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CALIFORNIA

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions below.

California is a state on the west coast of the United States. It became a state on September 9, 1850. The capital of California is Sacramento, but the largest city is Los Angeles. California is known for its beaches, mountains, and many fun activities. One of the most famous places in California is Disneyland, located in Anaheim. It is a theme park where families can enjoy rides, shows, and meet their favorite characters. California is also known for its large cities like Los Angeles and San Francisco. The Golden Gate Bridge, located in San Francisco, is one of the most famous landmarks in the state. California has a wide variety of weather. In the summer, it can be very hot in some parts, especially in the desert areas. But in the winter, you can also find snow on the mountains. People enjoy skiing in places like Lake Tahoe.

PREVIEW

1. What is the capital of California?

a) Los Angeles
b) San Francisco
c) Sacramento

2. What is California known for?

a) Deserts and ice
b) Beaches, mountains, and theme parks
c) Tall buildings and factories

3. Which theme park in Anaheim is named in the passage?

a) Disneyland
b) Legoland
c) Universal Studios

4. What is the Golden Gate Bridge?

a) A famous shopping mall
b) A famous landmark in San Francisco
c) A large park

5. Which winter activity does the passage describe?

a) Go skiing on the mountains
b) Swim at the beach
c) Go fishing in the river



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ALASKA

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions below.

Alaska is the largest state in the United States. It is in the far northwest, next to Canada and near Russia. Alaska became a state on January 3, 1959. The capital of Alaska is Juneau, but the biggest city is Anchorage. Alaska is known for its cold weather, tall mountains, and icy glaciers. Denali, federally named Mount McKinley, is the tallest mountain in North America. It is in Alaska. Many animals live in Alaska, like bears, moose, and eagles. People also visit Alaska to see the northern lights, which light up the sky in beautiful colors at night. Alaska has long, cold winters and short, cool summers. Even in the summer, some places in Alaska still have ice and snow!

PREVIEW

1. What is the capital of Alaska?

a) Anchorage
b) Juneau
c) Fairbanks

2. What is Alaska known for?

a) Deserts and cactuses
b) Warm beaches
c) Cold weather and glaciers

3. What is the tallest mountain in North America?

a) Denali (Mount McKinley)
b) Mount Everest
c) Pike's Peak

4. What animals can you find in Alaska?

a) Bears, moose, and eagles
b) Lions, zebras, and giraffes
c) Kangaroos and koalas

5. What lights up the sky in Alaska at night?

a) Fireworks
b) The northern lights
c) Airplanes

