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Winter Riddles



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

Easy riddles ★

1. I'm made of ice, I have six arms, and I drift down from the clouds. Catch me on your mitten and look fast, because I won't last long. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

2. I hang upside down from the edge of the roof. I grow longer on cold nights and drip away on sunny afternoons. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

3. I keep your four fingers together in one cozy room, but your thumb gets a room of its own. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

4. I'm warm and brown, I come in a mug, and marshmallows float on top of me after a day in the snow. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

5. I have a carrot for a nose and buttons that run down my belly. I'm happy to stand in the yard all winter, but a warm, sunny day makes me disappear. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

6. I'm a round house built from blocks of packed snow. Even though my walls are made of snow, it's warmer inside me than out in the wind. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

7. You lie down in fresh snow and sweep your arms and legs back and forth. When you stand up, a winged shape is left behind. What is it?

   ANSWER _____

8. Overnight I draw feathery patterns on your window and coat the grass in white, and I never use a pen. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

9. The more you roll me through the snow, the bigger I grow. Kids love to throw me, but not too hard. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

10. On a freezing morning you can see me come out of your mouth like a little cloud, even though nothing is burning. What am I?

    ANSWER _____

11. I wrap around your neck, I'm long and soft, and my ends flap in the wind. What am I?

ANSWER _____

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12. I'm the shortest day and the longest night of the year in the Northern Hemisphere, and I arrive around December 21. What am I?

ANSWER _____

13. Every February 2, people in Pennsylvania wait for me to come out of my burrow. If I see my shadow, folks say there will be six more weeks of winter. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

14. Bats, chipmunks and many other animals do it to get through the cold months. Their hearts slow down, their bodies cool and they sleep for a very long time. What is it called?

ANSWER _____

15. I'm a big truck with a huge blade on the front. I work through the night after a storm so the roads are clear by morning. What am I?

ANSWER _____

16. I'm the shortest month of the year, and in the Northern Hemisphere I fall right in the middle of winter. What month am I?

ANSWER _____

17. What do you call a reindeer wearing earmuffs?

ANSWER _____

18. I'm a thin, clear layer of ice on the road. Drivers can't see me, so they think the road is just wet, until their tires start to slide. What am I?

ANSWER _____

19. The thermometer says one thing, but I make it feel much colder on your skin. The faster the wind blows, the bigger I get. What am I?

ANSWER _____

20. I'm a snowstorm with strong winds that blow the snow so hard you can barely see across the street. What am I?

ANSWER _____

21. Overnight, a foot of snow falls. In the morning the phone buzzes, school is canceled, and every kid in town cheers. What is it?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

22. Earth is closest to the Sun in early January, yet that's the middle of winter in the Northern Hemisphere. What really causes winter?

ANSWER _____

23. On December 25, families in New York are bundled up in coats. What season is it for families in Sydney, Australia?

ANSWER _____

24. On the day of the winter solstice, how many hours does the Sun spend above the horizon at the North Pole?

ANSWER _____

25. Why do lakes freeze from the top down instead of from the bottom up?

ANSWER _____

26. At what temperature do the Fahrenheit and Celsius scales show the same number?

ANSWER _____

27. Which is heavier: a pound of snow or a pound of ice?

ANSWER _____

28. Rearrange the letters of a kind of icy winter rain, and you get a strong metal used to build bridges. What is the winter word?

ANSWER _____

29. In a dark mudroom there's a basket of loose winter socks: 10 gray and 10 black. How many socks must you grab, without looking, to be sure you have a matching pair?

ANSWER _____

30. Ava made twice as many snowballs as Ben. Ben made 3 more than Cal. Together they made 33 snowballs. How many did Ava make?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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1. **A snowflake**
2. **An icicle**
3. **Mittens**
4. **Hot chocolate**
5. **A snowman**
6. **An igloo**
7. **A snow angel**
8. **Frost**
9. **A snowball**
10. **Your breath**
11. **A scarf**
12. **The winter solstice**
13. **A groundhog.** The famous one is Punxsutawney Phil.
14. **Hibernation**
15. **A snowplow**
16. **February**
17. **Anything you like.** He can't hear you.
18. **Black ice**
19. **Wind chill**
20. **A blizzard**
21. **A snow day**
22. **Earth's tilted axis.** In winter, your half of Earth leans away from the Sun, so sunlight hits at a low angle and days are short.
23. **Summer**
24. **None.** It's the middle of the polar night.
25. **Ice is less dense than liquid water, so it floats.** The ice forms a lid on top, and fish keep swimming in the water below.
26. **Minus 40. -40°F is exactly -40°C.**
27. **Neither.** They both weigh one pound.
28. **Sleet.** Its letters spell "steel."
29. **3.** With only two colors, the third sock always matches one of the first two.
30. **18.** Cal made 6, Ben made 9 and Ava made 18.

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