

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? _____

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