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Brain teaser jokes and riddles with answers

These puzzles and brain teasers for kids are perfect for an icebreaker at the beginning of a class, to keep kids busy on a road trip, or trying to stump each other up on a family game night! Plus, solving puzzles is good for developing thinking skills, and puzzles will trigger good discussion. We love all kinds of funny jokes for kids! Since we posted 75+ Hilarious Jokes for Kids, we've been saving and accumulating puzzles for kids. My boys are so into that stuff right now. In fact, I decided to put these puzzles in printable form too – maybe they'll buy you a few minutes of peace on a road trip, or while waiting at the doctor's office. Either read them from this post, or scroll to the bottom of the post and print! This post was originally published in May 2015 and updated October 2019. Q: What gets wetter the more it dries? A towel. Q: When you're looking for something, why is it always in the last place you see? Because when you find it, you stop looking! Q: A cowboy rode into town on Friday. He stayed in town for three days and rode out on Friday. How was that possible? Friday was the name of his horse. Q: One night, a king and a queen walked into a castle. There was no one in the castle and no one came out of the castle. In the morning, three people came out of the castle. Who were they? The Knight (nigh), the king and queen! Q: Level crossing, beware of cars. Can you spell it without any r's? T-H-A-T-Q: What has one face and two hands but no arms or legs? A watch. Q: What must be broken before you can use it? An egg. Q: Live in winter, die in summer, and grow with its roots upwards. What is it? An icicle. Q: It starts out high, but the longer it stands, the shorter it grows. What is it? A light. Q: What belongs to you but is used more by others? Your name. Q: What goes up and never comes down? At your age. Q: How can a man go 8 days without sleep? He only sleeps at night. Q: I'm full of keys, but I can't open any door. What am I? A piano. Q: What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive? A glove. Q: A man found an old coin and declared that the date of it was 150 B.C. That couldn't be true. Why? Because B.C. counts backwards from the birth of Christ. If Christ hadn't been born yet, there were no dates in B.C. yet! Q: Which is heavier, a pound of bricks or a pound of feathers? The same - a pound is a pound! Q: I'm light as a feather, but the strongest man can't hold me for more than 5 minutes. What am I? Breath. Q: Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday and Sunday? Yesterday, today and tomorrow. Q: Timmy's mother had three children. The first was named April, the next was named May. What was the name of the third child? Timmy of course! Q: What kind of fur can only be put on when it is wet? A coat of paint. Q: What happens once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never for a thousand years? The letter M. Q: What has three feet but can not walk? A yardstick. Q: What but never goes, often often - never talk, have a bed, but never sleep, have a mouth, but never eat? A river. Q: If you're running in a race and you pass the person in second place, what place are you in? Q: What gets sharper the more you use it? Your brain. Q: If I have it, I don't share it. If I share it, I don't have it. What is it? A secret. Q: What can you catch but not throw? A cold. Q: How many months have 28 days? All 12 months! Q: They come out at night without being called, and are lost today without being stolen. What are they? Stars. Q: What is full of holes but can still hold water? A sponge. Q: Two in front, two in the back, and one in the middle. How many are there? Three. (1 2) 3 1 (2 3) 1 (2) 3Q: Which word is misspelled in each dictionary? The word wrong! Q: What is easy to get into but hard to get out of? Problems! Q: The more you take away, the bigger it gets. What is it? A hole! Q: Which word contains 26 letters, but only three syllables? Alphabet! Q: A girl fell off a long flight of stairs. She didn't get hurt. Why? She fell down from the bottom step. Q: It follows you and copies all your moves. But you can't touch it or catch it. What is it? Your shadow. Q: Which building has thousands of stories? Library! Q: What has a neck but no head? A bottle! Q: A bat and a ball cost \$1.10. The bat costs \$1.00 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost? 5 cents. Q: What invention allows you to see right through a wall? A window! Q: What are two things you can never eat for breakfast? Lunch and dinner! Q: What goes up and down but never moves? Temperature! (Alternative answer - a staircase) Q: The more you take, the more you leave? What are they? Footsteps! Q: I have no eyes, no ears and legs, and yet I help move the ground. What am I? A earthworm! Q: If there are three cookies and you take away two, how many do you have? If you take two, then of course you have two! Q: What do dogs have that no other animals have? Puppies! Q: A man walked in the middle of nowhere and it started raining. He had no umbrella and no hat, but not a single hair on his head got wet. How can it be? The man was bald! Q: Give me food and I will live. Give me water and I'll die. What am I? Fire. Q: First I threw the outside away and cooked the inside. Then I ate the outside and threw