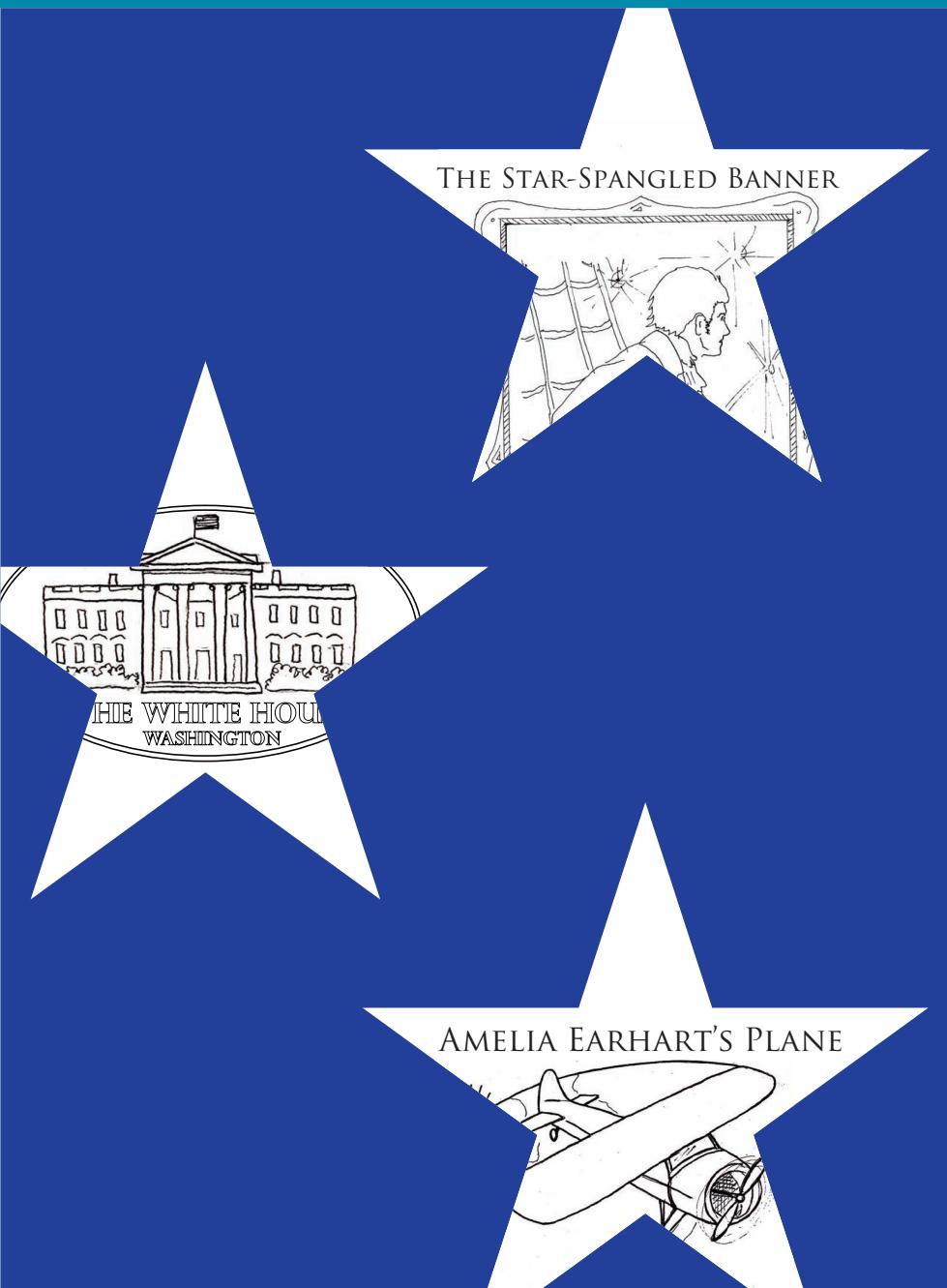


PUNCTUATION

in Practice

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“ “ What's the connection between punctuations and these national treasures? ” ”



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3. My mom drove the wrong way down a one way street yesterday!
4. Joshua is the smartest nine year old boy I have ever met.
5. That police officer is a friendly looking man.
6. The well known actress accepted her award.
7. Brian got a much needed haircut.
8. Our class president is a very self assured boy.
9. There is an old fashioned love song on the radio.
10. All of the students were well dressed for their class photo.
11. Of all the ice cream flavors, chocolate and vanilla are the best known.
12. Everyone likes Mary because she is so happy go lucky.
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V/CV: Divide the word before the consonant in the second syllable if the first vowel is a long sound.

Example: frozen fro / zen

Divide the words by using the v/cv pattern.

1. tiger _____

2. frequent _____

3. zebra _____

4. cable _____

5. tiny _____

6. motel _____

7. pilot _____

Circle the correct way to separate these words using the V/CV pattern.

