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Game Night 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 little cube with dots on every side, from one to six. Shake me, roll me, and I'll tell you how far to move. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

2. I have 52 members, split into four families: hearts, diamonds, clubs and spades. Shuffle me, then deal me out. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

3. I come in a box with hundreds of oddly shaped pieces, and the picture on my lid shows what I'll look like when I'm finished. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

4. I have two glass bulbs and a skinny waist. Flip me over, and when all my sand falls to the bottom, your turn is over. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

5. I'm an arrow on a circle of colors or numbers. Flick me, and I whirl around and around until I stop and point to your move. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

6. In this game, you can't say a word. You act out a movie, a book or an animal while everyone else shouts out guesses. What game is it?

   ANSWER _____

7. I'm a sheet of paper or a little pad where every point, round and win gets written down. At the end of the night, I show who's the champion. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

8. I'm a game played on a board of 64 squares with 12 round, flat pieces on each side. You hop over your opponent's pieces to capture them. What game am I?

   ANSWER _____

9. We're black rectangles with white dots, and each of us has two halves. Match our ends to build a long chain across the table, or stand us in a line and knock the first one over. What are we?

   ANSWER _____

10. I'm a game for two that you can play with just a pencil and paper. Draw a grid of nine squares, then take turns drawing X's and O's until someone gets three in a row. What game am I?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

11. I'm the chess piece shaped like a horse's head. I move in an L shape, and I'm the only piece that can jump over others. What am I?

ANSWER _____

12. There are eight of me on each side, lined up in the front row of the chessboard. I move straight forward but capture diagonally. If I reach the far side, I can turn into a more powerful piece. What am I?

ANSWER _____

13. I'm the most powerful piece in chess. I can move as far as I like in any straight line: forward, backward, sideways or diagonally. What am I?

ANSWER _____

14. I stand in the corners of the chessboard at the start of the game, and I look like a little castle tower. I move in straight lines, up, down and sideways. What am I?

ANSWER _____

15. In checkers, when one of your pieces makes it all the way to the other side of the board, another piece is stacked on top of it, and now it can move backward too. What does it become?

ANSWER _____

16. I'm a card with just one big symbol in the middle. In some games I'm the lowest card in the deck, and in others I'm the highest. What am I?

ANSWER _____

17. I'm the card that doesn't belong to any of the four suits. I often wear a jester's hat, and in some games I can stand in for any other card. What am I?

ANSWER _____

18. I'm what you do to a deck of cards before you deal, mixing them up so nobody knows what's coming. What am I?

ANSWER _____

19. I'm a game played with just your hands. A fist, a flat hand or two fingers: each one beats one of the others and loses to the third. What game am I?

ANSWER _____

20. In this game, one player thinks of something, and everyone else gets to ask questions that can only be answered "yes" or "no." You have a limited number of questions to figure it out. What game is it?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

21 Look closely at a die. The little dots on it have their own special name, and the numbers on opposite sides always add up to the same total. What are the dots called?

ANSWER _____

22 I'm the move that ends a chess game. The king is under attack and has no way to escape. What am I called?

ANSWER _____

23 The game is over, the scores are counted, and the two teams have exactly the same number of points. What do you call it?

ANSWER _____

24 I'm a card game you play all by yourself. You lay the cards out in rows and try to sort them all into piles by suit. What game am I?

ANSWER _____

25 I'm the player who hands out the cards at the start of each round. In many games, this job passes to the next player after every hand. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

26 Players read me before the game starts, argue about me halfway through, and look me up again when someone says, "That's not fair!" What am I?

ANSWER _____

27 I'm flat and folded in half inside a box, and I open up to show squares, paths and spaces for every player's piece. What am I?

ANSWER _____

28 I'm a little game piece: a plastic person, a colored disc or a tiny object. I stand for you on the board and move when it's your turn. What am I?

ANSWER _____

29 In this game, everyone sits in a line or circle. The first person whispers a sentence to the next, and it travels all the way around. By the end, it has usually turned into something silly. What game is it?

ANSWER _____

30 The first jigsaw puzzles, made in the 1760s, weren't pictures of animals or castles. They were cut up to help children learn geography. What were they pictures of?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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1. **A die** (one of a pair of dice)
2. **A deck of cards**
3. **A jigsaw puzzle**
4. **An hourglass** (a sand timer)
5. **A spinner**
6. **Charades**
7. **A scorecard**
8. **Checkers**
9. **Dominoes**
10. **Tic-tac-toe**
11. **A knight**
12. **A pawn**
13. **The queen**
14. **A rook**
15. **A king**
16. **An ace**
17. **The joker**
18. **Shuffle**
19. **Rock, paper, scissors**
20. **Twenty Questions**
21. **Pips.** And opposite sides of a standard die always add up to 7.
22. **Checkmate**
23. **A tie**
24. **Solitaire**
25. **The dealer**
26. **The rulebook**
27. **The game board**
28. **A token**
29. **Telephone**
30. **Maps.** Early puzzles were called "dissected maps."

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