



The Stars and Stripes

**These are new words to practice.
Say each word 10 times.**

* flag

* field

* country

* colonies

* stripes

* swiftly

* stars

* lowered

Choose one new word to write.

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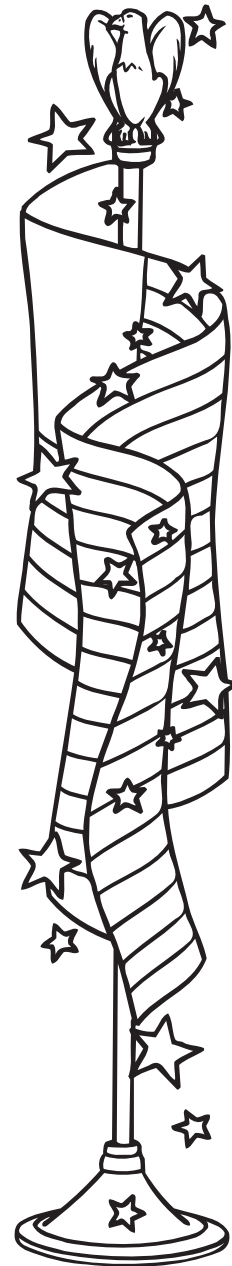
The United States needed a flag. It needed a flag when it became a new country. Its flag was three colors. It was red. It was white. It was blue. The flag had stripes. It had 13 stripes. The stripes were two colors. They were red and white. The top stripe was red. The next stripe was white. The flag had stars. It had 13 stars. The stars were one color. They were white. They were on a blue field.

There were 13 colonies. The colonies joined together. They joined together to make a new country. The colonies became states. The 13 stripes stood for the 13 colonies. The 13 stars stood for the 13 colonies.

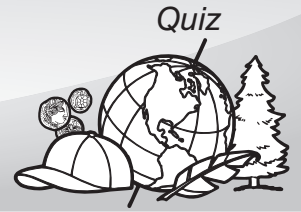
But the new country got bigger. More states were added. New states joined together with the old states. In 1775, there were 15 states. The flag had 15 stars. It had 15 stripes. Each state had a star. Each state had a stripe. More states were added. By 1817, there were 20 states! The flag had 20 stars. It had 20 stripes!

There were too many stripes. The flag was looking too messy. In 1818, a new law was passed. The law said that the flag would have only 13 stripes. But the flag would have more stars. There would be a star for every state. It would have a white star in a field of blue. The last star was added in 1959. Today our flag has 50 stars. It has one star for each of its 50 states.

There are flag rules. One rule is about how to raise it. The flag should be raised swiftly. One rule is about how to lower it. The flag should not be lowered swiftly. It should be lowered slowly.



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After reading the story, answer the questions.
Fill in the circle next to the correct answer.

1. This story is mainly about
 - (a) flag rules
 - (b) the flag colors
 - (c) the United States flag
 - (d) why the flag has 13 stripes
2. If a new state is added to the United States, the flag
 - (a) will stay the same
 - (b) will get one more star
 - (c) will get one more stripe
 - (d) will get one more star and stripe
3. When was the law passed that said the flag would have exactly 13 stripes, but one star for every state?
 - (a) 1775
 - (b) 1817
 - (c) 1818
 - (d) 1959

4. Think about how the word *up* relates to *down*. What words relate in the same way?

up : down

- (a) add : join
 - (b) law : pass
 - (c) flag : star
 - (d) raise : lower
5. If something is swift, it is
 - (a) fast
 - (b) slow
 - (c) raised
 - (d) lowered

Answer Key



Under the Ice

- 1. d 4. c
- 2. b 5. b
- 3. c

The Race that Stopped the Laughing

- 1. b 4. d
- 2. d 5. b
- 3. c

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- 1. c 4. d
- 2. b 5. a
- 3. c

The Most Important Thing

- 1. b 4. b
- 2. d 5. a
- 3. c

The Dog and Paul Revere

- 1. d 4. d
- 2. c 5. a
- 3. a

Quiet Hunters

- 1. d 4. c
- 2. b 5. d
- 3. a

The Newest Holiday

- 1. b 4. a
- 2. a 5. d
- 3. c

Race to the Pole

- 1. a 4. b
- 2. c 5. d
- 3. c

The Tale that Traveled

- 1. b 4. a
- 2. a 5. b
- 3. c

A Good Shot

- 1. c 4. b
- 2. d 5. c
- 3. d

Two Ships and the Atlantic Ocean

- 1. a 4. d
- 2. d 5. c
- 3. c

The FBI

- 1. a 4. d
- 2. b 5. d
- 3. c

Around the World in 80 Days

- 1. b 4. a
- 2. b 5. c
- 3. c

Johnny Appleseed

- 1. c 4. d
- 2. a 5. a
- 3. c

A Very Cold Town

- 1. c 4. b
- 2. c 5. b
- 3. d

The First Thanksgiving

- 1. c 4. b
- 2. a 5. a
- 3. d

It Made the Trains Stop

- 1. b 4. c
- 2. d 5. a
- 3. d

The Pledge

- 1. b 4. d
- 2. a 5. c
- 3. b

An Old Game

- 1. a 4. c
- 2. b 5. b
- 3. a

Firewood for Pay

- 1. b 4. d
- 2. c 5. a
- 3. c

Where Fish Can Swim in Trees

- 1. d 4. c
- 2. d 5. b
- 3. b

Blind and Deaf

- 1. d 4. a
- 2. b 5. c
- 3. a

The Funny Thing about the Ocean Name

- 1. b 4. c
- 2. b 5. a
- 3. d

When a Rat Can Be a Fish

- 1. b 4. d
- 2. b 5. c
- 3. a

The Chinese New Year

- 1. d 4. d
- 2. b 5. a
- 3. c

The First Girl Soldier

- 1. c 4. b
- 2. a 5. a
- 3. c

Which Continent?

- 1. b 4. b
- 2. c 5. a
- 3. d

Ambulance

- 1. d 4. b
- 2. d 5. b
- 3. c

The Story of a Song

- 1. b 4. d
- 2. d 5. b
- 3. c

Ant Aid

- 1. c 4. c
- 2. b 5. a
- 3. d

George's Teeth

- 1. d 4. b
- 2. a 5. b
- 3. a

Money Questions

- 1. c 4. a
- 2. a 5. b
- 3. d

Africa Quiz

- 1. c 4. b
- 2. d 5. c
- 3. a

The Last Monday in May

- 1. b 4. a
- 2. a 5. d
- 3. d

Turkey or Eagle?

- 1. d 4. b
- 2. c 5. a
- 3. d

The Warmest Ocean

- 1. a 4. d
- 2. c 5. a
- 3. c

A Game Played Around the World

- 1. a 4. a
- 2. c 5. b
- 3. c

A New Name

- 1. b 4. a
- 2. b 5. c
- 3. a

A School in Australia

- 1. b 4. a
- 2. d 5. d
- 3. a

The White House

- 1. b 4. d
- 2. b 5. d
- 3. a

What the Red Flag Was For

- 1. c 4. d
- 2. d 5. a
- 3. a

The Woman Who Would Not Give Up

- 1. b 4. a
- 2. d 5. a
- 3. c

A Late First Birthday Party

- 1. c 4. b
- 2. b 5. d
- 3. c

Getting to the Other Side

- 1. d 4. c
- 2. a 5. d
- 3. c