

Reading Comprehension Ex. - Riddles

Ex. A > Match the questions (1-20) with the answers (a-j).

1. What is at the end of a rainbow? ____
2. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years? ____
3. What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it? ____
4. What is the longest word in the dictionary? ____
5. We see it once in a year, twice in a week, and never in a day. What is it? ____
6. What is the center of gravity? ____
7. What starts with the letter "t", is filled with "t", and ends in "t"? ____
8. Take away my first letter, and I still sound the same. Take away my last letter, I still sound the same. Even take away my letter in the middle, I will still sound the same. I am a five-letter word. What am I? ____
9. What has 4 eyes but can't see? ____
10. What starts with "P" and ends with "E" and has more than 1000 letters? ____
11. What's the best thing about Switzerland? ____
12. What is the color of the wind? ____
13. Who earns a living by driving his/her customers away? ____
14. What breaks when you say it? ____
15. What instrument can you hear but never see? ____
16. What do you call a fish with no eyes? ____
17. What comes down but never goes up? ____
18. A lawyer, a plumber and a hat maker were walking down the street. Who had the biggest hat? ____
19. If two's company and three's a crowd, what are four and five? ____
20. Can you name the two days starting with T besides Tuesday and Thursday? ____

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| a) Nine | h) The letter M | n) A teapot |
| b) A fish | i) The one with the | o) A post office |
| c) EMPTY | biggest head. | p) Rain |
| d) Mississippi | j) The letter W | q) Short |
| e) Silence | k) I don't know, but the | r) The letter V |
| f) Smiles - <i>Because there</i> | flag is a big plus | s) Today and tomorrow |
| <i>is a mile between each 's'</i> | D A taxi driver | t) The letter E |
| g) Your voice | m) Blew | |



Ex. B > Insert the words in the box into the blank spaces.

AGE, DEAD, FEATHERS, HOLES, LOSE, MONTHS, RACE, ROUND, SUCCESS, TAKE

1. If you were in a _____ and passed the person in second place, what place would you be in?
Second place!
2. What goes up, but never comes down?
Your _____!
3. What gets bigger and bigger the more you _____ away from it?
A hole!
4. How many _____ have 28 days?
All of them!
5. Which weighs more, a ton of _____ or a ton of bricks?
Neither they both weigh a ton!
6. What is full of _____ but can still hold water?
A sponge!
7. What has two hands, a _____ face, always runs, but stays in place?
A clock!
8. Where does _____ come before work?
In the dictionary!
9. If a man is born in Turkey, grows up in Italy, comes to England and dies in Manchester what is he?
_____.
10. What is it that no one wishes to have, yet no one wishes to _____?
A bald head.

Ex. C > Can you answer the questions of the following riddles?

- a. In a one-storey pink house, there was a pink person, a pink cat, a pink fish, a pink computer, a pink chair, a pink table, a pink telephone, a pink shower– everything was pink! What color were the stairs?

Answer: _____

- b. If you were forced to go through one of the following doors, which door do you go through with 100 % certainty you'd stay alive: a door with a man with a gun behind it, a door with a tiger who hasn't eaten in 7 years behind it, or a door with an electric chair behind it?

Answer: _____



- c. Jack rode into town on Friday and rode out 2 days later on Friday. How can that be possible?

Answer: _____

- d. A man was cleaning the windows of a 25-storey building. He slipped and fell off the ladder but wasn't hurt. How did he do it?

Answer: _____

- e. Two fathers and two sons go on a fishing trip. They each catch a fish and bring it home. Why do they only bring three fish home?

Answer: _____

- f. A monkey, a squirrel, and a bird are racing to the top of a coconut tree. Who will get the banana first, the monkey, the squirrel, or the bird?

Answer: _____

- g. Mr. Blue lives in the blue house, Mr. Pink lives in the pink house, and Mr. Brown lives in the brown house. Who lives in the white house?

Answer: _____

- h. If a blue house is made of blue bricks, a yellow house is made out of yellow bricks and a pink house is made out of pink bricks, what is a green house made of?

Answer: _____

- i. How many months have 28 days?

Answer: _____

- j. You walk into a room with a match, a kerosene lamp, a candle, and a fireplace. Which do you light first?

Answer: _____

- k. What is as light as a feather, but even the world's strongest man couldn't hold it for more than a minute?

Answer: _____

- l. Mary's father has 5 daughters – Nana, Nene, Nini, Nono. What is the fifth daughter's name?

Answer: _____

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