1. **honey:** hon / ey hone / y ho / ney

2. **table:** tabl / e ta / ble tab / le

3. **lizard:** li / zard liz / ard liza / rd

4. **hotel:** hot / el hot / el ho / tel

5. **silent:** si / lent sil / ent sile/nt

6. **virus:** vir / us vi / rus viru / s

7. **gravy:** gr / avy grav / y gra / vy

8. **final:** fin / al fi / nal fina / l

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Example: racket rack / et

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|-----------|-------|------------|-------|
| 1. lizard | _____ | 2. chicken | _____ |
| 3. jacket | _____ | 4. rocket | _____ |
| 5. closet | _____ | 6. current | _____ |
| 7. locket | _____ | | |

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- | | | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1. salad: | sa / lad | sal / ad | sala / d |
| 2. model: | mod / el | mode / l | mo / del |
| 3. visit: | vis / it | vi / sit | visi / t |
| 4. present: | pre / sent | prese / nt | pres / ent |
| 5. finish: | fin / ish | fini / sh | fi / nish |
| 6. novel: | no / vel | nove / l | nov / el |
| 7. limit: | limi / t | lim / it | li / mit |
| 8. lemon: | lem / on | le / mon | lemo / n |

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Example: pencil pen / cil

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1. gossip _____

2. garden _____

3. splinter _____

4. magnet _____

5. dentist _____

6. lipstick _____

7. sandlot _____

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1. **rabbit:** rabb / it ra / bbit rab / bit

2. **untie:** un / tie unt / ie unti / e

3. **mirror:** mir / ror mirr / or mi / ror

4. **button:** bu / tton but / ton butt / on

5. **carpet:** ca / rpet carp / et car / pet

6. **sandal:** san / dal sa / ndal sand / al

7. **insect:** inse / ct in / sect ins / ect

8. **muffin:** muf / fin mu / ffin muff / in

Its or It's?

Circle the correct word in each sentence.

Its is a possessive pronoun.

It's is a contraction that means it is.

The tiger licked its it's paw.

I wonder if its it's going to rain tomorrow.

Its It's time to go to school.

My cat and its it's kittens are taking a nap.

Its It's going to be a long walk to the train.

That dress is beautiful! Its It's color is perfect for you.

I'm glad its it's sunny outside today.

Your puppy is so cute, what's its it's name?

Hurry up and catch the train! Its It's coming!

Have you seen my toy? Its It's not in its it's box.



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_____ house is almost one hundred years old!

Have you been _____ yet?

_____ looking for _____ lost cat.

Tomorrow, _____ throwing a graduation party.

_____ going to Hawaii for summer vacation.

_____ is no more milk left.

What did you see over _____ ?

On Sunday, _____ family plays tennis.

Eva played with _____ new puppy.



3rd Grade Spelling Test

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Rewrite these spelling words.

