

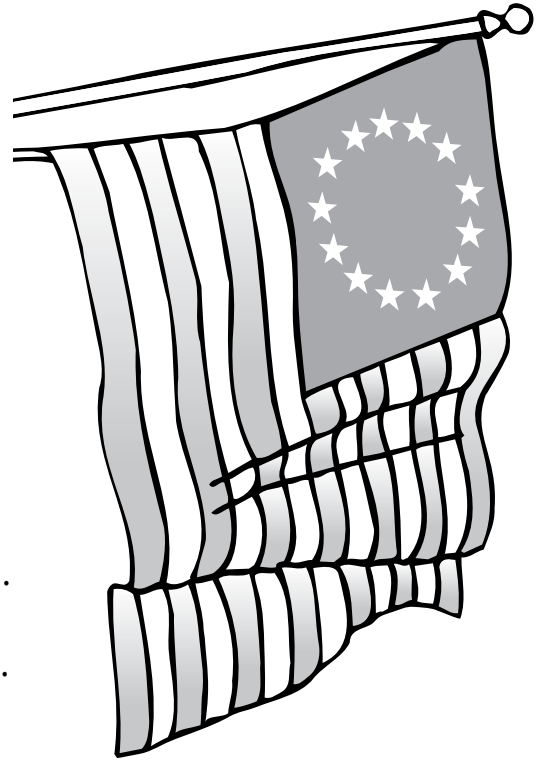
Stars and Stripes—and a Snake?

Before the United States adopted its official flag, Americans flew several different flags, including one with a snake on it.






In 1773, a new flag was raised at the Boston Tea Party. The flag had 13 stripes. Those stripes sent a message to England. It said that the colonies would work as one unit. But it was not the only flag flying over America. Over the years, people had made other flags. Some had pine trees on them. Others had snakes.

In 1777, Congress decided on one flag. The flag would be red, white, and blue. It would have one stripe and one star for each of the 13 colonies. But there was no rule about how the stars would be arranged. Sometimes the stars were sewn in a circle. Sometimes they were sewn in rows. In 1912, the president made a rule that the stars must be in rows.

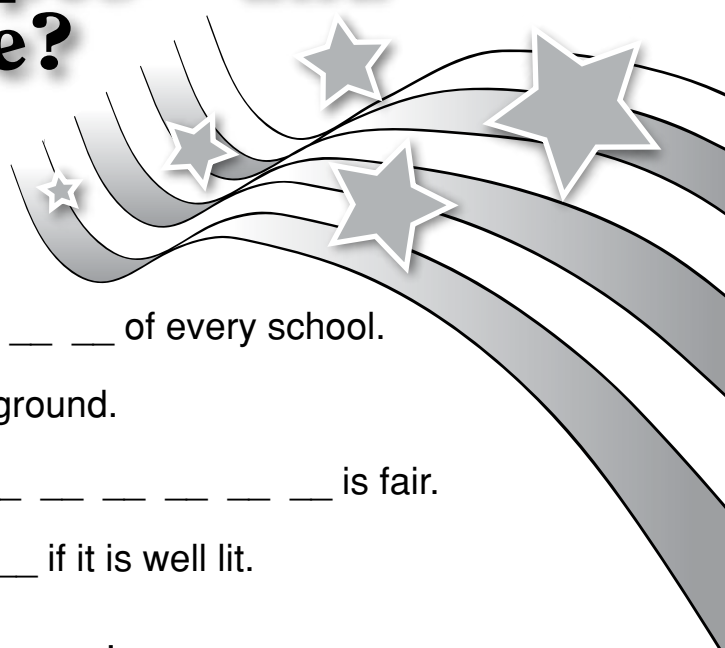
Now there are 13 stripes on the flag, one for each of the colonies. There are 50 stars on the flag, one for each of the states.



**If the sentence is true, color the flag red.
If the sentence is false, color the flag blue.**

-  1. Some people made flags with snakes on them.
-  2. The first official flag was red, white, and blue.
-  3. The first flag had one stripe for each of the months of the year.
-  4. On the first flags, the stars had to be sewn in a circle.
-  5. There are 50 stars on the American flag.

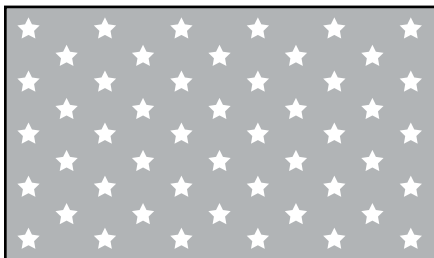
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Complete the rules for caring for the flag.
Use the word bank to help you.
Circle the words in the puzzle below.

1. The flag should be flown near the _____ of every school.
2. The flag should _____ touch the ground.
3. The flag should be flown only when the _____ is fair.
4. The flag can only be flown at _____ if it is well lit.
5. The flag should be raised _____.
6. The flag should be _____ slowly.

Word Bank		
quickly	front	night
weather	never	lowered



f	s	a	p	w	e	n	j
r	l	o	w	e	r	e	d
o	l	d	h	a	f	v	i
n	i	g	h	t	c	e	t
q	u	i	c	k	l	y	t
o	h	w	h	m	r	g	
f	l	b	n	h	e	m	b
a	n	q	e	b	u	k	
g	d	l	a	k	c	j	r
z	c	v	r	y	l	x	



Imagine that you have been asked to design a new flag for the United States. What would you think about before you designed the flag? Draw a picture of the new flag.