

Tricky Riddles

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1. An electric train travels north. A strong wind blows east. Which way does its smoke go?
Answer: It has no smoke; it is electric.
2. How far can you walk into a forest before you are walking out of it?
Answer: Halfway.
3. If you take two apples from a basket of five, how many apples do you have?
Answer: Two.
4. A rooster sits on a roof and lays an egg. Which side does it roll down?
Answer: Roosters do not lay eggs.
5. What can you hold in your right hand but never in your left hand?
Answer: Your left elbow.
6. Before anyone climbed Mount Everest, what was the tallest mountain on Earth?
Answer: Mount Everest.
7. How many months have 28 days?
Answer: All twelve.
8. A doctor gives you three tablets and says take one every 30 minutes. How long until all are taken?
Answer: One hour.
9. Which is heavier: one kilogram of feathers or one kilogram of bricks?
Answer: They weigh the same.
10. If there are ten fish in a tank and three drown, how many remain?
Answer: Ten; fish do not drown.
11. A plane crashes exactly on a border. Where should the survivors be buried?
Answer: Nowhere; survivors are not buried.
12. If you throw a red stone into the Blue Sea, what does it become?
Answer: Wet.

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- 13.** What question can you never truthfully answer yes to?
Answer: Are you asleep?
- 14.** A farmer has 17 sheep. All but 9 run away. How many are left?
Answer: Nine.
- 15.** If a clock strikes six times in five seconds, how long does it take to strike twelve times at the same pace?
Answer: Eleven seconds.
- 16.** What goes up when rain comes down?
Answer: An umbrella.
- 17.** You enter a dark room with one match, a candle, a lamp, and a fireplace. What do you light first?
Answer: The match.
- 18.** What has four letters, sometimes has nine letters, and never has five letters. Is that statement true?
Answer: Yes; it describes the word lengths.
- 19.** A man shaves many people every day but still has a beard. Who is he?
Answer: A barber.
- 20.** If you pass the runner in second place, what place are you in?
Answer: Second place.
- 21.** What becomes larger the more you remove from it?
Answer: A hole.
- 22.** Which word is spelled incorrectly in every dictionary?
Answer: Incorrectly.
- 23.** How many birthdays does the average person have?
Answer: One.
- 24.** If two is company and three is a crowd, what are four and five?
Answer: Nine.
- 25.** What can be broken without being touched?
Answer: A promise.

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- 26.** A house has four walls facing south. A bear walks past. What color is the bear?
Answer: White; the house is at the North Pole.
- 27.** What gets sharper the more you use it, but is not a knife?
Answer: Your mind.
- 28.** If yesterday was tomorrow, today would be Friday. What day is today?
Answer: Wednesday.
- 29.** What can travel around the world while staying in one corner?
Answer: A stamp.
- 30.** What kind of coat is always wet when you put it on?
Answer: A coat of paint.
- 31.** What is always in front of you but cannot be seen?
Answer: The future.
- 32.** What has a bottom at the top?
Answer: Your legs.
- 33.** What belongs to you but other people use more often?
Answer: Your name.
- 34.** If you have one match and enter a room with an oil lamp, a candle, and a stove, what do you light first?
Answer: The match.
- 35.** What word begins and ends with E but contains only one letter?
Answer: Envelope.
- 36.** Which side of a cat has the most fur?
Answer: The outside.
- 37.** What can be caught but not thrown?
Answer: A cold.
- 38.** What has many rings but no fingers?
Answer: A telephone.
- 39.** What starts with T, ends with T, and has T inside?
Answer: A teapot.

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40. What is full of holes but can still hold water?
Answer: A sponge.
41. What has a neck but no head and wears a cap?
Answer: A bottle.
42. What can run but never walks and has a bed but never sleeps?
Answer: A river.
43. What can fill a room but takes up no space?
Answer: Light.
44. If you drop a yellow hat in the Red Sea, what does it become?
Answer: Wet.
45. What has 13 hearts but no lungs or stomach?
Answer: A deck of cards.
46. What has one head, one foot, and four legs?
Answer: A bed.
47. What is easy to lift but hard to throw?
Answer: A feather.
48. What can you serve but never eat?
Answer: A tennis ball.
49. Which word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
Answer: Short.
50. What goes through towns and over hills but never moves?
Answer: A road.