1. can't _____

6. weren't _____

2. won't _____

7. wouldn't _____

3. couldn't _____

8. that's _____

4. it's _____

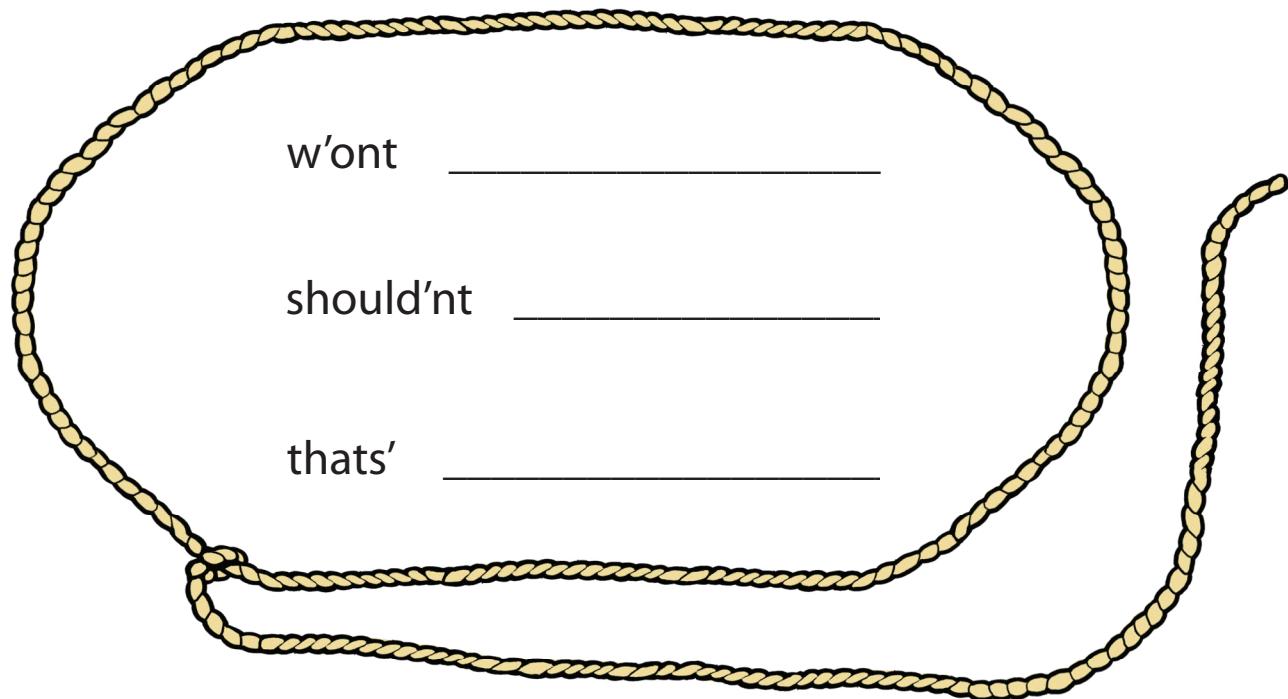
9. isn't _____

5. aren't _____

10. shouldn't _____

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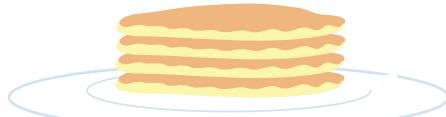
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Describe the position of each object by relating it to the object near it.
Write your sentence in the space provided. See the example.



Where is the surfboard?

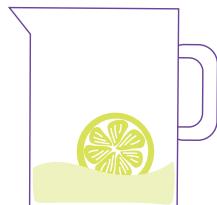
The surfboard is next to the sand castle.



Where are the pancakes?



Where are the books?



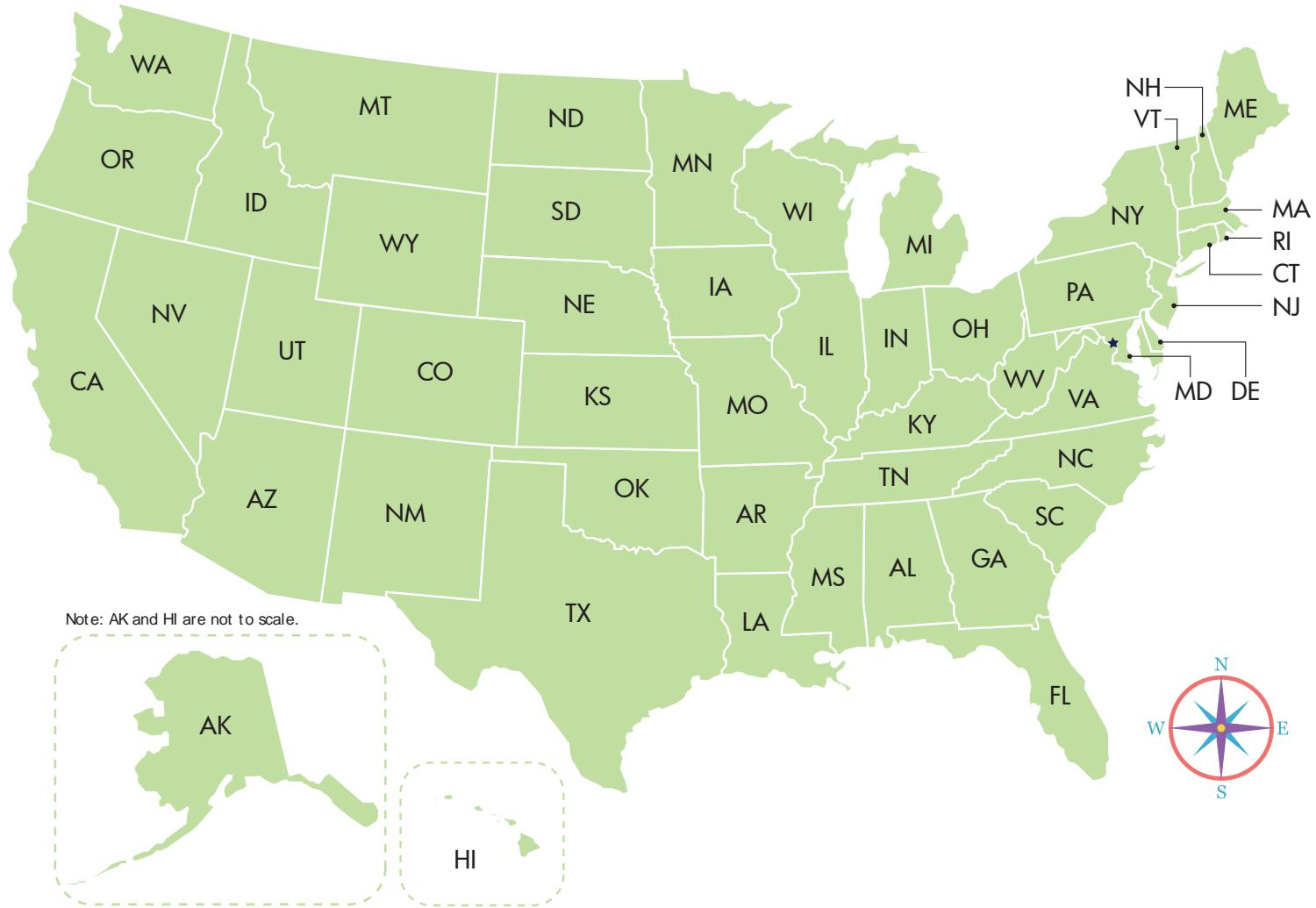
Where is the lemon?



