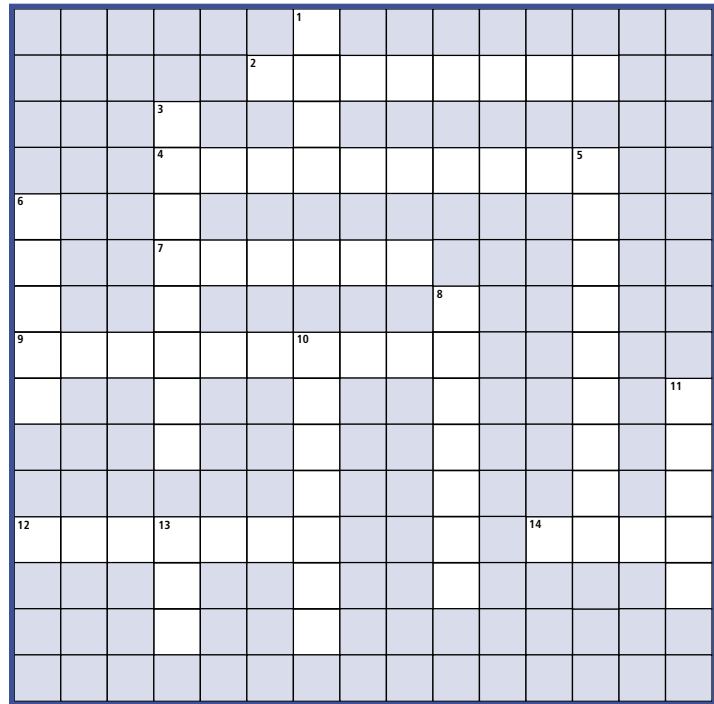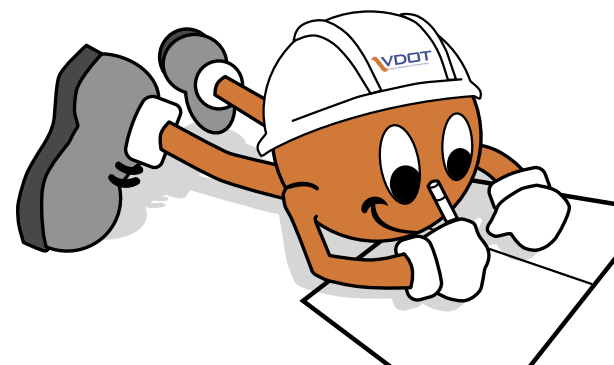# Vee Dot Crossword Puzzle

Down

1. Money paid for speeding
3. Which anniversary is this for the interstate system?
5. Longest interstate in Virginia (two words)
6. Prefix meaning between or among
8. Cars, trucks, buses, etc. on roadway
10. Two interstates running together
11. Odd-numbered interstates run north to _____
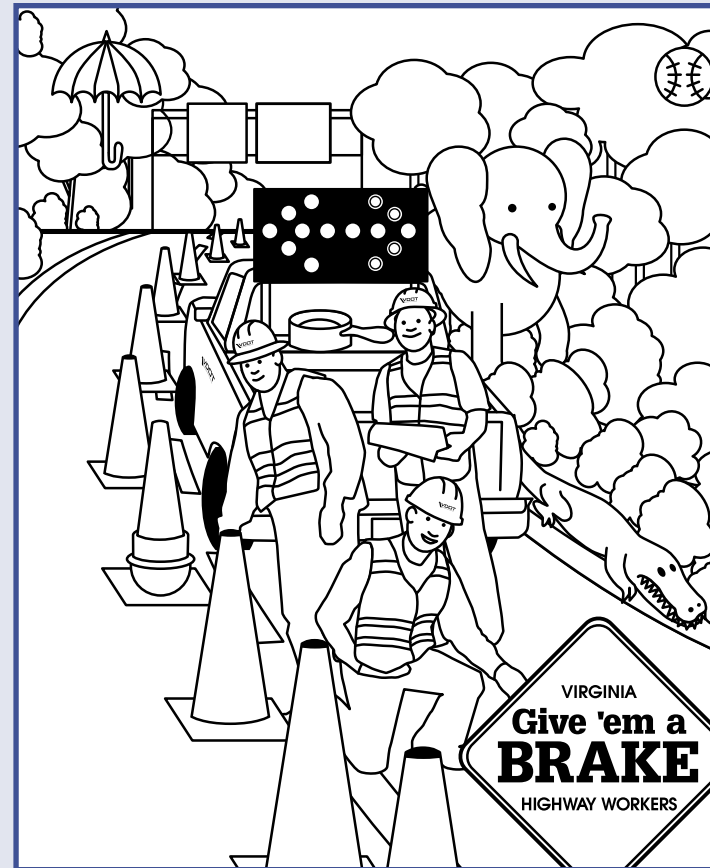13. Number of mainline interstates in Virginia

Across

2. Capital, served by two mainline interstates and two spur lines
4. Highway connecting two or more cities or states
7. What you might get for speeding
9. Father of the interstate system
12. City in Virginia and Tennessee served by I-81
14. Even-numbered interstates run east to _____

Work Zones

"See Orange - Give 'em a Brake!"

