



Chocolate Riddles



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

Easy riddles ★

- 1 I'm sweet and brown, I come in bars and chips, and if you hold me too long, I'll leave smudges on your fingers. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 2 I'm a tree that grows in hot, rainy places. My big pods are full of the beans that chocolate is made from. What kind of tree am I?

ANSWER _____

- 3 I'm warm, I'm brown, and I'm served in a mug on a snowy day. Put marshmallows on top of me and sip slowly. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 4 I'm a round baked treat dotted with little drops of chocolate. You dunk me in milk. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 5 I'm a square of chocolate cake that's thick, fudgy and chewy, and I'm baked in a flat pan. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 6 Toast a marshmallow over a campfire, squish it with a square of chocolate between two crackers, and what do you get?

ANSWER _____

- 7 I'm cold and I'm brown, and I come out of the fridge in a carton. I'm what you get when plain milk meets cocoa and sugar. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 8 I'm a chocolate animal with long ears, and I show up in baskets every spring. People usually bite my ears off first! What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 9 Leave a chocolate bar in a hot car or in your pocket on a sunny day, and what happens to it?

ANSWER _____

- 10 I'm a chocolate shaped like a heart, and I come in a box with lots of my friends. Which holiday do I show up on most?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 11 I grow right on the trunk and the big branches of a tree. I'm shaped like a small football, I can be yellow, orange, red or purple, and I'm packed with beans. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 12 Inside a cacao pod, the beans are wrapped in something soft, white and sweet. What is it called?

ANSWER _____

- 13 I'm the creamy fat that comes from cacao beans. I make chocolate smooth, and I'm also used in lip balm. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 14 I'm called chocolate, but I'm pale cream-colored. I'm made of cocoa butter, sugar and milk, with no cocoa solids at all. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 15 I'm the bitter, extra-chocolatey kind. I have lots of cocoa and little or no milk. Grown-ups often like me more than kids do. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 16 I'm the brown, dusty stuff in a tin that bakers stir into cake batter. I'm made by squeezing most of the fat out of ground cacao beans. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 17 Before cacao beans can become chocolate, they're heated in a big oven so they turn dark and smell amazing. What is this step called?

ANSWER _____

- 18 I look like gold money, but if you unwrap my shiny foil, I'm chocolate inside. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 19 I'm a pot of melted chocolate on the table. Dip strawberries, bananas and marshmallows into me on a long fork. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 20 Which part of the cacao pod is used to make chocolate: the shell, the beans or the leaves?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

- 21 Long before chocolate bars existed, the Maya and the Aztecs made cacao into something else. They didn't eat it. What did they do with it?

ANSWER _____

- 22 The Aztecs valued cacao beans so much that they used them for something we usually use coins for. What did they use them as?

ANSWER _____

- 23 The scientific name of the cacao tree is Theobroma cacao. "Theobroma" comes from Greek words. What does it mean?

ANSWER _____

- 24 Most of the world's cacao is grown in one region, where countries like Ivory Coast and Ghana grow huge amounts of it. Which region is it?

ANSWER _____

- 25 Chocolate is a treat for people, but it can make one of our favorite pets very sick. Which pet should never be given chocolate?

ANSWER _____

- 26 Chocolate makers heat and cool melted chocolate very carefully so that it sets shiny and breaks with a clean snap. What is this process called?

ANSWER _____

- 27 Sometimes an old chocolate bar gets white, dusty streaks on it after being stored somewhere warm. It's still safe to eat. What is this called?

ANSWER _____

- 28 I'm a soft, round ball of chocolate, often rolled in cocoa powder. I share my name with a rare fungus that pigs and dogs sniff out underground. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 29 Cacao trees only grow in warm, wet places close to an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth. What is that line called?

ANSWER _____

- 30 Freshly picked cacao beans taste bitter and don't taste like chocolate at all. Before they're dried and roasted, they're left in piles or boxes for a few days so their flavor changes. What is this step called?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. Chocolate
2. The cacao tree
3. Hot chocolate
4. A chocolate chip cookie
5. A brownie
6. A s'more
7. Chocolate milk
8. A chocolate bunny
9. It melts. Chocolate starts to melt at about body temperature, which is why it melts in your mouth, too.
10. Valentine's Day
11. A cacao pod
12. Pulp
13. Cocoa butter
14. White chocolate
15. Dark chocolate
16. Cocoa powder
17. Roasting
18. Chocolate coins
19. Chocolate fondue
20. The beans. They're the seeds of the cacao tree.
21. They drank it. It was a bitter, frothy drink, often flavored with spices like chili.
22. Money
23. Food of the gods
24. West Africa
25. A dog. Chocolate contains theobromine, which is poisonous to dogs.
26. Tempering
27. Bloom
28. A chocolate truffle
29. The equator
30. Fermenting

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