Where is the paint?

Make It Short!

Each state in the United States has its own two-letter postal abbreviation. Use the map on this page to find the postal abbreviation for every state.



Alabama _____

California _____

Alaska _____

Colorado _____

Arizona _____

Connecticut _____

Arkansas _____

Delaware _____

Continue to write the postal abbreviation for every state.

Florida _____

New Jersey _____

Georgia _____

New Mexico _____

Hawaii _____

New York _____

Idaho _____

North Carolina _____

Illinois _____

North Dakota _____

Indiana _____

Ohio _____

Iowa _____

Oklahoma _____

Kansas _____

Oregon _____

Kentucky _____

Pennsylvania _____

Louisiana _____

Rhode Island _____

Maine _____

South Carolina _____

Maryland _____

South Dakota _____

Massachusetts _____

Tennessee _____

Michigan _____

Texas _____

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Missouri _____

Virginia _____

Montana _____

Washington _____

Nebraska _____

West Virginia _____

Nevada _____

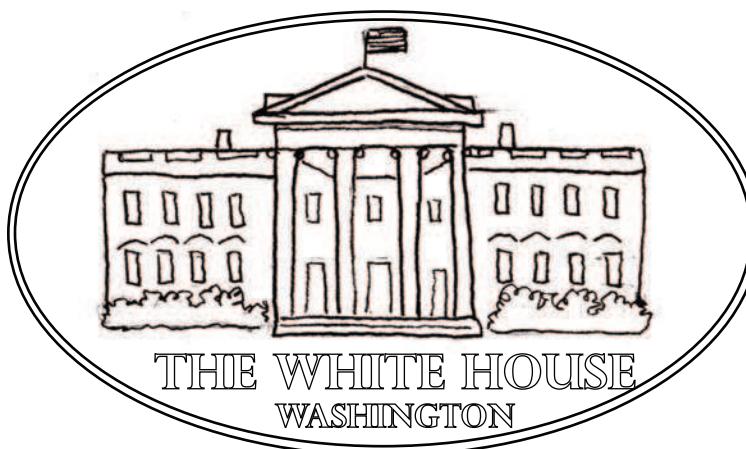
Wisconsin _____

New Hampshire _____

Wyoming _____

THE WHITE HOUSE

The White House is the president's home, and also a workplace for the cabinet. Before it stood at its famous address at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., the president's house was in Philadelphia, which was the temporary capital while Washington, D.C. was being built. When John Adams moved into the White House in 1800, he became the first president to live there. In 1814, British troops set fire to it during the War of 1812, and it required minor reconstruction. By the middle of the century, it became clear that the White House would have to be expanded to accommodate all of the people who worked with the President over the course of the day. President Theodore Roosevelt built an office behind the White House in 1902, with workspaces for him and his employees, now known as the West Wing. Since then, many presidents have had special rooms put into the house during their stay, such as swimming pools, bowling alleys, and gyms. The White House is open for tours, but you must arrange them through your member of Congress.



Answer the questions below on a separate piece of paper.

1. Why do you think the President needs to live in Washington, D.C.?
2. What special room would you have put into the White House if you were president?



The White House in Washington, D.C.

Vocabulary

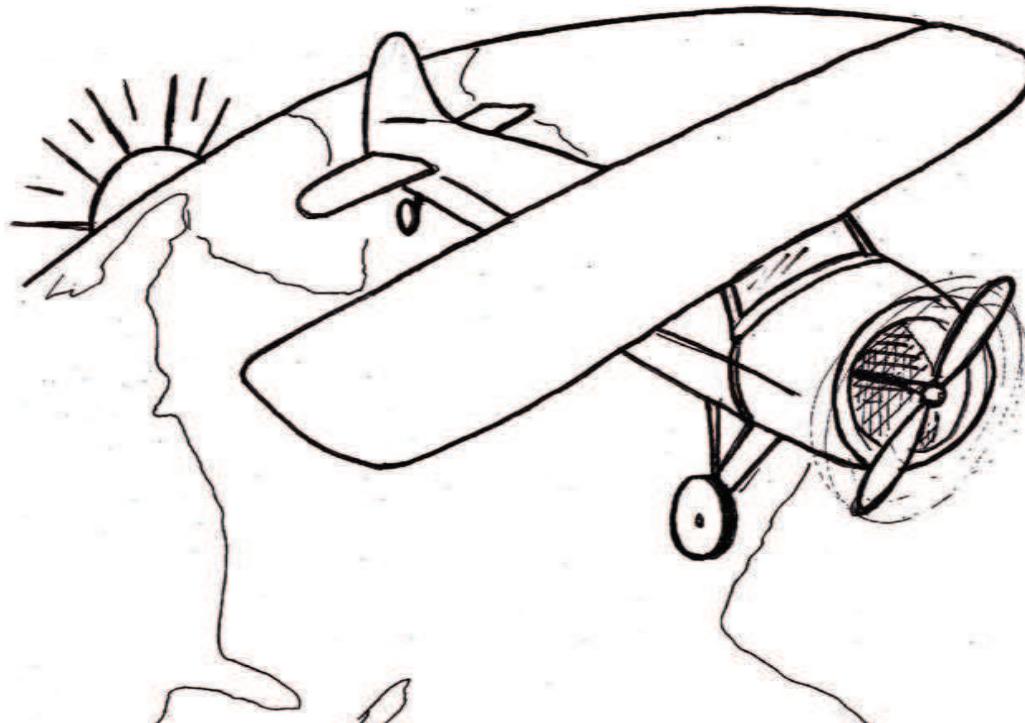
capital: a city or town that is the official home of the government. “We decided to go to the capital to see if we could find a lawmaker who would support our cause.”

