Southeast State Capitals

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. A flash card says ‘Atlanta is the capital of this state.’ Which state belongs on the back?
   - A. Georgia
   - B. Alabama
   - C. South Carolina
   - D. Tennessee

   Correct answer: A. Georgia
   Atlanta is Georgia’s capital. The other choices have capitals in Montgomery, Columbia, and Nashville, respectively.

2. A civics trip must end at Florida’s state capitol. Which city belongs at the end of the itinerary?
   - A. Jacksonville
   - B. Tampa
   - C. Tallahassee
   - D. Orlando

   Correct answer: C. Tallahassee
   Florida’s capital is Tallahassee. The other choices are also Florida cities.

3. Which Tennessee city should you mark as the capital on a Southeast study map?
   - A. Knoxville
   - B. Nashville
   - C. Chattanooga
   - D. Memphis

   Correct answer: B. Nashville
   Nashville is Tennessee’s capital. Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Memphis are other cities in Tennessee.

4. Which state should be paired with Raleigh in a regional capitals matching game?
   - A. Kentucky
   - B. South Carolina
   - C. Virginia
   - D. North Carolina

   Correct answer: D. North Carolina
   Raleigh belongs with North Carolina. Columbia is the capital of South Carolina.

5. A student gives Columbia and Charleston as two possible South Carolina capitals. Which city is correct?

A. Charleston
B. Columbia
C. Greenville
D. Spartanburg

Correct answer: B. Columbia
Columbia is South Carolina’s capital. Charleston is a city in South Carolina, and a different Charleston is the capital of West Virginia.

6. A civics card names Richmond as the capital of a commonwealth. Which state name belongs on the card?

A. Virginia
B. West Virginia
C. Kentucky
D. North Carolina

Correct answer: A. Virginia
Richmond is the capital of Virginia. West Virginia is a separate state whose capital is Charleston.

7. A label is missing a city before ‘MS’ and describes Mississippi’s capital. Which city goes there?

A. Natchez
B. Gulfport
C. Meridian
D. Jackson

Correct answer: D. Jackson
Jackson is the capital of Mississippi. The other listed cities are also in Mississippi.

8. A student wrote ‘Louisville’ for the capital of Kentucky. Which word should replace it?

A. Covington
B. Lexington
C. Frankfort
D. Bowling Green

Correct answer: C. Frankfort
Kentucky’s capital is Frankfort. Louisville and the other choices are different cities in Kentucky.

9. Which capital label pairs a city with the correct state of Alabama?

A. Montgomery — Alabama
B. Jackson — Alabama
C. Columbia — Alabama
D. Tallahassee — Alabama

Correct answer: A. Montgomery — Alabama
Montgomery is Alabama’s capital. Jackson, Columbia, and Tallahassee are the capitals of other states in this round.

10. A list of Southeast capitals gives ‘Arkansas — Hot Springs.’ Which replacement fixes the city and keeps the same state?

A. Fayetteville
B. Pine Bluff
C. Fort Smith
D. Little Rock

Correct answer: D. Little Rock
Little Rock is Arkansas’s capital. The other choices are cities in Arkansas outside its capital.

11. A review packet lists Baton Rouge under Mississippi. Which corrected pair belongs in the packet?

A. Baton Rouge — Arkansas
B. Baton Rouge — Alabama
C. Baton Rouge — Louisiana
D. Baton Rouge — Tennessee

Correct answer: C. Baton Rouge — Louisiana
Baton Rouge is Louisiana’s capital. Mississippi’s capital is Jackson.

12. One study card labels Charleston, South Carolina. A second card needs the state capital of West Virginia. Which city and state belong on the second card?

A. Charles Town, West Virginia
B. Charleston, West Virginia
C. Columbia, West Virginia
D. Richmond, West Virginia

Correct answer: B. Charleston, West Virginia
Charleston is the capital of West Virginia. It is a different city from Charleston, South Carolina. Charles Town is another West Virginia city.