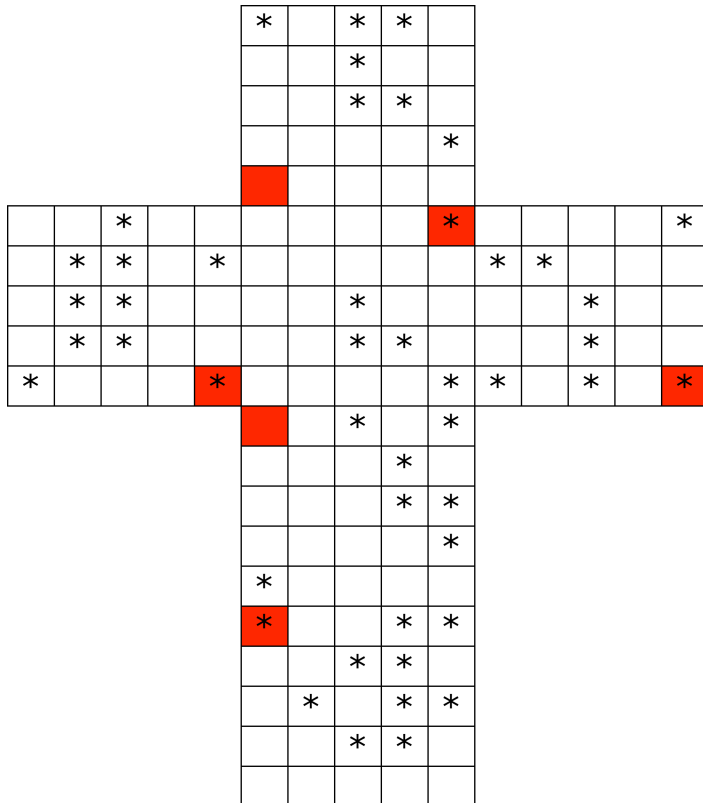


# DICE (answer)

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The assembled cube, flattened out, looks like this.



Each face is 5x5, with some number of the squares marked. If you treat the triangle as the upper left corner of the face, and use the common mapping of a 5x5 grid to the letters A through Y, you get the following sets of letters on the 6 faces:

EMNORTV

AEHIMNPRSW

ACEHMSTU

AEIMN

CEINOTU

ADEHILNORS

What these have in common is that they are all letters from a state. The states are VERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS, MAINE, CONNECTICUT, and RHODE ISLAND. These are the six states that make up **NEW ENGLAND**, which is the answer.