the inside away. What have I eaten? Corn on cob! Ready to print your puzzles and brain teasers? Click here to print: 50 Riddles and Brain Teasers for KidsOr click here for 75 Hilarious Jokes for Kids FotoDuets/ShutterstockRiddles run the gamut from simple and easy to solve to serious brain-busters—and we've compiled more of the latter for your riddling enjoyment. The big head-scrappers in this list may take some big time brain power to solve, but it sure feels great when you figure one out! And if you're confused, check out our 25 favorite puzzles for kids instead. Getty Images, speaks without mouth and hears without ears. I don't have a body, but I come to life with wind. What What? I? This conundr relies on tricking you into thinking of ears and a mouth. You get a little hint of wind to encourage you to think broadly and avoid the literal. Answer: An echo. If you have a careful eye, try to solve these difficult rebus puzzles. Getty Images, rd.comYou measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm fast when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy. Hard puzzles want to stand you up, and this one works by hitting you with details from all angles. The big hint comes at the end with the wind. What threatens the wind the most? You have to stretch your brain to come up with a something small and unexpected. Answer: A light. Plus, check out some simple puzzles (with answers) that aren't too challenging to solve. Getty Images, rd.comI has cities but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I? This conundr aims to confuse you and get you to focus on the things that are missing: the houses, the trees and fish. You might have to think of something lifeless. Answer: A map Getty Images, rd.comWhat is seen in mid-March and April that can't be seen at the beginning or end of either month? This conundr works by trying to make you think about the weather or holidays or other events associated with a calendar. To get this one right, you actually need to get super literal. Answer: The letter R. Like oral puzzles like these? Try these challenging word puzzles that will leave you stumped. Getty Images, rd.comYou see a boat full of people. It's not sunk, but when you look again, you don't see a single person on the boat. Why? Hard puzzles like this brain teaser are difficult because they seem to invite straightforward, logical thinking. You can come up with answers as they all went below deck or jumped overboard. But you have to focus on the word single and think about its other meanings. A: All people were married. Can you solve these difficult shadow puzzles? Getty Images, rd.comWhat words in the English language do the following: the first two letters mean a male, the first three letters means a woman, the first four letters means a great, while the whole word means a great woman. What's the word? It's hard because it makes you think about gender and the ways they're different. You have to think of one word that holds the others. It's easy when you think about it! Answer: Heroine Getty Images, rd.comWhat English words have three consecutive double letters? This one is pretty impossible, but use the facts you know English to get on track. First, think of words with double vowels. And I want you to know that it's probably going to be a composite word. The first and last letters of these combined words will constitute a set of double letters. Now, just wrack your brain! Answer: Bookkeeper. For another tricky word test, see if you can find out if these funny sounding words are real or pass. Getty Images, rd.comA woman her husband, man, keep him under water for five minutes. Next, she hangs him. Right after they enjoy a nice dinner. Explain. This puzzle is intended to throw you out of balance with shock. But pay attention to the first verb, shot. What else can you shoot with besides a gun? There's the key to everything. A: She took a picture of him and developed it in her dark room. Can you find the missing number in this puzzle? Getty Images, rd.comI come from a mine and get surrounded by wood always. Everyone uses me. What am I? The thought of a mine could lead you to coal or a diamond. The stepping details are your best hint. This conundr is a toughie, but wood can lead you to figure it out. Answer: Pencil lead Getty Images, rd.comA girl has as many brothers as sisters, but each brother has only half as many brothers as sisters. How many brothers and sisters are in the family? This trick question gives you a lot of ways to get completely confused if you're trying to figure out the answer. The key is to keep it simple. Be sure to count the sisters and brothers in total and in proportion to their own number of siblings. Then the answer will be a little easier. Answer: Four sisters and three brothers. Yes, this one had a little math involved! If it wasn't sweat, try these other mathematical puzzles only the smartest can get right. Getty Images, rd.comWhat disappears as soon as you say its name? Hard puzzles like this require you to think logically or in a simple way. At the same time, applying a conceptual metaphor with the concept of something is disappearing. The answer seems so simple – but not until you've figured it out! Before that moment, it has your brain in a twist. Answer: Silence Getty Images, rd.comHow can number four be half of five? You can start doing some