



Apple Riddles



30 riddles from easy to tricky. Write your answer on the line. Answers are on the last page.

Easy riddles ★

- 1 I start as a pink-and-white flower in spring and end as a crunchy snack in fall. I can be red, green or yellow. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 2 I'm the part of the apple you don't eat. When you finish your snack, I'm what's left in your hand. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 3 I'm small, brown and shaped like a teardrop. Plant me, wait a few years, and I might grow into a tree. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 4 I'm the thin, shiny coat an apple wears. Some people cut me off in one long, curly strip. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 5 I'm a little brown stick on top of the apple. I held it onto the tree until someone picked it. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 6 I'm a place where apple trees grow in long, neat rows, and families visit me in the fall with baskets. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 7 What's worse than finding a worm in your apple?

ANSWER _____

- 8 I fly from blossom to blossom in spring, and without my help an apple tree would grow very few apples. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 9 I'm apples cooked until they're soft and mashed until they're smooth. You eat me with a spoon, and I have no crunch at all. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 10 I'm an apple on a stick wearing a sticky, golden-brown coat. You'll find me at fall fairs and Halloween parties. What am I?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 11 I'm a party game played with a tub of water. You can't use your hands, only your teeth. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 12 I have a golden crust, cinnamon inside, and people say something very American is "as American as" me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 13 I'm squeezed out of a big pile of crushed apples. I'm cloudy and brown, and people sip me cold from a jug or hot with a cinnamon stick. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 14 I planted apple nurseries across the American frontier in the early 1800s, and legend says I wore a tin pot as a hat. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

- 15 A falling apple got me wondering why things always fall down and never sideways. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

- 16 A disguised queen offered me one shiny red apple, and a single bite sent me into a deep sleep. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

- 17 I'm a city nicknamed after a fruit, even though I'm famous for skyscrapers, not orchards. What city am I?

ANSWER _____

- 18 I'm a real apple, but I'm tiny and so sour that people usually turn me into jelly instead of eating me raw. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 19 Cut an apple across its middle instead of from top to bottom, and I appear in the center. What shape am I?

ANSWER _____

- 20 Take a bite of an apple, leave it on the table, and soon the bitten part turns brown. What is the apple reacting with?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

- 21 There are 10 apples in a bowl and you take away 3. How many apples do you have?

ANSWER _____

- 22 A basket holds 6 apples. Six children each take one apple, yet one apple is still in the basket. How?

ANSWER _____

- 23 Plant a seed from a Honeycrisp apple and you'll almost never get a Honeycrisp tree. So how do orchards grow thousands of identical Honeycrisp trees?

ANSWER _____

- 24 The apple belongs to the same plant family as a famous flower, along with pears, cherries and strawberries. Which flower?

ANSWER _____

- 25 I'm a bump at the front of your throat, and I'm named after a fruit from a famous garden. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 26 A Swiss hero was ordered to shoot an arrow through an apple balanced on his son's head, and he hit it. Who was he?

ANSWER _____

- 27 What did the apple tree say to the farmer?

ANSWER _____

- 28 Every day of the week, a farmer picks twice as many apples as the day before. On Friday she picks 80 apples. How many did she pick on Monday?

ANSWER _____

- 29 Ana fills a basket with apples in 20 minutes. Ben fills the same size basket in 30 minutes. If they work together on one basket, how long does it take?

ANSWER _____

- 30 Like an apple, I have a thin skin on the outside and a core in the middle, but you could never take a bite out of me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

Answers

Apple Riddles · answer key · print or fold this page away before you hand out the sheet

1. An apple
2. The core
3. An apple seed (also called a pip)
4. The peel (the skin)
5. The stem
6. An orchard
7. Finding half a worm!
8. A bee
9. Applesauce
10. A caramel apple
11. Bobbing for apples
12. Apple pie
13. Apple cider
14. Johnny Appleseed (his real name was John Chapman)
15. **Isaac Newton.** The story says he watched an apple fall in his garden; it probably never hit him on the head.
16. Snow White
17. New York City, "the Big Apple"
18. A crab apple
19. A five-pointed star, made by the five little seed pockets
20. **Oxygen in the air.** It reacts with the apple's juices once the skin is broken. A squeeze of lemon juice slows it down.
21. 3, the ones you took.
22. The last child took the basket with the apple still in it.
23. **Grafting.** A cutting from a Honeycrisp tree is joined onto the roots of another tree, so every Honeycrisp tree is a copy of the original.
24. **The rose.** Apples are in the rose family (Rosaceae).
25. The Adam's apple
26. William Tell
27. "Stop picking on me!"
28. 5. Monday 5, Tuesday 10, Wednesday 20, Thursday 40, Friday 80.
29. **12 minutes.** Ana fills $\frac{1}{20}$ per minute and Ben $\frac{1}{30}$, together $\frac{5}{60} = \frac{1}{12}$ of the basket per minute.
30. **The Earth** (its thin outer layer is the crust, and it has a core at the center)

Need a hint? Every riddle has one at riddlepedia.com/apple-riddles/, where you can also play them as a game.