



Trick Questions

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

Easy riddles ★

- 1 How many animals of each kind did Moses take on the ark?
ANSWER _____
- 2 A red house is made of red bricks, and a blue house is made of blue bricks. What is a greenhouse made of?
ANSWER _____
- 3 Say "silk" out loud five times, fast. Now, what do cows drink?
ANSWER _____
- 4 What has 13 hearts but no other organs?
ANSWER _____
- 5 If two's company and three's a crowd, what are four and five?
ANSWER _____
- 6 How many letters are in "the alphabet"?
ANSWER _____
- 7 What has a head and a tail but no body?
ANSWER _____
- 8 What kind of room has no doors, no windows and no walls?
ANSWER _____
- 9 Can you spell "hard water" using just three letters?
ANSWER _____
- 10 What is always coming but never actually arrives?
ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

- 11 Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain on Earth?
ANSWER _____
- 12 How can someone go eight days without sleep?
ANSWER _____
- 13 A plane crashes exactly on the border between two countries. In which country do they bury the survivors?
ANSWER _____
- 14 Is it legal for a man to marry his widow's sister?
ANSWER _____

- 15 What English word has three double letters in a row?
ANSWER _____
- 16 What seven-letter word holds hundreds of letters?
ANSWER _____
- 17 What five-letter word sounds exactly the same after you take away the last four letters?
ANSWER _____
- 18 What word starts with IS, ends with AND, and has LA in the middle?
ANSWER _____
- 19 What has an end but no beginning, a home but no family, and a space but no room?
ANSWER _____
- 20 Which word is the odd one out: kayak, level, radar, robot, rotor?
ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★ ★

- 21 A man builds a house with four walls, and every wall faces south. A bear walks past the house. What color is the bear?
ANSWER _____
- 22 A woman shoots her husband, then holds him under water for five minutes. Finally, she hangs him up. An hour later, they go out to dinner together. How?
ANSWER _____
- 23 A man points at a portrait and says, "Brothers and sisters I have none, but that man's father is my father's son." Who is in the portrait?
ANSWER _____
- 24 What letter comes next: O, T, T, F, F, S, S, E, ...?
ANSWER _____
- 25 What word looks exactly the same when you write it in capital letters and turn the page upside down?
ANSWER _____
- 26 It's black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away. What is it?
ANSWER _____
- 27 Turn me on my side and I'm everything. Cut me in half and I'm nothing. What am I?
ANSWER _____
- 28 Which is correct: "Nine and five is thirteen" or "Nine and five are thirteen"?
ANSWER _____
- 29 What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?
ANSWER _____
- 30 What do the numbers 11, 88 and 96 have in common?
ANSWER _____

Answers

Trick Questions · answer key · print or fold this page away before you hand out the sheet

1. **None.** It was Noah who built the ark, not Moses.
2. **Glass**
3. **Water.** Cows make milk; they drink water.
4. **A deck of cards.** Each of the 13 cards in the hearts suit has hearts on it.
5. **Nine.** $4 + 5 = 9$.
6. **11.** T-H-E has 3 letters and A-L-P-H-A-B-E-T has 8.
7. **A coin**
8. **A mushroom**
9. **ICE**
10. **Tomorrow.** Once it arrives, it's called today.
11. **Mount Everest.** It was the highest mountain even before anyone measured it.
12. **They sleep at night.** Going eight days "without sleep" in the daytime is easy.
13. **Nowhere.** You don't bury survivors.
14. **No, because he'd be dead.** A widow is a woman whose husband has died.
15. **Bookkeeper.** b-OO-KK-EE-per.
16. **Mailbox**
17. **Queue.** Take away U-E-U-E and you're left with Q, which sounds the same.
18. **Island.** IS + LA + ND.
19. **A keyboard.** It has End, Home and Space keys.
20. **Robot.** All the others are palindromes and read the same backward.
21. **White.** The house is at the North Pole, where every direction is south, so the bear is a polar bear.
22. **She's a photographer.** She took his photo, developed it in water and hung it up to dry.
23. **His son.** With no brothers, "my father's son" is the man himself, so the man in the portrait is his son.
24. **N (for nine).** They are the first letters of one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and next is nine.
25. **SWIMS.** Upside down, each W becomes an M and the M becomes a W, and the order flips, so it still reads SWIMS.
26. **Charcoal**
27. **8.** On its side it's the infinity sign, ∞ . Cut it in half across the middle and you get two 0s.
28. **Neither.** Nine and five make 14.
29. **The letter M**
30. **They look the same upside down.** Turn 96 around and the 9 and 6 swap places, so it's still 96.

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