



Grammar Riddles

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



Easy riddles ★

- 1 Teacher, park and pencil are all examples of me. I name a person, a place or a thing. What part of speech am I?

ANSWER _____

- 2 In the sentence "The dog runs," I'm the word "runs." I show the action. What part of speech am I?

ANSWER _____

- 3 In "the fluffy cat," I'm the word "fluffy." I tell you what something is like. What part of speech am I?

ANSWER _____

- 4 I'm just a tiny dot, but every telling sentence needs me at the very end. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 5 I'm a curly hook with a dot underneath. I show up at the end of every sentence that asks something. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 6 Every sentence starts with me, and so does your name. I'm the big version of a letter. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 7 One mouse squeaks in the kitchen. When three of us squeak together, what are we called?

ANSWER _____

- 8 I sound exactly like the big salty ocean, but I'm what your eyes do. Which word am I?

ANSWER _____

- 9 I'm a straight line with a dot underneath. Put me after "Wow" or "Watch out" to show that someone is excited or shouting. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 10 I'm a short line that glues words together, like in "well-known," "mother-in-law" and "twenty-one." What punctuation mark am I?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 11 In "She sang loudly," I'm the word "loudly." I tell you how something was done, and I often end in -ly. What part of speech am I?

ANSWER _____

- 12 I stand in for a noun so you don't have to repeat it. Instead of "Maya lost Maya's hat," you can say "She lost her hat." What part of speech am I?

ANSWER _____

- 13 I look like a comma that floated up high. I show that something belongs to someone (Sam's bike) and where letters are missing. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 14 Squeeze "do not" into one word with an apostrophe. What contraction do you get?

ANSWER _____

- 15 You stand on one of me, but you walk on two of me. I don't add -s; I swap my vowels instead. What is my plural?

ANSWER _____

- 16 Three words sound exactly alike: there, their and they're. Which one fills the gap: "___ going to the park after lunch"?

ANSWER _____

- 17 I'm a joining word. I link "I wanted cake" and "I ate an apple" into one sentence. "And," "but" and "or" are on my team. What part of speech am I?

ANSWER _____

- 18 In "The cat is under the table," I'm the word "under." I show where something is. What part of speech am I?

ANSWER _____

- 19 Join the bright thing in the sky with a word for a bloom, and you get me: a tall plant with a big yellow face. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

- 20 I always come in pairs, and I hug the exact words someone said: "Let's go!" What am I?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

- 21 Read these two sentences: "Let's eat, Grandma!" and "Let's eat Grandma!" Which punctuation mark saves Grandma?

ANSWER _____

- 22 I burst out to show a feeling, like "Ouch!", "Hooray!" or "Oops!" I'm often followed by an exclamation point. What part of speech am I?

ANSWER _____

- 23 Fill both blanks with words that sound exactly the same: "I ate ___ cookies, and my sister ate some ___."

ANSWER _____

- 24 Today I swim. Yesterday I _____. This week I have _____ every day. Which two words fill the blanks?

ANSWER _____

- 25 As a noun, I'm on your wrist and I tell the time. As a verb, I mean to look at something carefully. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

- 26 One tooth, two teeth. One goose, two geese. So one moose, two... what?

ANSWER _____

- 27 "Close the door." "Wash your hands." "Sit down." What kind of sentence gives a command like these?

ANSWER _____

- 28 Is it correct to say "The yolk of the egg are white" or "The yolk of the egg is white"?

ANSWER _____

- 29 In "The tiny puppy chased the red ball," which word is the subject: the one doing the action?

ANSWER _____

- 30 I'm the past tense of "win," but I sound exactly like the first number you count. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. A noun
2. A verb
3. An adjective. Adjectives describe nouns.
4. A period
5. A question mark
6. A capital letter
7. Mice. Mouse is an irregular noun.
8. See. "Sea" and "see" are homophones: they sound the same but are spelled differently and mean different things.
9. An exclamation point
10. A hyphen
11. An adverb. Adverbs describe verbs.
12. A pronoun
13. An apostrophe
14. Don't
15. Feet. One foot, two feet.
16. They're. It's short for "they are."
17. A conjunction
18. A preposition
19. Sunflower. It's a compound word: sun + flower.
20. Quotation marks
21. The comma. With it, you're inviting Grandma to eat. Without it, Grandma is on the menu.
22. An interjection
23. Two and too. "I ate two cookies, and my sister ate some too."
24. Swam and swum. Swim is an irregular verb: swim, swam, have swum.
25. Watch. One word can be a noun in one sentence and a verb in the next.
26. Moose. The plural of moose is moose; "meese" isn't a word.
27. An imperative sentence. It tells someone to do something, and the subject "you" is understood.
28. Neither. An egg yolk is yellow. ("Is" is the right verb, though, because "yolk" is singular.)
29. Puppy. "Tiny" describes it, "chased" is the verb, and "ball" is what got chased.
30. Won. "Won" and "one" are homophones.

Need a hint? Every riddle has one at riddlepedia.com/grammar-riddles/, where you can also play them as a game.