



Castle Riddles



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

Easy riddles ★

1 I'm a wide ring of water that goes all the way around a castle, so enemies can't walk up to the walls. What am I?

ANSWER _____

2 I'm a wooden bridge with heavy chains. When enemies come, I'm pulled up so nobody can cross the water. What am I?

ANSWER _____

3 I'm a castle with towers and walls, but I'm built with a bucket and spade, and the tide knocks me down every evening. What am I?

ANSWER _____

4 I'm a castle you take your shoes off for. I'm full of air, and kids jump around inside me at birthday parties. What am I?

ANSWER _____

5 I wear shiny metal armor from my head to my toes, ride a horse and carry a shield. I promise to protect the castle and its people. What am I?

ANSWER _____

6 I'm a fancy chair with a tall back and soft red cushions, and only a king or queen is allowed to sit on me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

7 I'm tall and round, and in a fairy tale a girl with very long hair was locked inside me and let her braid down from my window. What am I?

ANSWER _____

8 I'm a ring of gold and jewels, but you don't wear me on your finger. A king or queen wears me on their head. What am I?

ANSWER _____

9 I wear a funny hat with bells on it, and my job in the castle was to tell jokes and make the king laugh. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

10 How do you light up a castle at night?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 11 I'm a heavy gate made of crisscrossed iron or wooden bars. I hang above the castle entrance and drop down fast to slam it shut. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 12 I'm the gap-toothed top of a castle wall. Guards hide behind my raised "teeth" and shoot through the gaps. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 13 I'm the strongest tower in the castle and the last place to hide if the outer walls fall. My name is also what you do with something you don't give back. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 14 I'm a dark prison under the castle. The funny thing is, my name comes from the French word "donjon", which meant the castle's tall main tower. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 15 I'm a tall, very thin window in the castle wall. I'm wide on the inside and narrow on the outside, so archers could shoot out but it was hard to shoot in. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 16 I'm a giant siege machine that uses a heavy falling weight to swing a long arm and fling big stones at castle walls. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 17 In chess, I'm shaped like a little castle tower, and I can only move in straight lines. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 18 I'm a castle that sits on a rock that was once an ancient volcano, high above Scotland's capital city. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 19 Legend says that if the ravens ever leave me, the kingdom will fall, so at least six of them are always kept here. I also guard the Crown Jewels. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 20 I'm a fairy-tale castle in the mountains of Bavaria, Germany, built for King Ludwig II. I helped inspire the Sleeping Beauty Castle at Disneyland. What am I?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

- 21 I'm a castle in Japan, so bright and white that people say I look like a bird spreading its wings. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 22 I'm the oldest and largest castle in the world that people still live in. The royal family often stays here, and in 1917 the royal family took my name as their own. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 23 A square castle has 10 guards standing along each wall. The four guards in the corners each stand on two walls at once. How many guards are there in total?

ANSWER _____

- 24 A prisoner faces two doors. One leads to freedom, the other to the dungeon. One guard always lies, the other always tells the truth, and he doesn't know which is which. With one question to one guard, how can he find the way out?

ANSWER _____

- 25 What kind of room has no walls, no doors and no windows, but you can eat it?

ANSWER _____

- 26 If someone tells you that you're "building castles in the air", what do they mean?

ANSWER _____

- 27 I'm a castle that slept for a hundred years while a hedge of thorny briars grew up all around me, until a prince found his way through. Whose castle am I?

ANSWER _____

- 28 A castle has 4 towers. Each tower has 3 floors, and each floor has 2 windows. A guard closes every window except the ones on the top floors. How many windows does he close?

ANSWER _____

- 29 Why were castles built on hills, rocks and cliffs whenever possible?

ANSWER _____

- 30 A castle and a palace can both have towers, gardens and a king inside. So what's the big difference between them?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. A moat
2. A drawbridge
3. A sandcastle
4. A bouncy castle
5. A knight
6. A throne
7. A tower
8. A crown
9. A jester
10. With knight lights
11. A portcullis
12. The battlements
13. The keep
14. A dungeon
15. An arrow slit
16. A trebuchet
17. A rook
18. Edinburgh Castle
19. The Tower of London
20. Neuschwanstein Castle
21. Himeji Castle
22. Windsor Castle
23. 36. Four walls of 10 is 40, but the 4 corner guards were each counted twice.
24. Ask either guard, "Which door would the other guard say leads to freedom?", then go through the other door. Both guards will point to the dungeon.
25. A mushroom
26. You're daydreaming about plans that probably won't come true.
27. Sleeping Beauty's castle
28. 16. Each tower has 2 lower floors with 2 windows each, which is 4 windows, times 4 towers.
29. Height made them easier to defend: guards could see enemies coming from far away, and attackers had to fight their way uphill.
30. A castle was built to be defended in war, with thick walls and gates. A palace is a grand home built for comfort and show.

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