expand: to increase in size. “The company is expanding and will be moving into bigger offices next month.”

accommodate: Make room for, or to make someone or something comfortable. “We can’t accommodate your request for fifty pillows so you can make a fort in your room.”

AMELIA EARHART'S PLANE

Amelia Earhart was a pioneer of flight and an important figure in women's equality. Aside from achieving many firsts in the aviation world, she was also the first woman to accomplish these feats and spent much of her career fighting for the acceptance of female pilots in aviation. Her plane, a Lockheed Vega 5B, is on display at the National Air and Space Museum. Earhart made two important flights in this plane: the first solo flight by a woman across the Atlantic in 1932, and later that year made the first solo nonstop flight by a woman across the U.S.



Answer the questions below on a separate piece of paper.

1. Name another woman who was the first to do something important.
2. If you could fly Amelia Earhart's plane anywhere, where would you go?



Amelia Earhart (1897-1937)

Vocabulary

pioneer: someone who is among the first to do something. "Elvis Presley was the pioneer of rock and roll."

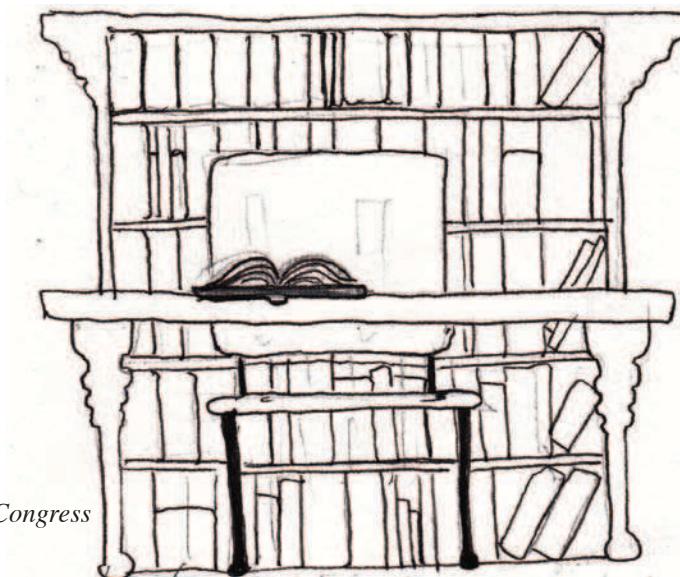
aviation: the study of flying in airplanes and other aircraft. "I wanted to study aviation in college so I could become a pilot, but my family wanted me to study law."

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

The Library of Congress began in 1800, when President Adams signed a bill that created a library for members of congress to use, containing only books that they might need to use for work. Unfortunately, the original collection was lost when the British burned down the U.S. Capitol during the War of 1812. An *avid* reader, former president Thomas Jefferson donated his collection of books to re-establish the nation's official library. Jefferson believed that all subjects were important to refer to, and suggested that the new Library of Congress keep materials on all subjects. The Library of Congress began collecting books of all kinds, as long as they were *copyrighted* in the U.S. After they began running out of space in the Capitol, a new building was built on the National Mall in 1886, where it stands today. The library also researches American life, documenting and keeping *multimedia* records of unique cultures, societies, and ways of life in the United States.



Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.



A reading room at the Library of Congress

Answer the questions below on a separate piece of paper.

1. Do you think it is important for the U.S. to keep copies of books about many different subjects?
Why or why not?

2. Why do you think the library conducts its own research of American life?

The Star-Spangled Banner

The Star-Spangled Banner is the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the words that he would later set to the music that would become our national anthem. During the War of 1812, Key was detained on a British ship. He noticed the flag being raised early in the morning after a major battle, and was inspired by the sight to write "The Star-Spangled Banner". The song became popular with Union troops and supporters during the Civil War, and was made our official national anthem in 1931. The actual "star-spangled banner" that he saw from the ship is now on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History.



The Star-Spangled Banner at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Vocabulary

anthem: a song of praise or devotion. "The British national anthem has the same tune as the patriotic American song, 'My Country 'Tis of Thee'."

detain: to keep, to restrain. "He was detained by airport officials for several hours."

