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Compound Word 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 word made of something white that falls in winter and a grown-up boy. I have a carrot nose, and I melt when the sun comes out. What word am I?

   ANSWER _____

2. I'm a word made of the bright star in the daytime sky and the colorful part of a plant. I'm tall and yellow, and I turn my face to the light. What word am I?

   ANSWER _____

3. I'm a word made of water falling from clouds and a ribbon tied in a loop. I'm an arch of seven colors in the sky. What word am I?

   ANSWER _____

4. I'm a word made of something you drink tea from and a birthday treat with candles. I'm a tiny treat with frosting, baked in a paper wrapper. What word am I?

   ANSWER _____

5. I'm a word made of a twinkling light in the night sky and an animal with fins. I live in the sea, and I have five arms. What word am I?

   ANSWER _____

6. I'm a word made of something you bite with and something you paint with. You use me every morning and every night with a squeeze of paste. What word am I?

   ANSWER _____

7. I'm a word made of the sound a balloon makes when it bursts and a yellow vegetable that grows on a cob. I'm a fluffy snack at the movies. What word am I?

   ANSWER _____

8. I'm a word made of the part of your body inside your shoe and a round toy that bounces. I'm a game played on a field with goals at each end. What word am I?

   ANSWER _____

9. I'm a word made of the thing you sleep on and a space with four walls and a door. I'm where you keep your pajamas and your pillow. What word am I?

   ANSWER _____

10. I'm a word made of a yellow spread for toast and what a bird does with its wings. I start life as a caterpillar. What word am I?

    ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

11. I'm two words joined into one, like "rain" and "coat" or "sun" and "set." What kind of word am I?

ANSWER _____

12. I'm a word made of an evergreen tree with needles and a crunchy red or green fruit. But I grow on neither one. I'm a sweet, yellow tropical fruit with a spiky crown. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

13. I'm a word made of something a hen lays and something that grows in a garden. No chicken was involved. I'm a shiny purple vegetable. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

14. Put me in front of "fly," and you get a bug that glows. Put me in front of "place," and you get a spot for burning logs. Put me in front of "works," and you get colors that explode in the sky. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

15. I'm one small word that can finish "basket" and start "room." What word am I?

ANSWER _____

16. I'm a word made of a wobbly fruit spread for toast and a swimming animal. I have no bones and no brain, and my long tentacles can sting. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

17. I'm a word made of a polite name for a woman and a small crawling creature. I'm red with black spots. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

18. I'm a word made of something that opens a lock and a flat piece of wood. I'm covered in letters and numbers, and you tap me to type. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

19. I'm a word made of "to snap in two" and "to go without food." I'm the meal that ends a whole night of not eating. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

20. I'm a word made of drops from the clouds and something with sleeves and buttons. I keep you dry when you walk to school on a wet day. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

21. I look like a word made of a vehicle with four wheels and an animal friend who lives in your house. But I'm not a real compound word at all. I lie on the floor, and you walk on me. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

22. We're two compound words made from the same two small words. One of us is a home that floats on the water. The other is a shed on the shore where rowboats are kept. What words are we?

ANSWER _____

23. How many small words are joined together to make the word "nevertheless"?

ANSWER _____

24. I'm one small word that can follow "sun," "moon," "day" and "flash" to make four compound words. I can also go in front of "house" to make a tower that guides ships. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

25. I'm a word made of something you read and a wriggly creature that lives in the soil. I'm not an animal, though. I'm a person who loves reading. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

26. I'm a word made of a big body of salt water and an animal you can ride. I'm a tiny fish that swims upright, and in my family the father carries the eggs. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

27. I'm a word made of the opposite of "over" and the opposite of "sit." My meaning has nothing to do with either one. I mean "to know what something means." What word am I?

ANSWER _____

28. I'm a word made of the part of your body between your shoulders and what you do with a suitcase before a trip. You carry your books to school in me. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

29. I'm a word made of what you hear with and a circle you wear on a finger. I don't make a sound, and I don't go on your hand. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

30. I'm a word made of what comes out of a tap and a juicy fruit with a hard rind. I'm green on the outside and red on the inside, with black seeds. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. **Snowman**
2. **Sunflower**
3. **Rainbow**
4. **Cupcake**
5. **Starfish**
6. **Toothbrush**
7. **Popcorn**
8. **Football**
9. **Bedroom**
10. **Butterfly**
11. **A compound word**
12. **Pineapple**
13. **Eggplant**
14. **Fire.** The words are firefly, fireplace and fireworks.
15. **Ball.** The words are basketball and ballroom.
16. **Jellyfish**
17. **Ladybug**
18. **Keyboard**
19. **Breakfast.** It "breaks" the "fast" of the night.
20. **Raincoat**
21. **Carpet.** "Car" and "pet" are hiding in it by accident; the word came from Old French.
22. **Houseboat and boathouse**
23. **Three.** Never, the and less.
24. **Light.** The words are sunlight, moonlight, daylight, flashlight and lighthouse.
25. **Bookworm**
26. **Seahorse**
27. **Understand**
28. **Backpack**
29. **Earring**
30. **Watermelon**

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