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# Native American State Names

The young people of the Cherokee National Youth Choir in Oklahoma recognize the importance of saving their native language. Many U.S. states got their names from Native American languages. A total of 10 states whose names are based on Native American languages are listed in the chart. After each name is the Native American language it comes from and its translation in English.

Name of State	Native Language	Translation of State Name
Arizona	Pima	"little spring place"
Arkansas	Sioux	"downstream people"
Connecticut	Mahican	"long river place"
Kansas	Sioux	"south wind people"
Michigan	Chippewa	"great water"
Minnesota	Omaha	"sky-tinted water"
Nebraska	Iroquois	"flat water"
Ohio	Iroquois	"good river"
Utah	Ute	"people of the mountains"
Wisconsin	Chippewa	"grassy place"

Sources: State Web sites and [www.statesymbolsusa.org](http://www.statesymbolsusa.org)

1. From which Native American language did Ohio get its name? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What does Nebraska mean? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What does Connecticut mean? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Which state's name is the Chippewa word for "great water"? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How many Southern states listed in this chart got their names from the Sioux? \_\_\_\_\_

What is/are the English translation(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

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