



Human Body Riddles



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

Easy riddles ★

- 1 I'm about the size of your fist, and I beat all day and all night, even while you sleep. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 2 There are two of us in your chest. We fill up like balloons when you breathe in and get smaller when you breathe out. What are we?

ANSWER _____

- 3 When you're little, some of us wiggle loose and fall out, and bigger ones grow in our place. What are we?

ANSWER _____

- 4 I sit in the middle of your face. I can smell cookies baking, and sometimes I go "achoo!" What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 5 I help you taste sweet, salty and sour, and I help you talk. I live in your mouth. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 6 There are two of us. We see colors, we cry tears, and we blink many times every minute without you noticing. What are we?

ANSWER _____

- 7 I cover you from your head to your toes, and I'm the biggest organ of your body. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 8 I'm hard and made of many pieces. Without me, you'd flop on the floor like a pile of jelly. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 9 There are two of us, one on each side of your head. We hear sounds, and deep inside, we also help you keep your balance. What are we?

ANSWER _____

- 10 I'm one of your five senses. Your eyes can't do me and your ears can't do me, but your fingertips are experts at me. What sense am I?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 11 I weigh only about 1.4 kilograms (3 pounds), but I use about a fifth of your body's energy. I tell every other part what to do. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 12 I'm a stretchy bag that churns your food and mixes it with strong acid. A slimy lining keeps me from digesting myself. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 13 I'm a long, narrow tube coiled up in your belly. Stretched out, I'd be much longer than you are tall, and I soak up most of the goodness from your food. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 14 I'm the longest and strongest bone in your body, and I'm in your thigh. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 15 I'm the smallest bone in your body, about the size of a grain of rice, and I'm shaped like a stirrup. Where am I?

ANSWER _____

- 16 I'm the biggest organ inside your body. I clean your blood, store energy, and I can even grow back if part of me is removed. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 17 There are two of us, each about the size of a fist and shaped like a bean. We filter your blood and make urine. What are we?

ANSWER _____

- 18 I'm a dome-shaped muscle under your lungs, and I pull down every time you breathe in. When I twitch by surprise, you get the hiccups. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 19 I'm made of loops, whorls and arches, and no two people have the same ones, not even identical twins. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 20 I'm the black circle in the middle of your eye. I get bigger in the dark and smaller in bright light. My name is also a word for a student. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 21 Everybody has one, right in the middle of the tummy. It's a small scar left by the cord that fed you before you were born. What is it?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

- 22 A newborn baby has around 300 bones, but an adult has only 206. None go missing, so where do the others go?

ANSWER _____

23 People call me funny and call me a bone, but I'm neither. Bump me at the elbow and a zinging tingle shoots down to your little finger. What am I really?

ANSWER _____

24 Tiny muscles pull your body hairs upright when you're cold or scared, and your skin puts on a bumpy show. What is it called?

ANSWER _____

25 If your heart beats 70 times a minute, roughly how many times does it beat in one day?

ANSWER _____

26 Name ten parts of the body that are spelled with only three letters. No slang allowed.

ANSWER _____

27 You can hold me without using your hands, but not for very long. What am I?

ANSWER _____

28 I'm a small pouch attached to your large intestine. For a long time people thought I was useless, but scientists now think I may store helpful gut bacteria. What am I?

ANSWER _____

29 I'm made of the same tough protein as your hair and a rhino's horn, and I grow on the tips of your fingers and toes. What am I?

ANSWER _____

30 You started life as just one of me. Now you're made of tens of trillions of us. What am I?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. Your heart
2. Your lungs
3. Your teeth. Kids have 20 baby teeth, and a full adult set has 32.
4. Your nose
5. Your tongue
6. Your eyes
7. Your skin
8. Your skeleton
9. Your ears
10. Touch
11. Your brain
12. Your stomach
13. Your small intestine
14. The femur (the thigh bone)
15. Deep inside your ear. It's called the stapes, or stirrup.
16. Your liver
17. Your kidneys
18. Your diaphragm
19. Fingerprints
20. The pupil
21. Your belly button (the navel)
22. They fuse together as the baby grows. Many bones of the skull and the base of the spine join up into single bones.
23. The ulnar nerve, better known as the funny bone. At the elbow it runs close to the skin with very little padding.
24. Goosebumps
25. About 100,000. $70 \times 60 \times 24 = 100,800$.
26. Eye, ear, lip, gum, jaw, arm, rib, hip, leg and toe. (Lid and gut also count.)
27. Your breath
28. The appendix
29. Your nails (fingernails and toenails)
30. A cell

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