



Rainforest Riddles

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



Easy riddles ★

- 1 I fall from the sky nearly every day here, so much that the forest is named after me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 2 I hang upside down from branches and move so slowly that tiny green plants grow in my fur. I only climb down about once a week. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 3 I'm a big, bright parrot, red, blue and yellow, with a long tail and a beak so strong I can crack hard nuts. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 4 I'm the biggest cat in the Americas. I have golden fur covered in black rosettes, and unlike most cats I love to swim. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 5 I'm a sweet treat, but I start out as bitter beans inside big pods that grow on a rainforest tree. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 6 I'm a long, rope-like plant that climbs up trees toward the sunlight. In jungle movies, heroes swing from tree to tree on me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 7 I'm the largest ape in the world. I live in African rainforests, I eat mostly leaves and stems, and I beat my chest when I want to look tough. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 8 I can change my colors, each of my eyes can look a different way at the same time, and my sticky tongue can shoot out longer than my body. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 9 I'm a bright green frog with huge red eyes, blue-striped sides and orange feet. I sleep on leaves all day and hunt at night. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 10 Why couldn't the toucan pay for dinner at the restaurant?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 11 I'm a tiny frog, bright blue, yellow or red. My colors are a warning: "Don't eat me, I'm poisonous!" What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 12 We march through the forest carrying pieces of leaf much bigger than our bodies. But we don't eat the leaves; we use them to grow a fungus garden underground. What are we?

ANSWER _____

- 13 I'm one of the loudest land animals on Earth. My roaring calls in the morning can be heard about 5 kilometers (3 miles) away. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 14 I have stripes on my legs like a zebra, but my closest relative is the giraffe. I live in the rainforests of central Africa. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 15 My name means "person of the forest" in Malay. I have shaggy orange-red hair, I live in Borneo and Sumatra, and I build a fresh nest of leaves every night. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 16 I'm a climbing orchid from the tropics. My long seed pods are dried and used to flavor ice cream, cakes and cookies. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 17 I'm a milky sap that drips from a rainforest tree when its bark is cut. People in Central America were bouncing balls made from me more than 3,000 years ago. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 18 I'm the leafy roof of the rainforest, high above the ground. Most of the forest's animals live up in me, where the sunlight and fruit are. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 19 Movies say I can strip a whole animal to the bone in seconds, but I mostly eat insects, small fish and leftovers, and some of my kind eat seeds and fruit too. I'm a river fish with very sharp teeth. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 20 My wings flash bright, shiny blue on top but are brown underneath. When I fold them up, I seem to vanish. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 21 I'm the heaviest snake in the world. I'm green with dark spots, I spend most of my time in swamps and slow rivers, and I hold my prey by squeezing. What am I?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★ ★ ★

- 22 A rainforest has four layers. From the top down: the emergent layer, the canopy, the understory and... what is the fourth?

ANSWER _____

- 23 I'm the largest tropical rainforest on Earth, and I share my name with the giant river that flows through me and with a tribe of warrior women in Greek myths. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 24 A sloth climbs at about 4 meters a minute. How long does it take to climb down a 36-meter tree to the ground and back up again?

ANSWER _____

- 25 I'm a plant that grows on tree branches high in the canopy. My stiff leaves form a cup that holds a tiny pond, and some frogs carry their tadpoles up to raise them in it. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 26 I start life as a seed dropped by a bird high on a tree branch. My roots grow down and wrap around the tree, and sometimes the tree dies inside me, leaving me standing on my own, hollow in the middle. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 27 I'm a giant tree that pokes up above the canopy. My seed pods are full of fluffy fibers that people once stuffed into pillows and life jackets because they float. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 28 Many rainforest leaves end in a long, narrow point. Why would a leaf grow a pointy tip like that?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rain2. A sloth3. A macaw4. A jaguar5. Chocolate6. A vine7. A gorilla8. A chameleon9. A red-eyed tree frog10. Because its bill was too big.11. A poison dart frog12. Leafcutter ants13. A howler monkey14. An okapi15. An orangutan | <ol style="list-style-type: none">16. Vanilla17. Rubber18. The canopy19. A piranha20. A blue morpho butterfly21. A green anaconda22. The forest floor23. The Amazon24. 18 minutes: 9 minutes down and 9 minutes back up.25. A bromeliad26. A strangler fig27. A kapok tree28. It's a "drip tip": it helps rainwater run off quickly so the leaf dries and moss and mold can't grow on it. |
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