

## Comparing and Contrasting Alabama and Tennessee

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### Alabama

Alabama, which means "Tribal Town" in native language, became a state on December 14, 1819. It is a southern state that borders Mississippi, Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia. Much of the Tennessee River winds through the northern part of the state. High hills from the Appalachian Range dot parts of northern Alabama. Alabama borders the Gulf of Mexico to the south and features popular beaches. Its capital, Montgomery, was named for Revolutionary War hero Richard Montgomery. Its state bird is the yellowhammer.

### Tennessee

Tennessee is located in the Southern United States. It borders eight other states including Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri. Tennessee is landlocked, which means it has no beaches. Tennessee became America's 16th state on June 1, 1796. Its capital and largest city is Nashville. Both the Tennessee and Mississippi Rivers wind through the state, with the Mississippi forming its entire western border. Eastern Tennessee features some of the highest peaks in the Appalachian Mountains. The Mockingbird is the state bird of Tennessee, and four other southern states.

Which facts belong in each category?

**Borders Mississippi**

**The Tennessee River flows through**

**Became a state FIRST**

**Is a Southern state**

**Its capital and largest city are the same**

**Has popular beaches**

**Touches the Gulf of Mexico**

**Includes parts of the Appalachian Mountains and hills**

**Borders Florida**

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**Answers:**

Alabama	Both	Tennessee
<b>Has popular beaches</b>	<b>Borders Mississippi</b>	<b>Became a state FIRST</b>
<b>Touches the Gulf of Mexico</b>	<b>The Tennessee River flows through</b>	<b>Its capital and largest city are the same</b>
<b>Borders Florida</b>	<b>Is a Southern state</b> <b>Includes parts of the Appalachian Mountains and hills</b>	<b>Shares a state bird with other states</b>