



Opposite Riddles

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



Easy riddles ★

- 1 I'm the opposite of "up," but I'm also the soft, fluffy feathers on a duckling's belly. What word am I?
ANSWER _____
- 2 What goes up when the rain comes down?
ANSWER _____
- 3 Many shop doors have a sign on each side, and the two words mean opposite things. If the outside sign says PUSH, what does the inside sign say?
ANSWER _____
- 4 What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
ANSWER _____
- 5 I'm the opposite of "lose," and you can find me hiding inside "window," "winter" and "twin." What word am I?
ANSWER _____
- 6 Flip me up and the room gets bright. Flip me down and it's dark as night. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 7 A stone does the opposite of me. Rubber ducks, beach balls and boats all do me in the water. What word am I?
ANSWER _____
- 8 Black and white are opposites, but I wear both from my ears to my hooves. I look like a horse and gallop across the African grasslands. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 9 I'm the opposite of "set." The sun does me every morning, and bread dough does me before it goes into the oven. What word am I?
ANSWER _____
- 10 On Opposite Day, every sentence means the opposite of what it says. Your friend says, "I don't want a single bite of your birthday cake." What does your friend really mean?
ANSWER _____
- 11 The more of me there is, the less you can see. Click on a lamp and I disappear. What am I?
ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 12 On a standard six-sided die, the numbers on opposite faces always add up to 7. If you roll a 2, which number is facing the table?

ANSWER _____

- 13 Where does "after" always come before "before"?

ANSWER _____

- 14 I'm a word that is my own opposite. When you ___ a shelf, you take tiny bits off it. When you ___ a cake with powdered sugar, you put tiny bits on it. What's the word?

ANSWER _____

- 15 I'm the opposite of "right," but I can also mean "still here after everything else is gone," like the last cookie on the plate. What word am I?

ANSWER _____

- 16 I'm the opposite of midnight on the clock, and my name is spelled the same forward and backward. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 17 I'm a four-letter word that means "at any time." Put one letter in front of me and I mean "at no time at all." What am I, and what do I become?

ANSWER _____

- 18 Big and small. Hot and cold. Early and late. I'm the grammar name for a pair of words with opposite meanings. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 19 I'm a piece of metal with two ends called north and south. Opposite ends pull together, and matching ends push apart. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 20 When it's summer in Australia, what season is it in Canada?

ANSWER _____

- 21 Arrange the 12 months in a circle like the numbers on a clock. Which month sits directly opposite January?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

- 22 I'm how you might feel the night before a big test. Spell me backward and I become the best part of dinner. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 23 I'm the past tense of the opposite of "lose." Spell me backward and I mean "at this very moment." What am I?

ANSWER _____

24 Forward I'm heavy, backward I'm not. What am I?

ANSWER _____

25 These two words look like opposites, just like "visible" and "invisible." But they mean exactly the same thing: both warn you that something catches fire easily. What are they?

ANSWER _____

26 In math, the opposite of 5 is -5 and the opposite of -3 is 3. Which number is its own opposite?

ANSWER _____

27 You're facing north. You turn to face the opposite direction, then make a quarter turn to your right. Which way are you facing now?

ANSWER _____

28 My opposite is always in front of you and can't be seen. I'm always behind you. You can remember me, but you can never go back and visit. What am I?

ANSWER _____

29 What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

ANSWER _____

30 The Arctic is at the top of the world. My name means "opposite the Arctic." What am I?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. Down
2. An umbrella
3. Pull
4. A towel
5. Win
6. A light switch
7. Float. The opposite of float is sink.
8. A zebra
9. Rise
10. "I'd love some of your birthday cake!"
11. Darkness
12. 5
13. In the dictionary. "After" starts with A, which comes before B.
14. Dust
15. Left
16. Noon
17. Ever, which becomes never.
18. Antonyms
19. A magnet
20. Winter. Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere and Canada is in the Northern Hemisphere, so their seasons are flipped.
21. July
22. Stressed. Backward, it spells "desserts."
23. Won. Backward, it spells "now."
24. A ton. Backward, "ton" spells "not."
25. Flammable and inflammable. The "in" in inflammable comes from the Latin word for "into," as in "burst into flames," not from "not."
26. Zero
27. West. Turning around puts you facing south, and when you face south, your right hand points west.
28. The past
29. Short. Add "er" and it becomes "shorter."
30. Antarctica. The name comes from Greek words meaning "opposite the north."

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