State of Confusion Crossword

Instructions

To solve this challenging puzzle, you must be familiar with the two-letter postal abbreviations for each of the United States. For example, MI = Michigan, HA = Hawaii and so on. Find the complete list here.

As you read each clue, look for the two-letter abbreviations for one or more states hidden inside words in the sentence. Write the corresponding state into the crossword. Sounds easy, right? I’ve made it a bit more tricky by sometimes putting more than one state abbreviation in each clue.

In these cases, you’ll need to count the letters in the crossword to help you select the right answer. Sometimes there will be two possible state answers, both with the right amount of letters. In these cases, you’ll have to solve other clues until the one answer becomes clear.

Hint: No state appears in the puzzle more than once. I used 40 states in all, with sincere apologies to the remaining ten. Now, clear your state of mind and have fun!

Example

Look at the clue in 1 across: Wait while I log into my account.

There are five possible states hidden in this sentence: WA = WASHINGTON
HI = HAWAII, IL = ILLINOIS, IN = INDIANA, CO = COLORADO.

To find the right answer, check the crossword diagram. The correct answer has 10 letters. The only 10-letter state listed above is WASHINGTON. Write that into the puzzle, and you’re on your way!
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State of Confusion Crossword Clues

Across
1. Wait while I log in to my account.
3. Santa came down through the chimney.
6. Sara goes to a vocal coach.
8. Hank asks a lot of questions!
10. Would you rather eat here or there?
11. Some of my favorite foods are okra and avocados.
13. We hope to go to the lake soon.
16. I’d like a drink of cold milk.
19. Let’s measure the wall.
23. I’ve been in a daze all day!
26. Let’s enjoy a walk on the beach.
28. No alcohol is allowed at this party.
31. Better late than never!
33. Michelle chose a red gumdrop.
34. The gallon of spilled lemonade flowed over the floor.
35. We will miss you at the enormous picnic.
37. Little Timmy is proud of himself.
38. Swing your partner, round and round!
39. It’s your lucky day!

Down
2. Why is my car so noisy?
4. Can you hide the cake in time?
5. The total cost is one dollar.
6. Mike has a bad cold.
7. Please flip on the light switch.
9. The report confirms the facts.
12. While the cat’s away, the mice will play!
15. The unmarked trail led to the chestnut trees.
17. More robins in the nest hatched today.
18. Guess my weight, within a tiny margin of error.
20. Has anyone seen my flip-flops?
21. The warmth from the fireplace was soothing.
22. It’s okay to use the crystal flower vase.
24. Johnny dialed 911 after his accident.
25. The icy downhill path was treacherous!
27. Kevin’s convertible is the envy of the neighborhood!
29. Tom thinks he should quit work.
30. Will you be home in time for dinner?
32. This taffy is very chewy!
36. Boohoo! I cannot go outside now.
Solution

M I N N E S O T A
R L D
K A N S A S
H A B
O K L A H O M A
M A R
A

W A S H I N G T O N
C A L I F O R N I A
O L L
O R E G O N
N N
D E L A W A R E
C A C
I L L I N O I S
W H E
M A I N E
E G B
X A R I Z O N A
N I N O N S
N E W J E R S E Y
A G O
O H I O
K R H
A N E N
V I W
A A A
W N
O L U I S I A N A
S C
G E O R G I A
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M I S S I S S I P P I
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