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Tooth Riddles



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

Easy riddles ★

1. We're white, we live in your mouth, and we chomp your apples and carrots. You brush us every morning and night. What are we?

   ANSWER _____

2. I have a long handle and a head full of bristles, but no hair to comb. I scrub your teeth clean. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

3. I come out of a tube in a little minty squiggle, and I help keep your teeth strong and clean. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

4. I count your teeth, check them for holes and make them sparkle. I'll ask you to open wide. Who am I?

   ANSWER _____

5. Put your wiggly tooth under your pillow at night, and I might trade it for a coin. Who am I?

   ANSWER _____

6. I'm a thin string that slides between your teeth to clean where your brush can't reach. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

7. I'm a small hole in a tooth, made when germs and sugar wear the tooth down. The dentist fills me in. What am I?

   ANSWER _____

8. Dentists say you should brush twice a day, for this long each time. How long?

   ANSWER _____

9. I'm the very first set of teeth you get. I start to fall out when you're about six, to make room for bigger teeth. What am I called?

   ANSWER _____

10. What does a dentist call an X-ray of your smile?

    ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

11. I'm the shiny white outer coat of your teeth, and I'm the hardest substance in your whole body, harder even than bone. What am I?

ANSWER _____

12. We're the big, flat teeth at the back of your mouth. We grind and mash your food before you swallow it. What are we?

ANSWER _____

13. We're the flat, sharp teeth right at the front of your mouth. We bite into a sandwich and snip off a piece. What are we called?

ANSWER _____

14. We're the pointy teeth on each side of your front teeth. Our name comes from the Latin word for "dog." What are we?

ANSWER _____

15. How many baby teeth does a child usually have?

ANSWER _____

16. These four teeth are the very last to grow in, usually when you're a teenager or a grown-up. Some people never get them at all. What are they called?

ANSWER _____

17. I'm the soft pink skin that hugs the bottom of every tooth. If you don't floss, I can get red and sore. What am I?

ANSWER _____

18. I'm a sticky, invisible film of germs that builds up on your teeth every day. Brushing wipes me away. What am I?

ANSWER _____

19. I'm a mineral that dentists add to toothpaste, and sometimes to drinking water, because I make tooth enamel stronger. What am I?

ANSWER _____

20. I'm made of little brackets and wires, and I slowly push crooked teeth into a straight line. What am I?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

21. How many teeth does a grown-up have, counting the wisdom teeth?

ANSWER _____

22. The part of your tooth you can see, above the gum, has the same name as something a king or queen wears. What is it?

ANSWER _____

23. I'm the layer just under the enamel. I'm yellowish and softer than enamel, and I make up most of the tooth. What am I?

ANSWER _____

24. Deep in the middle of every tooth is a soft part with nerves and blood vessels. It's what makes a tooth feel cold or hurt. What is it called?

ANSWER _____

25. You get only two sets of teeth in your life. I lose teeth all the time, and new rows keep moving forward to replace them. I might go through thousands of teeth. What am I?

ANSWER _____

26. I'm a whale of the icy Arctic with a long, spiral tusk, so people call me the unicorn of the sea. My tusk isn't a horn at all: it's a giant tooth that grows right through my lip. What am I?

ANSWER _____

27. My front teeth are bright orange, and they're strong enough to chew down trees. What am I?

ANSWER _____

28. Rabbits, mice and beavers all gnaw on hard things all day long. Why don't their front teeth get worn down to nothing?

ANSWER _____

29. The first US president, George Washington, had false teeth. They're often said to be made of wood, but they weren't. What are false teeth called?

ANSWER _____

30. I'm a slow garden creature, and I have thousands of tiny teeth on a ribbon-like tongue. What am I?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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

1. **Your teeth**
2. **A toothbrush**
3. **Toothpaste**
4. **A dentist**
5. **The tooth fairy**
6. **Floss**
7. **A cavity**
8. **Two minutes**
9. **Baby teeth**
10. **Tooth pics**
11. **Enamel**
12. **Molars**
13. **Incisors**
14. **Canines**
15. **20**
16. **Wisdom teeth**
17. **Your gums**
18. **Plaque**
19. **Fluoride**
20. **Braces**
21. **32**
22. **The crown**
23. **Dentin**
24. **The pulp**
25. **A shark**
26. **A narwhal.** Its tusk can grow longer than a person is tall.
27. **A beaver.** Its teeth are orange because the enamel has iron in it.
28. **They never stop growing.** Gnawing keeps them at the right length.
29. **Dentures**
30. **A snail**

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