What Will Students Learn?
Hot Dots® U.S. States and Capitals Geography Cards help students learn the locations of all 50 states, the names and locations of all 50 state capitals, and additional interesting facts about each location. Cards are designed to be used with the interactive Hot Dots® pen (sold separately) for independent review and practice.

What’s on Each Card?
On the front of each card you’ll find a map of the United States, with the directions to find a specific state (ex: Find Alabama). Five different states on the map have Hot Dot answer choices. The child uses the pen to find the correct answer. Also included are facts about the state nickname, state bird, state flower, and date of statehood.

On the back of each card you’ll find a map of the United States with one state grayed out (the same state that is on the front of the card). An enlargement of that state is also shown, with four cities marked by Hot Dot answer choices. The child uses the pen to find the correct state capital. Also included are additional facts about the capital city.
Using the Cards with the Hot Dots® Pen
Demonstrate how the Hot Dots Flash Cards and the pen work before letting children work independently. Show how to position the pen on a Hot Dot answer choice. Make sure the tip of the pen touches the center of the dot and that it sits flat on the surface of the Hot Dot.

The pen gives instant feedback each time. When a correct answer is selected, the pen lights up and makes one of several happy, congratulatory phrases. When an incorrect answer is selected, the pen provides encouraging words.

How to Position the Hot Dots® Pen

Make sure the tip of the Hot Dots pen sits flat on the surface of the answer dot as shown above.

TIPS
• Do NOT laminate the cards. The pen cannot detect correct and incorrect answers when cards are laminated.
• Make sure the cards rest on a hard surface, such as a tabletop, when using the pen on them.