

Short Riddles

Printable Riddles



1. I follow you in sunlight but disappear in complete darkness.
Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Shadow
2. I repeat what you say but never understand a word. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Echo
3. I have hands but cannot clap. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Clock
4. I get shorter while doing my job. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Candle
5. I have many pages but no doors. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Book
6. I show you a face but keep none of my own. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Mirror
7. I have many keys but open no locks. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Keyboard
8. I have teeth but never bite. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Zipper
9. I go above your head when water falls from the sky. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Umbrella
10. I show roads, rivers, and cities but contain none of them. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Map
11. I travel great distances while stuck to one corner. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Stamp
12. I have one eye but cannot see. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Needle
13. I have a neck but no head. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Bottle

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- 14.** The more I dry, the wetter I become. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Towel
- 15.** I am full of holes yet can hold water. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Sponge
- 16.** I have many teeth but cannot chew. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Comb
- 17.** I have bristles and visit your mouth every day. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Toothbrush
- 18.** I leave a trail as my head gets smaller. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Pencil
- 19.** I get smaller by removing what someone else made. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Eraser
- 20.** I carry a message while keeping it covered. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Envelope
- 21.** I let you see outside without going outside. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Window
- 22.** I stand in a wall and decide who passes through. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Door
- 23.** I go up and down but never move. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Stairs
- 24.** I run all day but have no legs. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: River
- 25.** I float without wings and can carry water. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Cloud
- 26.** I shine at night by borrowing light. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Moon

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- 27.** I rise without standing and set without sitting. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Sun
- 28.** I twinkle in the night sky but is far larger than it looks. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Star
- 29.** I fall from clouds but never get hurt. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Rain
- 30.** I fall in winter and no two of me are exactly alike. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Snowflake
- 31.** I can dance without feet and eat without a mouth. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Fire
- 32.** I rise from fire but have no wings. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Smoke
- 33.** I am water that became hard. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Ice
- 34.** I am small enough for a pocket but can open something much larger. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Key
- 35.** I have a tongue but do not taste. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Bell
- 36.** I speak loudly when hit. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Drum
- 37.** I have black and white keys but no locks. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Piano
- 38.** I have strings but cannot tie a knot. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Guitar
- 39.** I shoot without bullets. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Camera

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- 40.** I can ring without being a bell. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Phone
- 41.** I store power but am not a warehouse. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Battery
- 42.** I can pull certain metals without touching them first. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Magnet
- 43.** I point north without knowing where I am. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Compass
- 44.** I drop to help something stay in place. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Anchor
- 45.** I have rungs but never run. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Ladder
- 46.** I go around and around to help things move forward. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Wheel
- 47.** I have a tongue but cannot talk. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Shoe
- 48.** I have fingers but no hand. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Glove
- 49.** I sit on your head but never think. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Hat
- 50.** I can be empty and still contain air. Quick answer: what is it?
Answer: Pocket