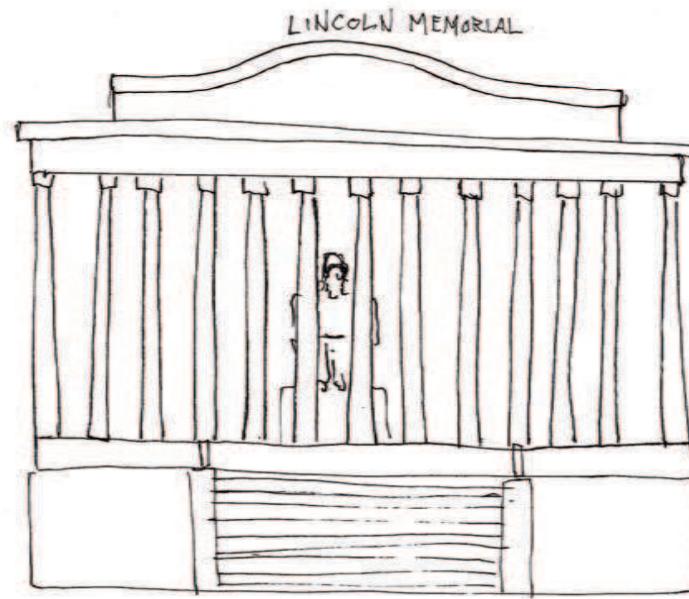
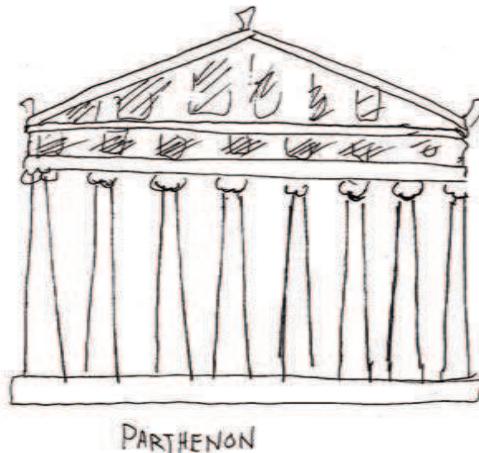
Answer the questions below on a separate piece of paper.

1. Why was Key so inspired by the sight of the American flag?
2. What other songs do you think would make a good national anthem?

LINCOLN MEMORIAL

Designed after the temples of Ancient Greece, the Lincoln Memorial was built as a tribute to our 16th president Abraham Lincoln, who many say is one of the greatest presidents in our nation's history. Lincoln successfully lead the country through the *turmoil* of the Civil War, and outlawed the cruel and unfair practice of slavery in the U.S. After Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, the public and government began thinking about a memorial to honor him. Work began on the Lincoln Memorial in 1914 and it was completed in 1922. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his famous "I Have A Dream" speech from the steps of the memorial in 1963. The Lincoln Memorial is located on the west end of the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

The Parthenon and the Lincoln Memorial.



Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Vocabulary

turmoil: confusion or uproar. "When the restaurant removed the double-mayo cheeseburger from their menu, there was great *turmoil* and unrest among their regular customers."

Answer the questions below on a separate piece of paper.

1. Why do you think Martin Luther King, Jr. chose to make his speech at the Lincoln Memorial?
2. Name somewhere you have seen the Lincoln Memorial before.

Presidio of San Francisco

The Presidio of San Francisco is an inactive military base in San Francisco. Spanish colonists from Mexico founded it as a fort in 1776. In 1822, after Mexico won its independence, the Presidio became Mexico's property. 24 years later, The United States seized the Presidio. It evolved into one of the most important bases on the Pacific coast, and played a role in many U.S. conflicts until it was closed in 1994. The Presidio is now owned by the National Park Service and is a historical focal point in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, a section of public land in San Francisco and Marin counties that surrounds the Golden Gate Bridge.



Answer the questions below on a separate piece of paper.

1. Why do you think the Spanish chose to build a fort along the coastline?
2. Do you think it is important to preserve historic buildings like the Presidio? Do you think they should be open to the public? Why or why not?



Presidio gun turrets, San Francisco, CA

Vocabulary

inactive: no longer being used.

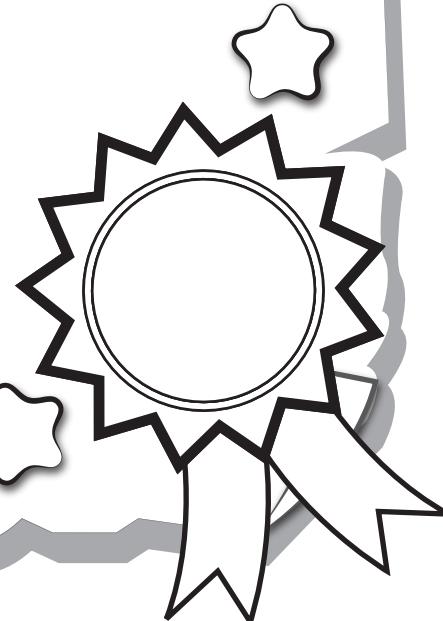
evolved: became, turned into.

focal point: an important or eye-catching item in a group.



