

The Travels of Mr. P

A Puzzle by David Pleacher

Fill in each blank with the name of a town in the U.S. A list of the 35 towns used is provided below.

I live in _____, Colorado because I am not a name dropper. I wanted to take a trip but I wasn't sure where to go, so I traveled to _____, Texas.

I'm a math guy so my first stop was at America's first Dot-com city in _____, Oregon. Then I continued on to _____, South Carolina. These math towns gave me an urge to appear on a game show, so I took off for _____, New Mexico. But I crashed my car in _____, Maryland. Nothing was hurt except for my size 12 shoes, so I headed to _____, Texas. I decided I needed a new pair of shoes, so I took off for _____, North Carolina.

I was getting hungry so I had breakfast in _____, Florida, _____, Mississippi, and _____, Indiana. Lunch was in _____, Massachusetts and _____, South Dakota. Dinner was in _____, Arizona, followed by dessert in _____, New Mexico.

There is nothing too unusual about me so I went to _____, Kentucky. In fact, some people say that I am dull or unimaginative so I then went to _____, Oregon after that. Things were just OK so I decided to go to _____, Oklahoma. I began to question my journey so I went to _____, Arizona.

It was getting near December 25, so I went to _____, Florida. But I wanted to see Santa so I headed to _____, Alaska and then on to _____, Indiana.

I was missing my wife's kisses so I went to _____, Tennessee and then on to _____, Colorado. But then I came to my senses in _____, Ohio – I didn't need to travel all over the country. I don't need _____, Utah, or _____, Arizona, or _____, Kentucky or _____, West Virginia or _____, Georgia or _____, Kansas or _____, Missouri or _____, Iowa or _____, West Virginia. I just needed to follow my heart, sing John Prine's song, and head to _____, Kentucky.

Hint:

Here are the names used in the puzzle (in alphabetical order):

Accident

Bacon

Beauty

Bigfoot

Boring

Bountiful

Brilliant

Carefree

Christmas

Fame

Friendly

Half.com

Hot Coffee

Ideal

Loafer's Glory

Loveland

Ninety Six

No Name

North Pole

Okay

Ordinary

Paradise

Pie Town

Sandwich

Santa Claus

Smileyberg

Success

Sweet Lips

Tea

Tortilla Flat

Truth or Consequences

Two Egg

Uncertain

What Cheer

Why

Answer Key

I live in **No Name**, Colorado because I am not a name dropper. I wanted to take a trip but I wasn't sure where to go, so I traveled to **Uncertain**, Texas.

I'm a math guy so my first stop was at America's first Dot-com city in **Half.com**, Oregon. Then I continued on to **Ninety Six**, South Carolina. These math towns gave me an urge to appear on a game show, so I took off for **Truth or Consequences**, New Mexico. But I crashed my car in **Accident**, Maryland. Nothing was hurt except for my size 12 shoes, so I headed to **Bigfoot**, Texas. I decided I needed a new pair of shoes, so I took off for **Loafer's Glory**, North Carolina.

I was getting hungry so I had breakfast in **Two Egg**, Florida, **Hot Coffee**, Mississippi, and **Bacon**, Indiana. Lunch was in **Sandwich**, Massachusetts and **Tea**, South Dakota. Dinner was in **Tortilla Flat**, Arizona, followed by dessert in **Pie Town**, New Mexico.

There is nothing too unusual about me so I went to **Ordinary**, Kentucky. In fact, some people say that I am dull or unimaginative so I then went to **Boring**, Oregon after that. Things were just OK so I decided to go to **Okay**, Oklahoma. I began to question my journey so I went to **Why**, Arizona.

It was getting near December 25, so I went to **Christmas**, Florida. But I wanted to see Santa so I headed to **North Pole**, Alaska and then on to **Santa Claus**, Indiana.

I was missing my wife's kisses so I went to **Sweet Lips**, Tennessee and then on to **Loveland**, Colorado. But then I came to my senses in **Brilliant**, Ohio – I didn't need to travel all over the country. I don't need **Bountiful**, Utah, or **Carefree**, Arizona, or **Beauty**, Kentucky or **Friendly**, West Virginia or **Ideal**, Georgia or **Smileyberg**, Kansas or **Success**, Missouri or **What Cheer**, Iowa or **Fame**, West Virginia. I just needed to follow my heart, sing John Prine's song, and head to **Paradise**, Kentucky.