Work zones may be set up on your neighborhood street or on the interstate. The color orange tells people that someone is working near the road. The workers put up orange signs, orange cones, and orange barrels when they are working. They wear yellow-green vests.

VIRGINIA
Give 'em a BRAKE
HIGHWAY WORKERS

When you and the driver see these orange signs, stay alert, slow down and watch out for the workers. Tell the driver to "Give highway workers a brake!"

Here is a picture of a work zone. Use an orange crayon or pencil to color the cones, barrels, and signs that are typical safety features. Then, look for some hidden things in the picture that are very unusual. See if you can find them all and circle them!

Look for an ice cream cone, baseball, frying pan, umbrella, alligator, and elephant!

I'm all mixed up!

Using the Virginia Interstate System

H	C	A	E	B	A	I	N	I	G	R	I	V	I	C
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D	Y	V	X	G	O	I	I	S	X	Q	R	L	E	O
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P	L	N	I	N	E	T	Y	F	I	V	E	H	G	S
E	A	C	F	H	I	L	L	W	Y	N	S	Z	C	A

BRISTOL
CHARLOTTESVILLE
EIGHTY FIVE
EIGHTY ONE
NINETY FIVE

NORFOLK
PETERSBURG
RICHMOND
SEVENTY SEVEN
SIXTY FOUR

SIXTY SIX
VIRGINIA BEACH
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Crossword answer key:
Across 2.Richmond 4.Interstate 7.Ticket 9.Eisenhower 12.Bristol 14.West
Down 1.Fine 3.Fiftieth 5.Eightyone 6.Inter 8.Traffic 10.Overlap 11.South 13.Six

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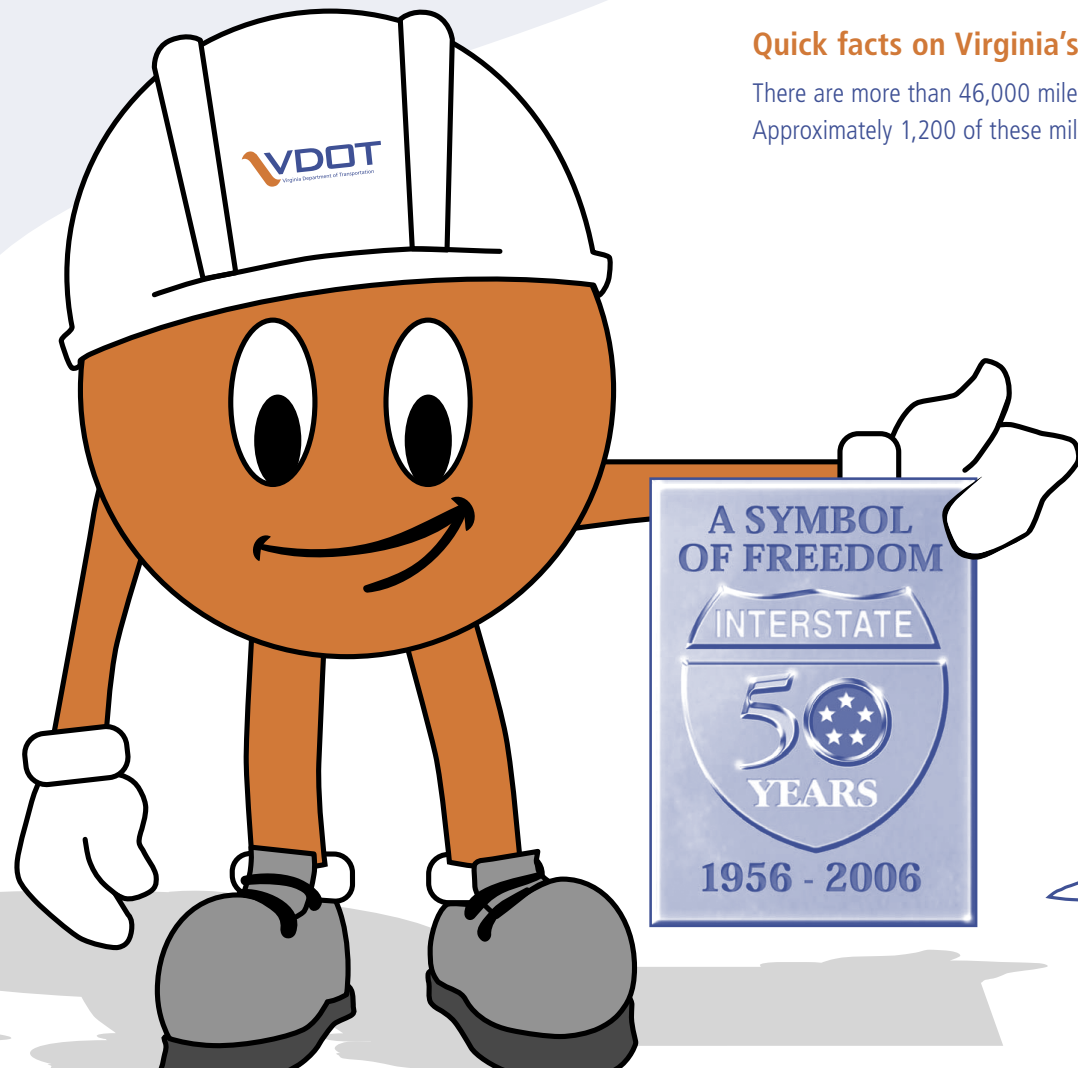**VDOT** Virginia Department of Transportation

