



Spelling Riddles

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

Easy riddles ★

- 1 Which letter of the alphabet is full of salty water, waves and fish?
ANSWER _____
- 2 Which letter can you see with?
ANSWER _____
- 3 Which letter is always asking a question?
ANSWER _____
- 4 I start with A and end with Z, and I have 26 letters. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 5 I start with E, I end with E, and I usually have only one letter inside. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 6 What's at the end of a rainbow?
ANSWER _____
- 7 Which letter is written at the start of "knee," "knot" and "knight," but you never hear it?
ANSWER _____
- 8 I sound exactly like a pretty thing that grows in the garden, but you bake cakes and bread with me. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 9 There's no honey and no stinger, but kids line up on a stage and spell words out loud one letter at a time. One wrong letter and you sit down. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 10 Which two letters sit right in the middle of the word "middle"?
ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 11 I'm the most-used letter in English. I appear twice in "letter" and three times in "eleven." Which letter am I?
ANSWER _____
- 12 How many letters are in the alphabet?
ANSWER _____
- 13 How do you spell "cow" using thirteen letters?
ANSWER _____
- 14 Three words sound exactly the same. One means "in that place," one means "belonging to them," and one is short for "they are." Spell all three.
ANSWER _____

- 15 "Racecar," "kayak," "level" and "noon" are all examples of me, because they read the same forward and backward. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 16 Rearrange the letters of "listen" to make a word for how you should be in a library.
ANSWER _____
- 17 Rearrange the letters of "earth" to make a body part that beats all day and all night.
ANSWER _____
- 18 I'm the only number whose name has the same number of letters as the number itself. What number am I?
ANSWER _____
- 19 I'm the little mark that shows where letters are missing, like in "don't," "it's" and "I'm." What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 20 Why is the letter A like a flower?
ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★ ★

- 21 Which word has three double letters in a row?
ANSWER _____
- 22 I'm a nine-letter word that starts with F and contains the vowels A, E, I, O and U exactly once each, in alphabetical order. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 23 I'm a nine-letter word. Take away one letter at a time and I stay a real word at every step, all the way down to a single letter. I begin with "start." What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 24 I'm a five-letter word. Take away my last four letters and I still sound exactly the same. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 25 I'm the only number whose letters are in alphabetical order when you spell it out. What number am I?
ANSWER _____
- 26 Which word is spelled incorrectly in every dictionary?
ANSWER _____
- 27 I'm a common six-letter word with no A, E, I, O or U. Drummers and dancers have to keep me. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 28 I'm an eight-letter word, but I have only one vowel, and it's an E. Weightlifters spend hours building me. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 29 I start with IS, end with AND, and have LA in the middle, but my S is silent. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 30 Many grown-ups misspell me because I have a double C and a double M. Hotels do me for their guests. What word am I?
ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. C (sea)
2. I (eye)
3. Y (why)
4. The alphabet
5. An envelope
6. The letter W
7. K. It's a silent letter in all three words.
8. Flour (it sounds like "flower")
9. A spelling bee
10. D and D
11. E
12. 11. There are 11 letters in the words "the alphabet." (The alphabet itself has 26.)
13. SEE O DOUBLE YOU
14. There, their and they're
15. A palindrome
16. Silent
17. Heart
18. Four (F-O-U-R has four letters)
19. An apostrophe
20. Because a B (bee) comes after it.
21. Bookkeeper (oo, kk, ee)
22. Facetious
23. Startling. Startling, starling, staring, string, sting, sing, sin, in, I.
24. Queue
25. Forty (F, O, R, T, Y)
26. Incorrectly
27. Rhythm
28. Strength
29. An island
30. Accommodate

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