



Brain Teasers for Kids

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

Easy riddles ★

- 1 Sam put a full cup of water in the freezer. The next morning the cup was still full, but there wasn't a single drop of water to drink. Why not?

ANSWER _____

- 2 Zara is standing behind her brother, and at the very same time her brother is standing behind Zara. How can that be?

ANSWER _____

- 3 I have four legs, but I've never taken a single step. At dinner, you pull a chair up to me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 4 I have a neck but no head, and I wear a cap to keep my juice from spilling. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 5 I have a thumb and four fingers, but I'm not alive. In winter, I keep your hand warm. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 6 Which side of a cat has the most fur?

ANSWER _____

- 7 There are 6 apples in a basket. You take away 4 of them. How many apples do you have?

ANSWER _____

- 8 A farmer has 3 haystacks in one field and 5 haystacks in another. He pushes them all together into one corner. How many haystacks does he have now?

ANSWER _____

- 9 Theo says, "The day after tomorrow is Saturday." What day is it today?

ANSWER _____

- 10 What do you call a bear with no ears?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 11 Which is heavier: a kilogram of feathers or a kilogram of rocks?

ANSWER _____

- 12 You're in a running race and you pass the runner in last place. What place are you in now?
ANSWER _____
- 13 Ella goes to bed at 8 o'clock at night and sets her old wind-up alarm clock to ring at 9 o'clock. How long does she sleep before the alarm wakes her?
ANSWER _____
- 14 Lucy is 8 years old, and her little brother is half her age. When Lucy is 20, how old will her brother be?
ANSWER _____
- 15 Grandma puts 4 cookies on a plate. You eat the first one right away and then one more every half hour. How long until all the cookies are gone?
ANSWER _____
- 16 Ruby is standing in a line. She is 10th from the front and 10th from the back. How many kids are in the line?
ANSWER _____
- 17 You have a basket with 5 eggs and 5 friends. How can you give each friend one egg and still leave one egg in the basket?
ANSWER _____
- 18 In Olivia's living room are Olivia, her dad, their dog and a three-legged stool. Nothing else in the room has legs. How many legs are in the room?
ANSWER _____
- 19 Ben throws a ball as hard as he can. It stops, then comes straight back to him. Nobody catches it, and it doesn't bounce off anything. How?
ANSWER _____
- 20 Dad needs 10 minutes to boil one egg. How long will it take him to boil 3 eggs, all together in the same pot?
ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★ ★

- 21 Can you name three days in a row without using the words Monday, Wednesday or Friday?
ANSWER _____
- 22 Grandpa Joe is 72 years old, but he has only had 18 real birthdays. How is that possible?
ANSWER _____
- 23 A doctor has a brother named Leo, but Leo has no brothers at all. How can that be?
ANSWER _____
- 24 Mo and Kim played 5 games of checkers. Each of them won the same number of games, and none of the games ended in a tie. How?
ANSWER _____

- 25 Two mothers and two daughters go to the movies. They buy only three tickets, and everyone gets a seat. Nobody sneaked in. How?

ANSWER _____

- 26 How can you drop a raw egg onto a concrete floor without cracking it?

ANSWER _____

- 27 You're driving a bus. At the first stop, 4 people get on. At the next stop, 2 get off and 5 get on. At the last stop, 3 get off. What color are the bus driver's eyes?

ANSWER _____

- 28 Two boys were born on the same day of the same year to the same mother, but they are not twins. How?

ANSWER _____

- 29 What can you put into an empty bucket to make it lighter?

ANSWER _____

- 30 Which is correct: "The yolk of an egg is white" or "The yolk of an egg are white"?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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1. The water had frozen into ice.
2. They're standing back to back.
3. A table
4. A bottle
5. A glove
6. The outside
7. 4. You took 4 apples, so those are the ones you have.
8. One. All the hay is now in one big haystack.
9. Thursday. Tomorrow is Friday, and the day after that is Saturday.
10. B (take "ear" out of "bear" and only the B is left).
11. They weigh the same. Each one is exactly one kilogram.
12. You can't pass the last runner. To pass them, you'd have to be behind them, and nobody is behind last place.
13. One hour. The alarm clock rings at the next 9 o'clock it reaches, which is 9 p.m.
14. 16. Her brother is 4 now, so he's always 4 years younger than Lucy.
15. 90 minutes. You eat cookies at 0, 30, 60 and 90 minutes.
16. 19. There are 9 kids in front of her, 9 behind her, and Ruby herself.
17. Give the last friend the basket with the egg still inside it.
18. 11. Olivia has 2, her dad has 2, the dog has 4 and the stool has 3.
19. Straight up into the air. Gravity brought it right back down to him.
20. 10 minutes. All three eggs boil at the same time.
21. Yesterday, today and tomorrow.
22. He was born on February 29. Leap day only comes once every four years, and $72 \div 4 = 18$.
23. The doctor is Leo's sister.
24. They were playing other people, not each other.
25. They are a grandmother, her daughter and her granddaughter: three people.
26. Any way you like. A concrete floor is very hard to crack with an egg.
27. The same color as yours. You're the bus driver.
28. They are two of a set of triplets.
29. A hole. Cutting a hole takes away some of the bucket, so it weighs a little less.
30. Neither one. Egg yolks are yellow.

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