

Medium Riddles

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1. I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I have many teeth but cannot chew. I pass through hair to put it in order. What am I?

Answer: Comb

2. I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I have bristles and visit your mouth every day. I scrub teeth but never eat. What am I?

Answer: Toothbrush

3. I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I leave a trail as my head gets smaller. I can make mistakes that my partner erases. What am I?

Answer: Pencil

4. I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I get smaller by removing what someone else made. I make pencil marks disappear. What am I?

Answer: Eraser

5. I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I carry a message while keeping it covered. I am sealed before I travel through the mail. What am I?

Answer: Envelope

6. I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I let you see outside without going outside. I can be opened but is not a door. What am I?

Answer: Window

7. I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I stand in a wall and decide who passes through. I swing or slide to make an entrance. What am I?

Answer: Door

8. I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I go up and down but never move. You climb me one level at a time. What am I?

Answer: Stairs

9. I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I run all day but have no legs. I have banks but keep no money. What am I?

Answer: River

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- 10.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I float without wings and can carry water. I change shape while crossing the sky. What am I?

Answer: Cloud

- 11.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I shine at night by borrowing light. I change my visible shape through the month. What am I?

Answer: Moon

- 12.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I rise without standing and set without sitting. I light the day from very far away. What am I?

Answer: Sun

- 13.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I twinkle in the night sky but is far larger than it looks. I can guide travelers without speaking. What am I?

Answer: Star

- 14.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I fall from clouds but never get hurt. I can fill puddles without using a bucket. What am I?

Answer: Rain

- 15.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I fall in winter and no two of me are exactly alike. I am made of ice and melt in your hand. What am I?

Answer: Snowflake

- 16.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I can dance without feet and eat without a mouth. I need fuel and air to stay alive. What am I?

Answer: Fire

- 17.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I rise from fire but have no wings. I can fill a room while weighing very little. What am I?

Answer: Smoke

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- 18.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I am water that became hard. Heat makes me disappear into a puddle. What am I?

Answer: Ice

- 19.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I am small enough for a pocket but can open something much larger. I fit a lock but am not a puzzle piece. What am I?

Answer: Key

- 20.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I have a tongue but do not taste. I make a sound when struck or shaken. What am I?

Answer: Bell

- 21.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I speak loudly when hit. I have a skin but no body. What am I?

Answer: Drum

- 22.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I have black and white keys but no locks. I make music when fingers press me. What am I?

Answer: Piano

- 23.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I have strings but cannot tie a knot. You can strum me to make music. What am I?

Answer: Guitar

- 24.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I shoot without bullets. I capture moments but cannot hold time. What am I?

Answer: Camera

- 25.** I am not alive, yet I have a useful job. I can ring without being a bell. I connect voices across long distances. What am I?

Answer: Phone

- 26.** In a group of 30 students, 18 play soccer, 12 play basketball, and 7 do both. How many do neither? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: 7

- 27.** In a group of 25 people, 14 drink tea, 10 drink coffee, and 6 do both. How many do neither? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: 7

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- 28.** In a group of 40 students, 22 study French, 19 study Spanish, and 11 do both. How many do neither? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: 10

- 29.** In a group of 28 children, 16 own a bike, 15 own a scooter, and 8 do both. How many do neither? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: 5

- 30.** In a group of 32 students, 20 like science, 17 like art, and 9 do both. How many do neither? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: 4

- 31.** In a group of 35 workers, 21 use email, 18 use chat, and 10 do both. How many do neither? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: 6

- 32.** In a group of 24 players, 13 play chess, 12 play cards, and 5 do both. How many do neither? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: 4

- 33.** In a group of 50 students, 31 take math, 27 take science, and 18 do both. How many do neither? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: 10

- 34.** In a group of 29 people, 17 read fiction, 14 read nonfiction, and 8 do both. How many do neither? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: 6

- 35.** In a group of 36 students, 23 join music, 19 join sports, and 12 do both. How many do neither? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: 6

- 36.** Ava says, 'Ben is lying.' Ben says, 'We are both telling the truth.' Exactly one statement is true. Who is telling the truth? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: Ava

- 37.** Leo says, 'Mia has the key.' Mia says, 'Leo has the key.' Exactly one of them has the key and exactly one statement is true. Who has the key? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: Mia

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- 38.** Nora says, 'The prize is not in Box A.' Owen says, 'The prize is in Box A.' Exactly one statement is true. Can both statements be true? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: No

- 39.** Ivy says, 'Kai finished first.' Kai says, 'Ivy finished first.' Only one of them finished first. If exactly one statement is true, who could have finished first? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: Either one; the statements are exact opposites.

- 40.** Sara says, 'Tom is older than me.' Tom says, 'Sara and I are the same age.' Exactly one statement is true. If they are not the same age, who is older? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: Tom

- 41.** Ravi says, 'The light is on.' Lena says, 'The light is off.' Exactly one statement is true. What can you conclude? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: One statement must be true; the light is either on or off.

- 42.** Max says, 'Zoe took the red book.' Zoe says, 'I did not take the red book.' Exactly one statement is true. If Max is truthful, who took the red book? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: Zoe

- 43.** Ella says, 'Finn is not in Room 2.' Finn says, 'I am in Room 2.' Exactly one statement is true. Are the statements opposites? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: Yes

- 44.** Maya says, 'Omar arrived before me.' Omar says, 'Maya arrived before me.' They did not tie. Exactly one statement is true. Who arrived first? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: It cannot be determined from that information alone.

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45. Ben says, 'Cora chose blue.' Cora says, 'I chose red.' She chose exactly one of red or blue. If exactly one statement is true, which color could Cora have chosen? Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: Either red or blue; one statement would be true in either case.

46. What number comes next in this logical sequence: 2, 4, 8, 16, ?
Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: 32

47. What number comes next in this logical sequence: 1, 4, 9, 16, ?
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Answer: 25

48. What number comes next in this logical sequence: 3, 6, 12, 24, ?
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Answer: 48

49. What number comes next in this logical sequence: 10, 9, 7, 4, 0, ?
Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: -5

50. What number comes next in this logical sequence: 5, 10, 20, 40, ?
Medium challenge: solve the clue.

Answer: 80