



Harvest Riddles

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



Easy riddles ★

- 1 I have eyes but I can't see. I grow under the ground, and you can mash me, bake me or fry me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 2 I'm a field full of fruit trees planted in neat rows. In the fall, families visit me with baskets to pick apples. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 3 I'm orange and pointy. I grow underground with leafy green hair sticking up, and rabbits love to crunch me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 4 I'm woven from thin strips of wood or straw, and I have a handle. At harvest time, I'm filled to the top with apples and vegetables. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 5 I have one wheel, two handles and a big tub in front. Push me across the farm to carry heavy loads of potatoes. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 6 I'm a big farm building where animals sleep, tools are stored, and the harvest stays dry when it rains. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 7 In an old story, I found some wheat seeds, planted them, cut the wheat and baked bread. Nobody would help me, so nobody else got to eat it. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

- 8 I'm a fall holiday when families in the United States and Canada share a big meal and say what they're grateful for. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 9 All fall, I bury nuts in the ground to eat in winter. I forget where some of them are, and those grow into new trees. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 10 I'm a grape that sat out in the sun until I got small, wrinkly and extra sweet. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 11 Squeeze a big pile of fall apples in a press and out comes me: a cloudy, sweet drink that's often served warm with cinnamon. What am I?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 12 I'm a giant machine that cuts the wheat, shakes the grain loose and blows away the leftovers, all in one trip across the field. My name says I put several jobs together. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 13 I'm a tall, round tower standing next to the barn, filled to the top with grain or animal feed. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 14 I grow on low vines in sandy bogs. At harvest time, farmers flood the bog with water, and I float to the top because I have tiny pockets of air inside. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 15 I'm a curly horn spilling over with fruit, vegetables and grain, and my name means "horn of plenty." What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 16 Before there were machines, harvesters tied cut stalks of wheat into bundles and stood them up in the field to dry. What is one of those bundles called?

ANSWER _____

- 17 I'm called a nut, but I'm really a legume, like a pea or a bean. I don't grow on a tree. I grow underground. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 18 In one of Aesop's fables, one insect works all summer storing food while another sings and plays. When winter comes, which insect has plenty to eat?

ANSWER _____

- 19 Cut an apple across its middle instead of from top to bottom, and you'll find a shape hidden inside. What is it?

ANSWER _____

- 20 At harvest time, a smart farmer doesn't eat or sell every last bit of the crop. She saves some of me, dry and safe in a jar, to plant next spring. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 21 At this Chinese harvest festival, families gather under the full moon and share round pastries called mooncakes. What is the festival called?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★ ★

- 22 Count the rows of kernels around an ear of corn and you'll find 12, 14, 16 or 18, but never 15. Why?

ANSWER _____

- 23 I'm a long, curved blade on a long wooden handle. Farmers swung me side to side to cut grain long before there were machines. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 24 Farmers used to toss threshed wheat into the air on a windy day. The heavy grain fell straight back down, and the light, papery husks blew away. What are those husks called?

ANSWER _____

- 25 During this week-long Jewish harvest festival, families eat their meals in a hut built outdoors, with a roof of branches loose enough to see the stars through. What is the festival called?

ANSWER _____

- 26 This harvest festival in southern India shares its name with a sweet rice dish. The rice is boiled until it bubbles over the top of the pot, a sign of a year of plenty. What is it called?

ANSWER _____

- 27 I'm the full moon that comes right after the harvest moon. Long ago, my light helped people hunt and store up food for the winter. What am I called?

ANSWER _____

- 28 In which country is Thanksgiving celebrated on the second Monday of October, more than a month before Thanksgiving in the United States?

ANSWER _____

- 29 A farmer picks 120 apples. She gives a third of them to her neighbor, then bakes half of what's left into pies. How many apples are left for snacking?

ANSWER _____

- 30 It takes 5 farmers 5 hours to pick 5 rows of beans. How long would it take 10 farmers to pick 10 rows?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. A potato
2. An orchard
3. A carrot
4. A basket
5. A wheelbarrow
6. A barn
7. The Little Red Hen
8. Thanksgiving
9. A squirrel
10. A raisin
11. Apple cider
12. A combine harvester
13. A silo
14. Cranberries
15. A cornucopia
16. A sheaf
17. A peanut
18. The ant
19. A star. The five seed pockets make a five-pointed star.
20. Seeds
21. The Mid-Autumn Festival
22. Kernels grow in pairs, so an ear of corn always has an even number of rows.
23. A scythe
24. Chaff
25. Sukkot
26. Pongal
27. The hunter's moon
28. Canada
29. 40. A third of 120 is 40, which leaves 80. Half of 80 goes into pies, which leaves 40.
30. 5 hours. Each farmer picks one row in 5 hours, so 10 farmers pick 10 rows in the same 5 hours.

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