



Shoe 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 tongue but I can't talk, I have a heel but I'm not a foot, and I go wherever you go. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 2 We come in pairs. We cross over, loop around and make a bow. If you forget to tie us, you might trip. What are we?

ANSWER _____

- 3 I'm a tall, waterproof shoe made for stomping in puddles. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 4 The more you walk along a sandy beach, the more of me you leave behind. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 5 I lost a glass slipper on the palace stairs at midnight, and the prince searched the whole kingdom for the foot it fit. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

- 6 I'm a summer sandal held on by a strap between your toes, and I'm named after the sound I make when you walk. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 7 My shoes are made of metal, shaped like a U, and nailed on, but it doesn't hurt me one bit. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

- 8 What do you call a shoe made from a banana?

ANSWER _____

- 9 I'm a boot with a thin metal blade underneath, and I glide across frozen ponds. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 10 In a nursery rhyme, I lived in a giant shoe with so many children I didn't know what to do. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 11 I'm the bottom of your shoe, but I sound like something a person has deep inside. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 12 I'm the back of your foot and the back of your shoe. Say my name to a trained dog and it walks right beside your leg. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 13 We're the little holes in your sneaker that your laces go through. What are we called?

ANSWER _____

- 14 I have studs or little spikes on my bottom so I can grip the grass. Soccer and football players wear me. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 15 I have metal plates on my toes and heels, and I make music when a dancer steps. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 16 I fix broken heels and worn-out soles, and I share my name with a fruity baked dessert. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 17 I'm a clever cat from a fairy tale, famous for wearing fancy footwear and tricking an ogre. Who am I?

ANSWER _____

- 18 In the Netherlands, farmers once wore shoes carved from a single block of wood. What are they called?

ANSWER _____

- 19 I'm shaped a bit like a tennis racket. I spread your weight out so you can walk across deep snow without sinking. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 20 A rooster, a dog and a spider all want new sneakers, one for each foot. How many sneakers do they need altogether?

ANSWER _____

- 21 If someone tells you to "put yourself in someone else's shoes," what are they asking you to do?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

- 22 I'm the little plastic or metal tip at the end of a shoelace that stops it from fraying. Very few people know my name. What am I?

ANSWER _____

- 23 Ballet dancers wear me to dance on the very tips of their toes. My front is a hard, flat box. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 24 Many Native American nations made me from soft deerskin, often decorated with beads or porcupine quills. What kind of shoe am I?
ANSWER _____
- 25 In a Grimm fairy tale, a poor shoemaker leaves leather on his bench at night, and by morning, a perfect pair of shoes is waiting. Who has been making them?
ANSWER _____
- 26 I'm a curved tool that helps your heel slide into a tight shoe. My name includes part of a cow or a goat. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 27 I'm a "tree" that never grows leaves. I live inside a shoe overnight to keep its shape. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 28 I'm the person who fits horses with their shoes. What am I called?
ANSWER _____
- 29 In a dark closet are 3 pairs of black shoes and 3 pairs of brown shoes, all mixed up. How many single shoes must you grab to be sure you have a left and a right of the same color?
ANSWER _____
- 30 Someone says they're "waiting for the other shoe to drop." What are they waiting for?
ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. A shoe
2. Shoelaces
3. Rain boots
4. Footprints
5. Cinderella
6. Flip-flops
7. A horse
8. A slipper
9. Ice skates
10. The old woman who lived in a shoe
11. The sole (it sounds like "soul")
12. The heel
13. Eyelets
14. Cleats
15. Tap shoes
16. A cobbler
17. Puss in Boots
18. Clogs
19. Snowshoes
20. 14. The rooster needs 2, the dog needs 4 and the spider needs 8.
21. Imagine how the other person feels and see things their way.
22. An aglet
23. Pointe shoes
24. Moccasins
25. Elves
26. A shoehorn
27. A shoe tree
28. A farrier
29. 7. With bad luck, your first 6 could all be left shoes, but the 7th must be a right shoe, and it will match one of them.
30. The next thing that's sure to happen, usually something bad they're expecting.

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