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Christmas Ornament Riddles



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

Easy riddles ★

1. I'm round and shiny, but nobody throws me or bounces me. I hang from a branch and show your face like a tiny curved mirror. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

2. I have five points, I'm often gold, and I get the best seat on the whole tree: the very top. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

3. I'm tiny, sparkly specks that fall off cards and ornaments and stick to everything. You'll still be finding me on the carpet in July. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

4. I'm a red and white striped treat with a curved top, so you can hang me on a branch with no hook at all. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

5. I'm shaped like an upside-down cup with a little clapper inside. Give the branch a shake and I'll ring. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

6. I'm a long green wire with dozens of tiny bulbs. I wind around the tree, and I'm always tangled when I come out of the box. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

7. I have wings and a halo, and I often wear a white gown. In many homes, I sit at the top of the tree. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

8. I'm a skirt that nobody wears. I lie in a circle on the floor under the tree, and the presents sit on top of me. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

9. To make me, you fold a piece of paper, snip little shapes out of the edges, and open it up to find six lacy points. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

10. You make me with a needle, a long thread and a bowl of a fluffy white movie snack. Then you drape me around the tree. What am I?

    ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

11. I'm a long rope of evergreen branches, beads or ribbon. I loop around the tree and hang along mantels and stair rails. What am I?

ANSWER _____

12. I'm a tiny piece of bent wire. One end goes through the loop on an ornament and the other goes over a branch. Without me, most ornaments would stay in the box. What am I?

ANSWER _____

13. You make me from strips of colored paper. Each strip is glued into a ring that loops through the ring before it, and I grow longer with every link. What am I?

ANSWER _____

14. I'm long, thin and clear, and I hang straight down from a branch. I look just like frozen dripping water, but I never melt. What am I?

ANSWER _____

15. I fell from an evergreen tree in the forest. Add a ribbon and some white paint on my woody scales, and I'm ready to hang on a tree again. What am I?

ANSWER _____

16. I'm made from flour, salt and water, cut out with a cookie cutter, baked until I'm hard and then painted. I look like a cookie, but please don't eat me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

17. I grip the trunk with screws and hold a bowl of water underneath, so a cut tree stays straight and has something to drink. What am I?

ANSWER _____

18. I'm a ring of evergreen branches with a red bow. I'm a Christmas decoration, but I hang on the front door, not on the tree. What am I?

ANSWER _____

19. You hang 24 baubles on the tree. One third of them are red. Half of the rest are gold, and all the others are silver. How many silver baubles are there?

ANSWER _____

20. A string of lights repeats the same pattern again and again: red, green, blue, red, green, blue. What color is the 20th light?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

21. The first glass baubles for Christmas trees were made in the 1800s by glassblowers in a small mountain town called Lauscha. Which country is Lauscha in?

ANSWER _____

22. I'm made of long, shiny strands that drape over the branches. Rearrange my six letters and you can spell SILENT or LISTEN. What am I?

ANSWER _____

23. Tinsel was invented in Nuremberg, Germany, about 400 years ago. Back then it wasn't plastic. It was thin strips of a real precious metal. Which metal?

ANSWER _____

24. Before electric bulbs, families lit up their Christmas trees with small flames. What did they clip to the branches?

ANSWER _____

25. In 1882, a friend of the inventor Thomas Edison put the first string of electric lights on a Christmas tree in New York. It had 80 bulbs in three colors, the same three colors as the American flag. What were they?

ANSWER _____

26. Hundreds of years ago in Germany, long before glass ornaments, people hung a round red fruit on their Christmas trees. Which fruit?

ANSWER _____

27. In some American families, a green glass ornament shaped like a sour, crunchy snack is hidden deep in the tree. The first child to spot it on Christmas morning gets an extra present. What is the ornament?

ANSWER _____

28. Mia hangs her ornament higher than Leo's. Leo hangs his higher than Sam's. Sam hangs his higher than Ava's. Whose ornament is closest to the floor?

ANSWER _____

29. A dark box holds 3 red baubles and 3 gold baubles. Without looking, how many must you take out to be sure you have two of the same color?

ANSWER _____

30. Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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1. **A bauble.** That's another name for a round ball ornament.
2. **A star**
3. **Glitter**
4. **A candy cane**
5. **A bell**
6. **Christmas lights**
7. **An angel**
8. **A tree skirt**
9. **A paper snowflake**
10. **A popcorn string**
11. **A garland**
12. **An ornament hook**
13. **A paper chain**
14. **An icicle ornament**
15. **A pinecone**
16. **A salt dough ornament**
17. **A tree stand**
18. **A wreath**
19. **8 silver baubles. 8 are red, which leaves 16, and half of 16 is 8 gold and 8 silver.**
20. **Green.** The 18th is blue, the 19th is red and the 20th is green.
21. **Germany**
22. **Tinsel**
23. **Silver**
24. **Candles.** They were a fire risk, so a bucket of water was often kept nearby.
25. **Red, white and blue.** The friend was Edward Johnson, who worked with Edison.
26. **Apples**
27. **A pickle**
28. **Ava's.** From top to bottom the order is Mia, Leo, Sam, Ava.
29. **3 baubles.** The first two might be different colors, but the third has to match one of them.
30. **They keep dropping their needles.**

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