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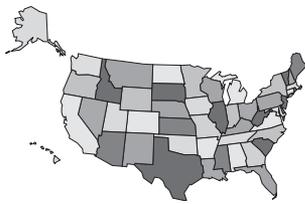
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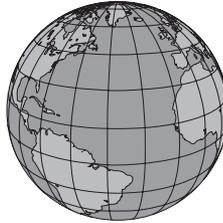
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Which Doesn't Belong?

Three terms or concepts in each group below have something geographical in common. A fourth in each group doesn't belong. Circle the unrelated term or concept.

Oregon Montana North Dakota Minnesota

.....

Florida Alabama Georgia Ohio

.....

Maine Missouri New Hampshire Vermont

.....

Iowa Illinois Indiana Idaho





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Sequences

Think about how the three locations or concepts in each group below are related geographically: by area, population, location and so on. Then add another word to one of the blanks to complete each sequence. In some groups, several answers may be correct.

_____ San Francisco _____ Santa Barbara _____ San Diego _____

_____ Maine _____ New Hampshire _____ New York _____

_____ Rhode Island _____ Connecticut _____ Hawaii _____

_____ Texas _____ Louisiana _____ Mississippi _____





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Analogies

Each line below contains three geographical concepts or locations and a blank. Study the word pair in each line separated by a single colon. How are those words related? Fill in the blank to create another pair of words related to each other in the same way.

Miami : Florida :: Detroit : _____

Pacific : Oregon :: _____ : South Carolina

Montana : _____ :: Mississippi : Magnolia State

_____ : Alaska :: Olympia : Washington





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What's Right?

Each sentence below makes a geographical statement. In each group of four, only one is correct. Circle the correct statement.

Four states border California.
 Eight states border Missouri.
 Three states border North Carolina.
 Four states border West Virginia.

El Paso is located in west Texas.
 Laredo is located in east Texas.
 Houston is located in north Texas.
 Abilene is located in south Texas.

The Colorado River is longer than
 the Mississippi River.
 The Snake River is shorter than
 the Rio Grande.
 The Ohio River is longer than the
 Missouri River.
 The Platte River is shorter than
 the Hudson River.

