

## California Proofreading Task 2

### WHY'S IT CALLED THAT?

The name California comes from a 16th-century Spanish novel that describes a mythical paradise called California.

The gold rush probably helped earn California the nickname the Golden State, as did its golden poppies, the state flour.

### Geography

California is bordered by the Pacific Ocean in the west, Oregon in the north, Nevada and Arizona in the east, and Mexico in the south.

Follow the 1,100-mile coastline for sandy beaches, cliffs, and mountains. Or head northeast to discover forests with redwood trees that are about 380 feet tall—about as tall as a football field is long. East of the redwoods is Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the 48 contiguous states and part of the Sierra Nevada mountain range. Like the rest? Travel southeast to the 25,000-square-mile Mojave Desert. The center of the state is called the Central Valley, where you'll find miles of farmland.