

October 18th, Alaska Day

Reading – read the article to yourself and then aloud. Try not to insert filler words such as "um", "ah," "like". Our goal is to reduce filler words in everyday conversation.

Alaska is the 49th state, officially joining the union in 1959. It was bought from Russia in 1867 for \$7.2 million. Alaska is the largest state in the United States by area, but it has the lowest population density of all the states. Alaska has a rich cultural heritage influenced by its Indigenous, Russian, American, and other immigrant groups. The northernmost state is known for its natural beauty, wildlife, and resources. Alaska has many mountains, glaciers, forests, and rivers. It also has many animals, such as bears, wolves, moose, caribou, and whales. Alaska has a long coastline and many islands. Alaska is sometimes called the Last Frontier because it is far from the other states and it has a lot of wilderness. Alaska Day is celebrated on October 18 every year. It is the anniversary of the official transfer of Alaska from Russia to the United States in 1867.



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Writing, spelling, & recall – Please read the questions and write the answers. You can refer to the article for help with recall and spelling as needed.

1. Who did the United States buy Alaska from?
2. In what year did the United States buy Alaska?
3. How might you describe the population density in Alaska?
4. What is the nickname of Alaska that reflects its remoteness and wildness?
5. When is Alaska Day celebrated?



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Sentence Completion & Naming to Description -

Please write the answer

1. The most populated city in Alaska known for its museums and access to the outdoors is A _____.
2. Alaska is home to the highest _____ in North America, called Denali. It is part of the Alaska Range and has an elevation of 20,310 feet.
3. The Alaskan Husky is a dog that originated in Alaska and is used for _____ racing and transportation in snowy areas.
4. A natural phenomenon that occurs in the sky near the poles that creates colorful green, blue, purple, or red lights is known as the _____ lights.
5. Alaska is known for a large edible fish, much prized for its pink flesh, called _____.



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* Word fluency challenge – Think of animals that live in Alaska on the land, in the air, or in the sea. Can you name 5-10?

You can use the internet to help with word-finding by typing the first letter(s) into Google or Bing.

You can also describe what you are thinking using Alexa, the microphone feature on a search engine, or Bing chat.



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Phonological Components Analysis – Please answer the following questions about the picture.

- What is this a picture of? _____
- What sound does the word start with?
- What are other words that begin with the same sound _____

- What sound does the word end with?
- How many syllables are in the word? _____
- What words rhyme with the pictured item?

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Semantic Feature Analysis

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| <u>What is it used for?</u> | <u>What does it look like?</u> |
| <u>Where do you find it?</u> | <u>What does it remind you of?</u> |
| <u>What does it do?</u> | <u>What category does it fall under?</u> |

What is the item? _____

