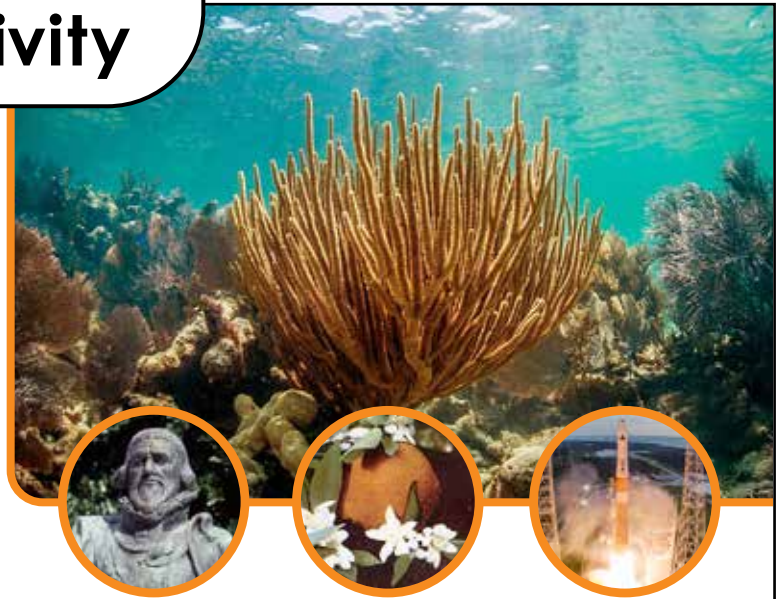# Florida
Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:
- 18 Florida fact cards (pages 2–6)
- Florida questions worksheet (pages 7–8)
- scissors
- scotch tape

Preparation
Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the Florida questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 Florida fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find

Preview

Please log in to download the printable version of this worksheet.

Management tips
You may want to make this a silent activity so students don't share answers with each other.

You can have the kids work by themselves or with partners.

Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- lying flat on the classroom bookshelf
- on the side of the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.

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Fact Card 1

Florida's nickname is "The Sunshine State." With around 240 sunny days each year, it's one of the sunniest states in the country!

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Fact Card 2

The Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de León gave Florida its name when he arrived in 1513. *Florida* is Spanish for

Florida

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Florida's state flag is white with a red St. Andrew's Cross. The state seal sits in the middle. The background is similar to the Spanish Florida flag flown from 1513–1821.

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People began living in Florida around 14,000 years ago. There were once many Native American tribes. Today, the U.S. government recognizes two: the Miccosukee and Seminole (pictured).

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Fact Card
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The state capital of Florida is

Florida

Fact Card
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Jacksonville is the most populous city in Florida. About 1,000,000 people live there. It is also the largest city by area in the mainland United States.

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The second-most populous city in Florida is Miami. About 450,000 people live in the city itself. More than 6,000,000 live in the surrounding areas.

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Tampa is the third-most populous city in Florida. About 400,000 people live there.

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Fact Card
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Everglades National Park contains about 20% of the Everglades. There's no other place on Earth like these grassy wetlands. It was named a World Heritage Site in 1979.

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Fact Card
10

Spanish explorers founded the city of St. Augustine in 1565. People

Florida

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At 345 feet (105 meters), Britton Hill is Florida's highest point. Florida's lowest point is sea level (0 feet/ meters). That makes it the flattest state!

FLORIDA'S HIGHEST POINT →

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The Florida Keys are home to the only living barrier reef in a U.S. state other than Hawaii. The Florida Reef is also the third largest barrier reef in the world.

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Fact Card
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Florida's state bird is the northern mockingbird (pictured). However, it has competition! Some are

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Fact Card
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Florida has different types of state animals. Some, like the Florida
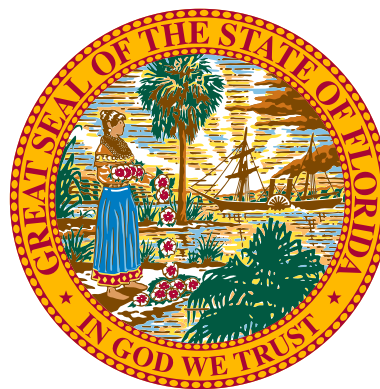
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The state flower of Florida is the orange blossom. There are plenty of them in the state, since nearly half of U.S. orange juice comes from Florida oranges!

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Florida's state seal shows a Seminole woman spreading flowers along a coastline.

It also shows a sabal palm, Florida's official state tree.

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Fact Card
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You're never far from water in Florida! It has 8,436 miles (13,576 km) of coastline and more freshwater springs than any other state.

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Fact Card
18

One of Florida's coasts is Space Coast. Nearly all U.S. manned rockets launched from

Florida Scavenger Hunt

Fact Card 1: How many sunny days does "The Sunshine State" have each year?

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Fact Card 2: Who gave Florida its name?

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Fact Card 3: Parts of the Florida state flag are similar to a Spanish flag flown when?

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Fact Card 6: What is the most populous city in Florida? How many people live there?

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Fact Card 7: How many people live in the city of Miami itself?

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Fact Card 8: What is the third-most populous city in Florida?

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Fact Card 9: Which of Florida's three national parks is a World Heritage Site?

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Fact Card 10: When was St. Augustine founded?

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Fact Card 11: What is the total difference between Florida's highest and lowest points?

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Fact Card 12: What type of coral reef is the Florida Reef?

Fact Card 15: What is the state flower of Florida?

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Fact Card 16: What is the state tree of Florida?

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Fact Card 17: How long is the Florida coastline in total?

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Fact Card 18: Nearly all U.S. manned rockets launched from the Kennedy Space Station or…

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