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Candy Cane Riddles



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

Easy riddles ★

1. I'm red and white and striped all over, with a hook at the top so I can hang on a branch. I taste like mint. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

2. Turn a candy cane upside down, and it looks just like one letter of the alphabet. Which letter?

   ANSWER _____

3. A zebra has black and white ones. A candy cane has red and white ones that twist around it from top to bottom. What are they?

   ANSWER _____

4. I'm the cool, fresh flavor inside most candy canes. My name starts with a spice that sits next to the salt. What flavor am I?

   ANSWER _____

5. I'm tall, green and covered in lights. In December, candy canes hang on my branches by their hooks. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

6. I'm a cookie shaped like a little person, with icing buttons and a sweet, spicy smell. In a famous story I shout, "Run, run, as fast as you can!" Who am I?

   ANSWER _____

7. I'm a warm, brown drink in a mug. Stir me with a candy cane, and I turn minty as it melts. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

8. We're small, chewy, dome-shaped candies rolled in sugar, and we come in every color. We often end up as decorations on a gingerbread roof. What are we?

   ANSWER _____

9. I hang by the fireplace and look like a giant sock. On Christmas morning, a candy cane is often poking out of my top. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

10. I'm white, I'm made of tiny crystals, and I'm the main ingredient in a candy cane. Without me, no candy would be sweet. What am I?

    ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

11. What's red, white and blue at Christmas time?

ANSWER _____

12. We're round and flat, wrapped in shiny gold or silver foil. We look like money, but peel us open and we're sweet and brown. What are we?

ANSWER _____

13. I'm soft, rich and cut into little squares. I'm made by cooking sugar, butter and milk, and I'm usually chocolate flavored. People give boxes of me as holiday gifts. What am I?

ANSWER _____

14. We're soft, white and squishy like tiny pillows. We float on hot cocoa and slowly melt into foam. What are we?

ANSWER _____

15. I'm the sweet white "glue" that holds a gingerbread house together and makes the snow on its roof. What am I?

ANSWER _____

16. A candy cane's shape looks like the hooked stick that someone uses to guide a flock of sheep. What is that stick called?

ANSWER _____

17. I'm a flat Christmas candy made of a layer of dark chocolate and a layer of white chocolate, with crushed candy canes sprinkled on top. I'm broken into rough pieces, and my second name is the skin of a tree. What am I?

ANSWER _____

18. A teacher has 48 candy canes and 6 tables of students. Each table gets the same number. How many candy canes does each table get?

ANSWER _____

19. Candy canes hang on a string in a repeating pattern: red, green, white, red, green, white, and so on. What color is the 10th candy cane?

ANSWER _____

20. We're tiny bits of colored sugar. Shake us over frosted Christmas cookies, and we look like confetti. Our name also means a very light rain. What are we?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

21. In the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas," visions of us dance in the children's heads. In the ballet "The Nutcracker," a fairy is named after us. What are we?

ANSWER _____

22. What kind of candy is never on time?

ANSWER _____

23. People say you have me when you love candy and desserts. I'm a body part in the saying, but no dentist has ever found me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

24. Peppermint makes your mouth feel cool, even though it isn't cold at all. The cool feeling comes from a natural substance in mint oil. What is it called?

ANSWER _____

25. I'm a sweet paste made from ground almonds and sugar. At Christmas, I'm shaped and painted to look like tiny fruits, vegetables and little pink pigs. What am I?

ANSWER _____

26. I'm a dark, heavy Christmas cake packed with nuts and bits of dried and candied fruit. I keep for a very long time, and people love to joke about passing me on as a gift. What am I?

ANSWER _____

27. I'm a sponge cake that's rolled up and covered in chocolate frosting, with lines scraped into it to look like bark. I'm named after a big piece of wood once burned in the fireplace at Christmas. What am I?

ANSWER _____

28. I have 24 little doors, and behind each one is a small chocolate. You open one a day in December. What am I?

ANSWER _____

29. In the United States, National Candy Cane Day falls on the day right after Christmas Day. What date is that?

ANSWER _____

30. Take the "candy" away from a candy cane. What's left can't be eaten, but it helps someone walk. What is it?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. A candy cane
2. The letter J
3. Stripes
4. Peppermint
5. A Christmas tree
6. The gingerbread man
7. Hot chocolate
8. Gumdrops
9. A stocking
10. Sugar
11. A sad candy cane
12. Chocolate coins
13. Fudge
14. Marshmallows
15. Icing
16. A shepherd's crook
17. Peppermint bark
18. 8 candy canes. 48 ÷ 6 = 8.
19. **Red.** The 9th cane ends the third round of the pattern, so the 10th starts a new round.
20. Sprinkles
21. Sugar plums
22. Choco-late
23. A sweet tooth
24. **Menthol.** It triggers the same nerve endings in your mouth that sense cold.
25. Marzipan
26. Fruitcake
27. A yule log
28. An advent calendar
29. December 26
30. A walking cane

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