

# the string game

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Today is the birthday of

**Louis Armstrong**

who played the trumpet as well as the

**Cornet**

which sounds like cornette, as in

**Baby corn**

a popular food used in Asian cuisine which,  
unlike regular corn, you eat the

**Cob**

which is also a primitive building material similar  
to

**Adobe**

or what is sometimes called

**Pueblo**

as in pueblos, rudimentary buildings like you  
would see in the Southwest especially

**New Mexico**

which is the 47th state, and along with the 46th  
(Oklahoma) and 48th (Arizona) - the 3 before

Alaska and Hawaii - their first letters rearrange to  
spell

**Mona**

as in the

**Mona Lisa**

So next time you see  
the Mona Lisa  
remember that the 3  
U.S. states that came  
before Alaska and  
Hawaii are...

**ANMO - - - MONA**

**Arizona, New Mexico,  
and Oklahoma!**



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