



Scarecrow Riddles

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

Easy riddles ★

- 1 I have a hat but no hair, a shirt but no heart, and my arms are stretched out all day, yet they never get tired. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 2 I'm the dry, hollow stalks left over after the grain is harvested. Scarecrows are stuffed with me, and farm animals sleep on me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 3 I'm big, round and orange, and sometimes I sit on a scarecrow's shoulders as his head. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 4 I grow in long rows, taller than the farmer. Each of my cobs is wrapped in green husks with silky hair at the top, and a scarecrow guards me from hungry birds. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 5 I built the scarecrow, gave him my old shirt and hat, and stood him up in my field. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

- 6 I'm a big bundle of dried grass, round or square, stacked in the barn to feed the animals all winter. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 7 In autumn, I turn red, orange and gold, then twirl down to the ground and wait for you to jump in my pile. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 8 Two of me make a scarecrow's eyes, and a row of me holds his shirt closed. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 9 I'm big and loud, with huge wheels at the back, and I pull the plow across the farmer's field. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 10 Why did the scarecrow win a prize?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 11 Why doesn't the scarecrow ever want dessert?

ANSWER _____

- 12 In The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (1900), a scarecrow joins Dorothy to ask the Wizard for a brain. Her next new friend is made of metal. What does he want from the Wizard?

ANSWER _____

- 13 A group of cows is a herd, and a group of geese is a gaggle. What is a group of crows called?

ANSWER _____

- 14 Crows are clever birds. Why do smart farmers move their scarecrows to a new spot every few days?

ANSWER _____

- 15 I'm a puzzle cut into a cornfield. You walk in, take lots of wrong turns, and try to find your way out again. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 16 I have a long wooden handle and a few long, sharp prongs, and farmers use me to toss hay. Many scarecrows hold one of me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 17 I'm the rough brown cloth used for potato sacks, and lots of scarecrows have faces sewn from me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 18 On this day in autumn, day and night are almost exactly the same length, and fall officially begins. What is it called?

ANSWER _____

- 19 I spin on the barn roof, often with a metal rooster on top. I don't tell the time, but I tell you which way the wind blows. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 20 I'm a tall yellow flower. When I'm young, I turn to follow the sun across the sky, and when I'm grown, birds pick the seeds from my big brown face. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 21 I'm the full moon closest to the start of autumn. Long ago, my bright light helped farmers keep bringing in their crops after sunset. What am I called?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

- 22 Take away my first letter and corn grows in me. Take away my first two letters and you'll say me if I peck you. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 23 On a sunny day, a scarecrow's shadow points west. Is it morning or evening?
ANSWER _____
- 24 Five crows sit on a fence. The farmer claps his hands to scare one of them away. How many crows are left on the fence?
ANSWER _____
- 25 Two scarecrows stand in a field. One faces north and the other faces south, yet they can see each other without turning their heads. How?
ANSWER _____
- 26 In Japanese mythology, the scarecrow god Kuebiko can't walk a single step, yet he is the god of knowledge who knows everything in the world. Why does that make sense?
ANSWER _____
- 27 A farmer needs 2 buttons for the eyes and 5 buttons for the shirt of each scarecrow. He has 30 buttons. How many complete scarecrows can he make?
ANSWER _____
- 28 Which is heavier: a pound of straw or a pound of pumpkins?
ANSWER _____
- 29 At harvest time, a farmer picks 3 pumpkins on Monday, and every day after that he picks twice as many as the day before. On which day does he pick 48 pumpkins?
ANSWER _____
- 30 In autumn, leaves turn yellow and orange. But nobody paints them in the fall. Where were those colors all summer?
ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. A scarecrow
2. Straw
3. A pumpkin
4. Corn
5. The farmer
6. A hay bale
7. Leaves
8. Buttons
9. A tractor
10. Because he was outstanding in his field.
11. Because he's already stuffed.
12. A heart. He's the Tin Woodman.
13. A murder of crows
14. So the crows don't get used to the scarecrow and learn that it's harmless.
15. A corn maze
16. A pitchfork
17. Burlap
18. The autumnal equinox
19. A weathervane
20. A sunflower
21. The harvest moon
22. A crow (crow, row, ow)
23. Morning. The sun rises in the east, so shadows point west.
24. None. The clap scares all of them away.
25. They are facing each other.
26. Because he stands in the field all day and watches everything that passes by.
27. 4 scarecrows, with 2 buttons left over. Each one needs 7.
28. Neither. They both weigh one pound.
29. Friday. He picks 3, 6, 12, 24 and then 48.
30. They were in the leaf all along, hidden under green chlorophyll. When the tree stops making chlorophyll in the fall, the green fades and the other colors show.

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