

## Comparing and Contrasting Iowa and Wisconsin

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Iowa

Iowa is located in the Midwestern United States. Known as the Hawkeye State, Iowa borders Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Illinois, Missouri, and Nebraska. Iowa's land is dominated by grasslands, rolling hills, and prairies. It is the only state in which the eastern and western borders are made of water. The Mississippi River forms Iowa's eastern border and the Missouri River forms its western border. Iowa's capital and largest city is Des Moines, pronounced "dah-moin." Iowa became America's 29<sup>th</sup> state on December 27, 1846. It was carved from the Louisiana Territory, acquired by America from France in 1803. Today, over 3,100,000 people live in Iowa, making it the 29<sup>th</sup> largest state in terms of population in America.

### Wisconsin

Wisconsin, known as the Badger State, is located in the Midwestern United States. It borders Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan. Its western border is formed by the Mississippi River. It is also a Great Lakes state because it borders Lake Michigan to the east and Lake Superior to the north.

Wisconsin became America's 30<sup>th</sup> state on May 29, 1848. Its capital is Madison, named after America's fourth president, James Madison, and its largest city is Milwaukee, located on the southern shores of Lake Michigan. Wisconsin is one of the nation's leading dairy producers, and is famous for its vast cheese industry and is sometimes called "America's DairyLand." In fact, fans of the Green Bay Packers, Wisconsin's professional football team, are called "cheeseheads." Almost six million people live in Wisconsin, making it the nation's 20<sup>th</sup> largest state in terms of population.

Which facts belong in each category?

**Home to the Green Bay Packers**

**Has more people**

**The Mississippi River flows through**

**Capital and largest city are the same**

**Borders one or more great lakes**

**Capital is named after a president**

**Located in the Midwestern United States**

**Borders more states**

**Became a state in 1858**

**Eastern and western borders are made of water**

**Iowa**

**Both**

**Wisconsin**

**Neither**

**Answers:**

**Iowa**

**Capital and largest city are the same  
Borders more states  
Eastern and western borders are made of water.**

**Both**

**The Mississippi River flows through  
Located in the Midwestern United States**

**Wisconsin**

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Capital is named after a president**

**Neither**

**Became a state in 1858**