



# Riddles for 11-Year-Olds

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

## Easy riddles ★

- 1 I have a spine but no bones, and lots of pages but no website. Open me up, and I'll tell you a story. What am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I have teeth, but I never bite. I help your hair look right. What am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I'm a word that gets shorter when you add two letters to me. What word am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 I'm a glass rectangle that lights up when you touch me. I fit in a pocket, and I buzz when a message arrives. What am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I'm made of 64 squares in two colors. Two players march kings, queens and knights across me. What am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 I have twelve numbers in a circle and two hands that point, and I tick all day but never talk. What am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 I'm a body part with 26 bones. I hold you up all day, and I'm usually hidden inside a sock. What am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 I'm the second-biggest planet in our solar system, and I'm famous for my wide, bright rings. What am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 I'm the biggest and deepest ocean on Earth. What am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 10 Your class has 28 students, and three-quarters of them like pizza best. How many students like pizza best?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

## Medium riddles ★★

- 11 What starts with T, ends with T, and is full of T?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 12 I'm a two-digit number. My tens digit is twice my ones digit, and my two digits add up to 12. What number am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 13 What number comes next: 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, ...?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

- 14 What letter comes next: J, F, M, A, M, J, J, ...?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 Ava is taller than Ben. Ben is taller than Cal. Cal is taller than Dee. Who is the second shortest?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 16 Rearrange all the letters of LISTEN to make a word that means "making no sound."  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 17 I'm a gas that makes up about one-fifth of the air. You can't see me, but you need me every time you breathe in. What am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 18 I'm a flat shape with six straight sides. Bees build their honeycomb in my shape. What am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 19 What's the next prime number after 23?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 20 If A = 1, B = 2, C = 3 and so on, which three-letter pet's letters add up to 26?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

### Tricky riddles ★★ ★

- 21 Mia is 11 years old, but she has had only two real birthdays. How is that possible?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 22 The Lopez family has three sisters, and each sister has two brothers. How many children are in the family?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 23 It's exactly 3:00. What angle do the hour hand and the minute hand make?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 24 What's the smallest number that can be divided evenly by 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 25 Three boxes are labeled APPLES, ORANGES and MIXED, but every label is wrong. You may take out one fruit from one box without looking inside. Which box should you pick from to fix all three labels?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 26 I'm thinking of a number. If I double it and then add 6, I get 20. What's my number?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 27 I'm a time of day, and I read the same forward and backward. What am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 28 Two days before yesterday was Thursday. What day is tomorrow?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 29 I'm an odd number. Take away one letter, and I become even. What number am I?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_
- 30 A snail is at the bottom of a well that's 10 meters deep. Every day it climbs up 3 meters, and every night it slides back down 2 meters. How many days does it take to get out?  
ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_

# Answers

Riddles for 11-Year-Olds · answer key · print or fold this page away before you hand out the sheet

1. A book
2. A comb
3. Short. Add "er" and it becomes "shorter."
4. A phone
5. A chessboard
6. A clock
7. A foot. Each human foot has 26 bones.
8. Saturn
9. The Pacific Ocean
10. 21. One quarter of 28 is 7, so three quarters is  $7 \times 3 = 21$ .
11. A teapot. It's full of tea.
12. 84. The ones digit is  $12 \div 3 = 4$ , and the tens digit is 8. Check:  $8 + 4 = 12$ .
13. 36. These are square numbers:  $1 \times 1$ ,  $2 \times 2$ ,  $3 \times 3$ ,  $4 \times 4$ ,  $5 \times 5$ , so next is  $6 \times 6$ .
14. A. They're the first letters of the months: January to July, so next is August.
15. Cal. The order is Ava, Ben, Cal, Dee, and Dee is the shortest.
16. SILENT
17. Oxygen. Air is about 21% oxygen and about 78% nitrogen.
18. A hexagon
19. 29. 24, 26 and 28 are even,  $25 = 5 \times 5$  and  $27 = 3 \times 9$ , but 29 has no factors except 1 and 29.
20. DOG. D = 4, O = 15 and G = 7, and  $4 + 15 + 7 = 26$ .
21. She was born on February 29. Leap day only comes every four years, so in 11 years she has had just two.
22. 5. The three sisters share the same two brothers.
23. 90 degrees. Each hour is  $360 \div 12 = 30$  degrees, and 3 hours apart is  $3 \times 30 = 90$ , a right angle.
24. 60. It needs to be a multiple of 4, 3 and 5, and  $4 \times 3 \times 5 = 60$ .
25. The box labeled MIXED. Its label is wrong, so it holds only one kind of fruit. Whatever you pull out tells you what's inside, and then the other two labels can only go one way.
26. 7.  $20 - 6 = 14$ , and  $14 \div 2 = 7$ .
27. Noon
28. Monday. If two days before yesterday was Thursday, yesterday was Saturday, today is Sunday and tomorrow is Monday.
29. Seven. Take away the S and you get EVEN.
30. 8 days. After 7 days and nights, it's 7 meters up. On day 8 it climbs 3 more meters and reaches the top before it can slide back.

Need a hint? Every riddle has one at [riddlepedia.com/riddles-for-11-year-olds/](http://riddlepedia.com/riddles-for-11-year-olds/), where you can also play them as a game.