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1. Body Of Water
2. Noun
3. Noun
4. Noun Plural
5. Noun
6. French Word
7. Noun Plural
8. Noun
9. Noun
10. Cool Word
11. Cool Word
12. Adjective
13. Noun
14. Noun
15. Body Part Plural
16. Noun
17. Adverb
18. Adjective Ends In Est
19. Noun Plural
20. Adjective
21. Verb Present Tense Modifying A Noun
22. Noun Plural
23. Noun

24. First Name Possessive _____

25. Noun _____

26. Last Name _____

27. Noun _____

28. Noun _____

29. Adjective Ends In Est _____

30. Noun _____

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Des Moines, Iowa

This capital city is named after the Des Moines _____ body of water, but no one is really sure how the name of the river originated, or whether the origin is French, Native American or some combination of the two. It's been alternately suggested that French meanings may be " _____ Noun _____ of the _____ Noun _____" (des moines), although no _____ Noun Plural _____ lived there, or " _____ Noun _____ in the middle" (de _____ French word _____), because it's between the Missouri and Mississippi _____ Noun Plural _____.

The first mention of the name from a _____ Noun _____ was by a French _____ Noun _____ trader who wrote that Native Americans told him a tribe called the _____ Cool Word _____ (corrupted in French to " _____ Cool Word _____") lived up the river. However, in a recent _____ Adjective _____ scholarly paper, one _____ Noun _____ claimed that the Native American meaning of that word is " _____ Noun _____ _____ body part plural _____. Is it possible they were playing a little _____ Noun _____ on the fur trader? We'll never know. Des Moines became the state capital in 1857, and today the city _____ Adverb _____ has one of the _____ Adjective Ends in EST _____ state _____ Noun Plural _____.

Topeka, Kansas

Some say Topeka is from a Native American word meaning "a _____ Adjective _____ place to _____ verb present tense _____ modifying a noun _____ _____ Noun Plural _____. Others say it's a made-up word. What's known for certain is the city was founded on Dec. 5, 1854, but no one could agree on a name at the time. Among the rejected options:

_____ Noun _____

(after famous orator Daniel Webster), Mid-Continent (because of its geographical location) and

First Name Possessive _____ Noun _____ (in reference to the local _____ Last Name _____ family, who had originally

established a crossing over the Kansas _____ Noun _____ at the site). We also know that the name _____ Noun _____,

whatever its origins, ultimately won out. When Kansas became a state in 1861, Topeka was chosen as capital.

Today, Topeka has one of the country's _____ Adjective Ends in EST _____ Noun _____ parks.