



Ninja Riddles

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



Easy riddles ★

- 1 I follow a ninja everywhere, but I never make a sound. When the lights go out, I disappear. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 2 I'm a cloth that wraps around a ninja's head and face so that only the eyes peek out. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 3 I'm a small metal star, but I never shine in the sky. In movies, a ninja keeps me hidden and throws me spinning through the air. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 4 I'm tall, green and leafy, and I grow in the garden. A ninja crouching behind me can't be seen from the path. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 5 I'm a ninja's favorite time to sneak around, because the sun has gone to bed and the sky is dark. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 6 Ninjas came from me, an island country in Asia. My flag is white with a big red circle, for the rising sun. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 7 I'm a belt, but I don't hold up your pants. In karate, I'm the color only the most skilled students get to wear. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 8 What kind of shoes do ninjas wear?

ANSWER _____

- 9 I'm the quietest way to walk: you stay up on the ends of your feet so your heels don't thump. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 10 I'm so fragile that if you even say my name, I break. A ninja keeps me whenever she's sneaking. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 11 A ninja can hide in the dark, move without a sound and climb any wall, but sometimes this sneaks up on the ninja instead. What is it?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 12 I'm the training hall where martial artists practice on soft mats. Students bow when they walk in and when they walk out. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 13 Real ninjas rarely wore black in the daytime. To get into a castle, they dressed up as farmers, monks or traveling sellers. What is this trick called?

ANSWER _____

- 14 I'm a rope with sharp metal claws at one end. Throw me up to the top of a wall, give a tug, and climb. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 15 I'm a sock or a soft shoe from Japan with a split at the front, so your big toe gets a room all to itself. Ninjas liked me because I'm quiet. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 16 I'm a Japanese warrior who followed a strict code of honor and fought in the open with a long curved sword. Ninjas often did the secret jobs I would not do. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 17 I'm what ninjas are best at: moving around without being seen or heard. Some airplanes that are hard to spot on radar are named after me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 18 A ninja throws me at her feet, there's a big gray puff, and when it clears, she's gone. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 19 Three ninjas, Kai, Mei and Ren, hide in a tree, a barrel and a flooded rice field. Ren is hiding higher up than anyone else. Mei got her feet wet. Where is each ninja hiding?

ANSWER _____

- 20 A ninja climbs a 10-meter castle wall. Every minute she climbs up 4 meters, then slides back down 2 meters before she can grab on. How many minutes until she reaches the top?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

- 21 If real ninjas didn't usually dress in black, why do we always picture them that way?

ANSWER _____

- 22 Four famous cartoon ninja turtles are named after great artists of the Italian Renaissance. Can you name all four?

ANSWER _____

- 23 In a castle in Kyoto, the wooden floors chirp like birds whenever anyone walks across them. Why would anyone build a floor like that?

ANSWER _____

- 24 What can a ninja hold for a long time without ever touching it?

ANSWER _____

- 25 A ninja sneaks into a dark room with only one match. Inside there is a candle, an oil lamp and a fireplace. What should she light first?

ANSWER _____

- 26 The more of me there is, the less a ninja can see, and that's exactly how ninjas like it. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 27 I'm a short word that means to sneak a quick look, and I'm spelled the same forwards and backwards. What am I?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. A shadow
2. A ninja mask (hood)
3. A throwing star
4. A bush
5. Night
6. Japan
7. A black belt
8. Sneakers!
9. Tiptoeing
10. Silence
11. A sneeze
12. A dojo
13. A disguise
14. A grappling hook
15. Tabi
16. A samurai
17. Stealth
18. A smoke bomb
19. Ren is in the tree, Mei is in the rice field, and Kai is in the barrel.
20. 4 minutes. After 3 minutes she is at 6 meters, and in the fourth minute she climbs 4 more meters to reach 10. (If you said 5, you forgot she stops sliding once she's at the top.)
21. In Japanese kabuki theater, stagehands dress in black so the audience pretends not to see them. Plays showed sneaky ninja characters dressed the same way, and the look stuck.
22. Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello and Raphael
23. To warn guards of sneaking intruders. They're called nightingale floors.
24. Her breath
25. The match
26. Darkness
27. Peep

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