MAP GAMES & PUZZLES

Celebrate the Interstate's 50th Anniversary with 'Vee Dot'

Hi! My name is Vee Dot. I work with the Virginia Department of Transportation. The department oversees activities on many of the highways in the commonwealth, including the state's six interstates.

During 2006, Virginia and the entire United States celebrate the 50th anniversary of the interstate highway system. I've put together some games and activities to help you learn more about the important role interstates play in our daily lives.

So, let's hit the road!

The history of the interstate highway system

In the beginning of the 20th century, roads in the United States were not very good. Many roads were unpaved. Others lacked good signs and pavement markings, and, at times, failed to connect with roads in other states.

On June 29, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the Federal-Aid Highway Act, which created a plan to finance construction of one of the biggest engineering projects ever undertaken – the U.S. interstate highway system. This was the beginning of the system we have today.

Why are interstates important?

Goods and services, the backbone of our economy, travel the interstates daily. Also, the interstates are a symbol of freedom for Americans – providing us the ability to travel easily in all 50 states. (Yes, Hawaii and Alaska have interstates too.)

Quick facts on Virginia's interstates

There are more than 46,000 miles of interstate highway in the U.S. Approximately 1,200 of these miles are in Virginia.

Look at the map and label each of Virginia's interstates using the information below.

I-64 – 300 miles long, runs through the counties of York, James City, New Kent, Henrico, Goochland, Fluvanna, Louisa, Albemarle, Augusta, Rockbridge and Alleghany, and the cities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Hampton, Newport News, Richmond, Charlottesville, Waynesboro and Lexington.

I-66 – 75 miles long, runs through the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Prince William, Fauquier, and Warren and the city of Fairfax.

I-77 – 65 miles long, runs through the counties of Bland, Wythe and Carroll.

I-81 – 325 miles long, runs through the counties of Frederick, Warren, Shenandoah, Rockingham, Augusta, Rockbridge, Botetourt, Roanoke, Montgomery, Pulaski, Wythe, Smyth, and Washington, and the cities of Harrisonburg, Staunton, Salem, Radford and Bristol.

I-85 – 70 miles long, runs through the counties of Dinwiddie, Brunswick, and Mecklenburg, and the city of Petersburg.

I-95 – 170 miles long, runs through the counties of Fairfax, Prince William, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Caroline, Hanover, Henrico, Chesterfield, Prince George, Sussex, and Greensville and the cities of Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Richmond, Colonial Heights, Petersburg and Emporia.

An interesting fact: I-95 runs through more states than any other interstate: 16, plus Washington, D.C.

In addition to six mainline interstates, there are 10 loop or spur interstates in the commonwealth. Loop or spur interstates are three-digit interstates that bypass or carry traffic around a major city. Examples in Virginia include I-295, I-581 and I-495. In some places, interstates run together. This is called an overlap. See if you can find an overlap on the map below.

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A SYMBOL OF FREEDOM
INTERSTATE
50 YEARS
1956 - 2006

Map of Virginia showing interstates and cities