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| 7. pilot | <u>pi</u> <u>lot</u> | | |

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| 6. virus: | vir / us | vi / rus | viru / s |
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|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
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| 2. model: | mod / el | mode / l | mo / del |
| 3. visit: | vi / sit | vis / it | visi / t |
| 4. present: | pre / sent | prese / nt | pres / ent |
| 5. finish: | fin / ish | fini / sh | fi / nish |
| 6. novel: | no / vel | nove / l | nov / el |
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| 2. untie: | un / tie | unt / ie | unti / e |
| 3. mirror: | mir / ror | mirr / or | mi / ror |
| 4. button: | bu / tton | but / ton | butt / on |
| 5. carpet: | ca / rpet | carp / et | car / pet |
| 6. sandal: | san / dal | sa / ndal | sand / al |
| 7. insect: | inse / ct | in / sect | ins / ect |
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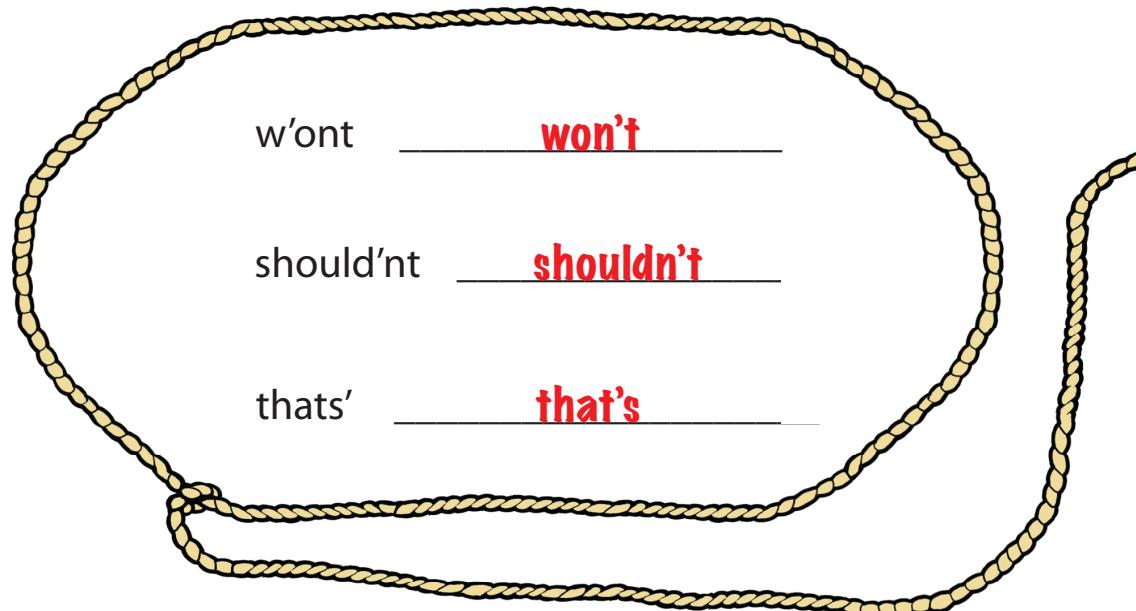


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3. couldn't _____
4. it's _____
5. aren't _____
6. weren't _____
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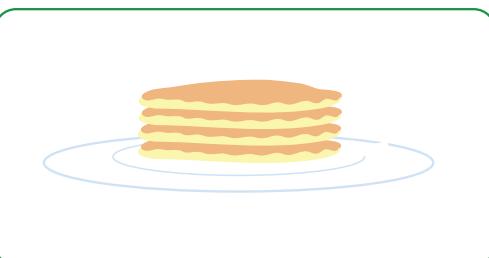
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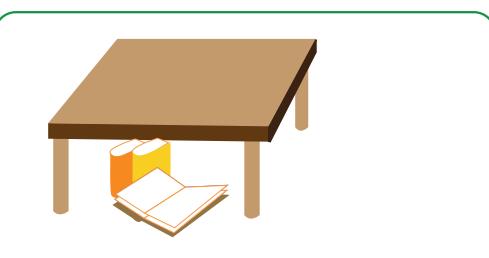
Where is the surfboard?

The surfboard is next to the sand castle.



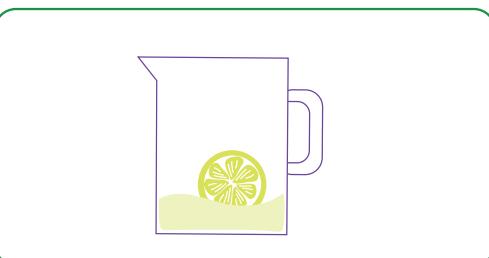
Where are the pancakes?

The pancakes are on the plate.



Where are the books?

The books are under the table.



Where is the lemon?

The lemon is inside the pitcher.



