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# Fireplace 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 warm spot built into a wall, with a brick or stone opening where logs crackle and glow. Families gather near me on cold nights. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

2. I stand tall on the roof, but I'm hollow inside. Smoke climbs up through me and floats out of my top. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

3. I'm gray, I curl and drift, and I go up the chimney when the fire burns. You can see me, but you can't hold me. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

4. I grew in a forest as part of a tree. Now I'm cut, split and stacked by the fireplace, waiting for a grown-up to add me to the fire. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

5. I'm soft, gray and powdery, and I'm all that's left when the logs have burned away. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

6. On Christmas Eve, I hang from the mantel, long and empty, shaped like a giant sock. In the morning, I'm full of little surprises. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

7. Who is said to climb down chimneys on Christmas Eve with a sack of toys?

   ANSWER _____

8. I'm a gooey sandwich: a toasted marshmallow and a square of chocolate squished between two graham crackers. Kids always ask for some more of me. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

9. I'm a small round disk on the ceiling. If I sense smoke, I beep loudly to warn everyone in the house. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

10. What did the log say when the fire got bigger?

    ANSWER _____

## Medium riddles ★★

11. I'm the shelf above the fireplace. Families put photos, candles and holiday decorations on me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

12. I'm a metal rack of bars that holds the logs up inside the fireplace, so air can flow underneath. My name sounds like a word for "awesome." What am I?

ANSWER _____

13. I'm a long metal rod with a pointed tip. A grown-up uses me to nudge burning logs into place, so nobody's hands get near the flames. What am I?

ANSWER _____

14. I stand in front of the fireplace like a fence made of metal mesh or glass. I stop sparks from popping out onto the rug. What am I?

ANSWER _____

15. I'm small, orange and glowing. I'm what's left of a burning log after the flames die down, and I can stay hot for hours. What am I?

ANSWER _____

16. I'm a bundle of thin sticks and twigs. Grown-ups put me in first, because I catch fire more easily than big logs. What am I?

ANSWER _____

17. My job is to climb into chimneys and brush out the black, sooty buildup, so the chimney stays safe. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

18. I'm a flap inside the chimney. Open me when there's a fire so smoke can escape, and close me when there's no fire so cold air stays out. What am I?

ANSWER _____

19. Squeeze my handles together, and I puff a blast of air at the fire to help it burn brighter. What am I?

ANSWER _____

20. I'm a red can with a handle, a pin and a nozzle. Grown-ups keep me nearby, and I spray to put out a small fire fast. What am I?

ANSWER _____

## Tricky riddles ★★★

21. I'm not alive, but I grow. I don't have lungs, but I need air to live. Give me water, and I die. What am I?

ANSWER _____

22. I'm the floor of the fireplace, made of brick or stone. Take away my last letter, and I become the thing that beats inside you. What am I?

ANSWER _____

23. You walk into a dark, cold cabin with one match. There's a candle, an oil lamp and a fireplace. Which do you light first?

ANSWER _____

24. Why does smoke go up the chimney instead of filling the room?

ANSWER _____

25. Grandpa stacks firewood in 5 rows. The top row has 3 logs, and each row below has 1 more log than the row above it. How many logs are in the stack?

ANSWER _____

26. I'm black, dusty and powdery. Smoke leaves me on the inside of the chimney, and I'm the reason the sweep comes to visit. What am I?

ANSWER _____

27. When the fire flickers, I dance on the wall behind you. I copy every move you make, but I have no color and make no sound. What am I?

ANSWER _____

28. If your clothes ever caught fire, three short words tell you exactly what to do. What are they?

ANSWER _____

29. I'm a plan every family should make and practice: two ways out of every room and one spot outside where everyone meets. What am I?

ANSWER _____

30. I'm a cake shaped like a tree branch with bark made of chocolate frosting. I'm named after a big log people once burned in the fireplace for the holidays. What am I?

ANSWER _____

# Answers

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

1. **A fireplace**
2. **A chimney**
3. **Smoke**
4. **A log**
5. **Ash**
6. **A Christmas stocking**
7. **Santa Claus**
8. **A s'more**
9. **A smoke alarm**
10. **"I'm all fired up!"**
11. **The mantel**
12. **The grate.** It sounds like "great."
13. **A fire poker**
14. **A fire screen**
15. **Embers**
16. **Kindling**
17. **A chimney sweep**
18. **The damper**
19. **Bellows**
20. **A fire extinguisher**
21. **Fire**
22. **The hearth.** Remove the h and you get "heart."
23. **The match.** You have to light it before you can light anything else.
24. **Hot air rises.** The warm air and smoke are lighter than the cooler air around them, so they float up and out.
25. **25.** That's 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7.
26. **Soot**
27. **Your shadow**
28. **Stop, drop and roll.** Running makes flames bigger, and rolling smothers them.
29. **A fire escape plan**
30. **A Yule log cake**

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