

Virginia's Relative Location & Regions

The **relative location** of places can be described in relative terms. Relative terms show connections between two places. The following are relative terms: next to, near, and bordering. In order to describe Virginia's relative location, we use these terms. For example, Virginia is located next to the Chesapeake Bay. The Atlantic Ocean is located near Virginia. Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina are all states bordering Virginia.

Now, we need to locate each of Virginia's bordering states and their location in relation to Virginia. We use the following sentence to do so: Mustard (Maryland) with (West Virginia) ketchup (Kentucky) tastes (Tennessee) nasty (North Carolina). Maryland is northeast, West Virginia is northwest, Kentucky is west, Tennessee is southwest, and North Carolina is south. You can remember these bordering states and their locations because these states form a letter C around Virginia.

Mustard with Ketchup tastes Nasty!

Virginia is separated into five sections called **regions**. Each region has a different type of geography. The regions of Virginia have different industries where Virginians can make money and various products that are produced in those regions. An **industry** is a business or way of making money. A **product** is an item that is produced in a certain location.