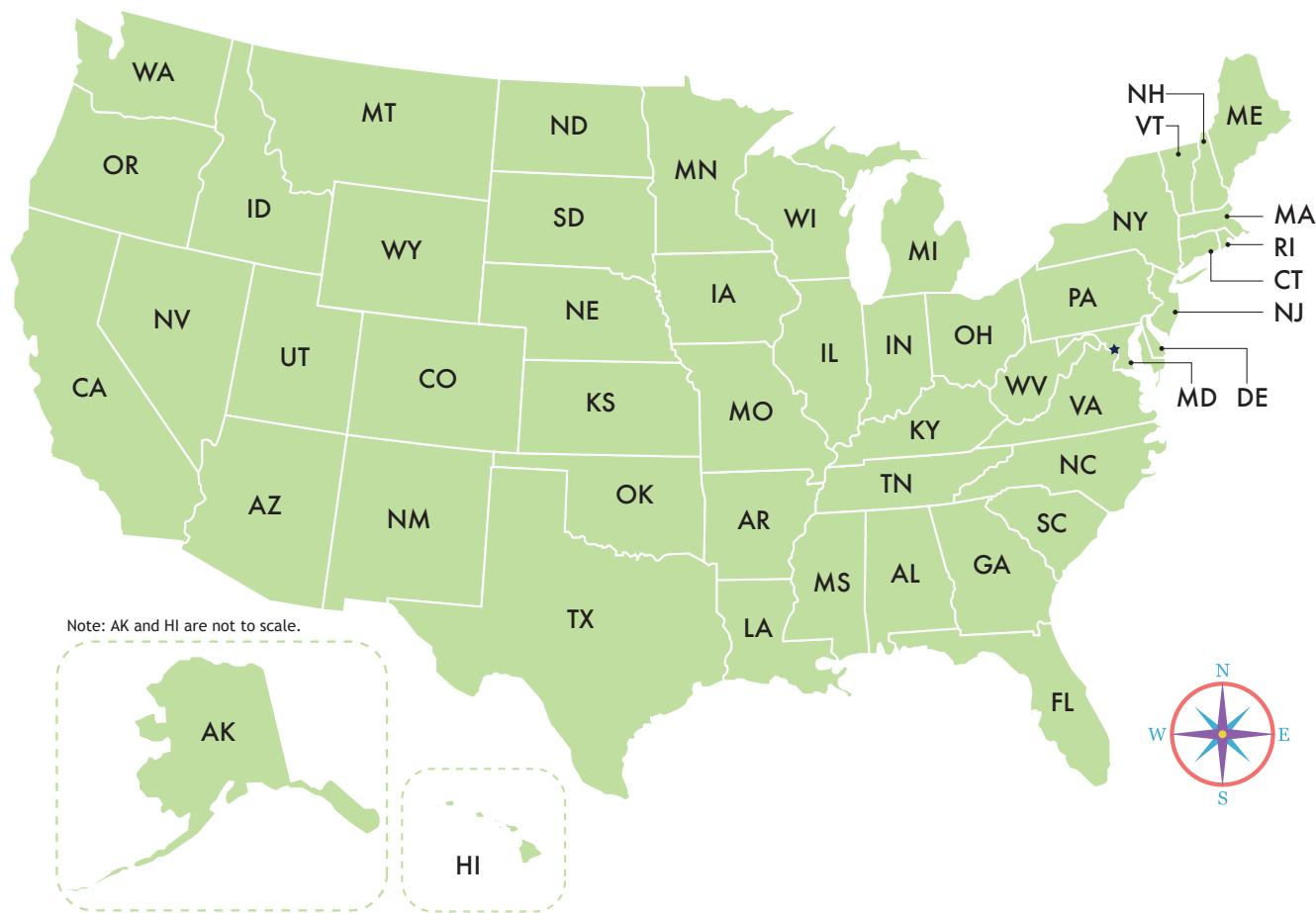
Where is the paint?

The paint is in between the pieces of wood.

Answer Sheet

Make It Short!

Each state in the United States has its own two-letter postal abbreviation. Use the map on this page to find the postal abbreviation for every state.



Alabama AL

California CA

Alaska AK

Colorado CO

Arizona AZ

Connecticut CT

Arkansas AR

Delaware DE

Answer Sheet

Continue to write the postal abbreviation for every state.

Florida FL

Georgia GA

Hawaii HI

Idaho ID

Illinois IL

Indiana IN

Iowa IA

Kansas KS

Kentucky KY

Louisiana LA

Maine ME

Maryland MD

Massachusetts MA

Michigan MI

Minnesota MN

Mississippi MS

Missouri MO

Montana MT

Nebraska NE

Nevada NV

New Hampshire NH

New Jersey NJ

New Mexico NM

New York NY

North Carolina NC

North Dakota ND

Ohio OH

Oklahoma OK

Oregon OR

Pennsylvania PA

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South Carolina SC

South Dakota SD

Tennessee TN

Texas TX

Utah UT

Vermont VT

Virginia VA

Washington WA

West Virginia WV

Wisconsin WI

Wyoming WY