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Gratitude 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 short letter you write after a birthday or a visit, telling someone how much their gift or kindness meant. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

2. Fill me with little slips of paper, each naming one good thing that happened. By Thanksgiving I'm stuffed with happy memories. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

3. I'm a thank-you you give with both arms. I'm warm, I'm free, and you get one back every time you give one. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

4. I'm the busy time each fall when farmers gather corn, pumpkins and apples from the fields. Thanksgiving began as a celebration of me. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

5. I'm a curved basket shaped like a goat's horn, spilling over with fruits and vegetables in the middle of the Thanksgiving table. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

6. You give me away and still keep me. I jump from face to face, and I cost nothing at all. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

7. I help you learn to read, explain long division until it clicks, and cheer when you finally get it. Lots of kids write me a thank-you card at the end of the school year. Who am I?

   ANSWER _____

8. I wag when you come home, I never stay mad, and I'd fetch the same stick a hundred times for you. Lots of kids are thankful for me. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

9. I'm a big meal shared with family and friends on the fourth Thursday of November in the United States. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

10. I'm a kind thing you do for someone without being asked, like carrying the groceries or sharing your snack, and I don't expect anything back. What am I?

    ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

11. I wear a stamp and an address, and I carry your thank-you card all the way to Grandma's mailbox. What am I?

ANSWER _____

12. Thanksgiving is in November in the United States, but in Canada it's celebrated earlier. In which month?

ANSWER _____

13. I start with "grate," but I'm not cheese. I end with "tude," like "attitude." What am I?

ANSWER _____

14. Volunteers work in me, sorting cans and boxes so families in need can have a good holiday meal. What am I?

ANSWER _____

15. I'm what you give when you're grateful, and I come right before "giving" in the name of a November holiday. What am I?

ANSWER _____

16. After her birthday, Mia wrote 3 thank-you notes every day for 4 days. How many notes did she write?

ANSWER _____

17. Six people sit around the Thanksgiving table. Each person says "thank you" once to every other person at the table. How many thank-yous are said?

ANSWER _____

18. Many families eat me at Thanksgiving. The wild ones of my kind can fly short distances and sleep up in trees at night. What am I?

ANSWER _____

19. We're three crops planted together by many Native American farmers: one grows tall, one climbs up it, and one spreads big leaves to shade the soil. What are we called?

ANSWER _____

20. In Spanish, I'm how you say "thank you." I sound a lot like an English word for being kind and polite.

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

21. I'm a little word ending that means "full of." Stick me on "thank" or "grate," and you get a feeling. What am I?

ANSWER _____

22. Thanksgiving in the United States always falls on the fourth Thursday of November. What is the earliest date it can ever be?

ANSWER _____

23. In 1863, after years of letters from the magazine editor Sarah Josepha Hale, a US president declared a national day of Thanksgiving. Who was he?

ANSWER _____

24. Every morning, Zoe smiles and says "thanks for being you" to someone who copies every move she makes but never makes a sound. Who is it?

ANSWER _____

25. Grandpa has 4 grandkids. Each one sends him 2 thank-you cards, and every card has 3 hearts drawn on it. How many hearts does Grandpa get?

ANSWER _____

26. In 1621, the Wampanoag people and the English colonists at Plymouth shared a harvest feast. How many days did it last?

ANSWER _____

27. Which Wampanoag leader came to that 1621 harvest feast with about 90 of his men?

ANSWER _____

28. In American Sign Language, you say me by touching your fingertips to your chin and moving your hand forward and down. What am I?

ANSWER _____

29. Take away two letters from THANKS, and the letters left spell a place where pet fish live. What's the word?

ANSWER _____

30. Add one short word after "thanks a" and you've said thank you in a big way. Say it in a grumpy voice, and it means the exact opposite. What's the word?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. **A thank-you note**
2. **A gratitude jar**
3. **A hug**
4. **The harvest**
5. **A cornucopia.** The name means "horn of plenty."
6. **A smile**
7. **A teacher**
8. **A dog**
9. **Thanksgiving dinner**
10. **An act of kindness**
11. **An envelope**
12. **October.** Canadian Thanksgiving is on the second Monday of October.
13. **Gratitude**
14. **A food bank**
15. **Thanks**
16. **12 notes. 3 × 4 = 12.**
17. **30 thank-yous.** Each of the 6 people thanks 5 others: 6 × 5 = 30.
18. **A turkey**
19. **The Three Sisters: corn, beans and squash**
20. **Gracias**
21. **"-ful," as in thankful and grateful**
22. **November 22.** The latest it can be is November 28.
23. **Abraham Lincoln**
24. **Her reflection in the mirror**
25. **24 hearts. 4 × 2 = 8 cards, and 8 × 3 = 24.**
26. **Three days, according to a letter written by one of the colonists**
27. **Massasoit**
28. **"Thank you"**
29. **Tank**
30. **Lot.** "Thanks a lot!"

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