elaborate fractions, but hard puzzles like this are sometimes much more about puns than crunching the numbers. Think literally and the answer can just appear right in front of your eyes. Answer: IV. Roman numerals for four, which is half (two letters) of the word five. Take this quiz to see if you're a genius. Getty Images, rd.comI has keys, but no locks and space, and no rooms. You can come in, but you can't go outside. What am I? This one tricks you by having you think of space that can be entered. So it makes you merge it with a room with no rooms where you can't leave. You can even hang up on these keys. That's where you're going to stick around. Think of that word. What are some other meanings of keys – especially that don't require locks? Answer: A keyboard Getty Images, rd.comWhat gets wet while drying? This one has a simple answer, although it stumps most people who try to figure it out. Wet and dry seem like they should always be the opposite so you can get tripped up. Think of an object that can, ahem (hint) absorb or be both. Answer: A towel. Can you guess these animals based on their footprints? Getty Images, rd.comHow many letters are in the alphabet? Some hard puzzles ride you up by you to the easiest answer first. You have this easy, don't you? 26 - if you speak English alphabet. Not so fast. Take another look and get super simple and straightforward. Answer: There are 11 letters in the words alphabet Getty Images, rd.comA is the brother of B. B is the brother of C. C is the father of D. So how is D related to A? Puzzles try to send your thinking out in scattered directions. Try to stay clear and just follow the logic. Using letters like placeholders for names like Uncle Bob or Aunt Linda making straightforward relationships seem difficult. Answer: A is D's uncle. Here are several brain teasers that will leave you confused. Getty Images, rd.comWhat are the next three letters of this combination? OTTFSS This super hard question asks you to determine the ratio of letters. They seem random: one vowel, two consonants from the tail of the alphabet, two from the front, then two more. What can they mean? What's the pattern? In this case, think of ordinary strings of words to get you closer. But it still seems almost impossible to hit on the solution. Answer: E N T (Each letter represents the first letter of the written numbers: one, two, three, four, five, etc.). Getty Images, rd.comThis belongs to you, but everyone else uses it. The key to this conundral to think of something other than an actual object. Use your critical thinking skills to get conceptual on this one. Answer: Your name. Can you figure out these challenging detective puzzles? Getty Images, rd.comFirst, think of the color of the clouds. Next, think of the color of snow. Now think of the color of a bright full moon. Now respond quickly, what do cows drink? Some puzzles work by getting your brain to go through a number of associations, so you get locked up and can't think of alternatives. Be careful with this conundr. Is the question really related to the color you were asked to think about? Most people say that cows drink milk because they are fixated on the color white. Answer: Water Getty Images, rd.comHow are seven different from the rest of the numbers between one and ten? Math geeks can start thinking about primes, or whether seven are shareable by this or 000, or if it can be cubic and all that. Avoid thinking about math completely and think about the literal quality of the words that mean the numbers. Remember that puzzles play with the differences between the literal and the conceptual, or straightforward and complex. For this conundrant, think simple but pivot to a paradigm separate from numbers. Answer: Seven has two syllables and the other numbers only have one syllable. Here are some brain games that can help you get smarter. Getty Images, rd.comFirst you eat me, then you get eaten. What am I? Hard puzzles get you used to thinking about metaphors and concepts. Not this one; keep it simple and literal to get to the solution. But ask yourself who or what you are. Answer: A fishhook Getty Images, rd.comWhat comes once one minute, twice in an instant, but never for a thousand years? Again, puzzles like this often have you crunching the numbers and stretching your brain cells thinking all about time and the way it works. Now you may have figured out that number puzzles rarely involve math. Answer: The letter M. These are the strangest unsolved mysteries ever. Getty Images, rd.comWhich word in the dictionary is always misspelled? Hard puzzles obsess over puns and puns. This one has such an easy answer that it trips you up by making you think in a complex way. Some puzzles require it. Not this one. Answer: Wrong Getty Images, rd.comWhat can you hold in your right hand, but never in your left hand? Take it slowly and calmly with this one. Maybe if take a look at your own hands that can give you a clue based on logic. Answer: Your left hand. Can you solve this famous conundr that is said to have been created by Einstein? Getty Images, rd.comHow can you physically stand behind your father while he's standing behind you? For this kind of super tricky puzzle, you can do best to actually map the physical relationship in your head if you can! This conundrance works by tricking you into thinking about invisibility. A: You're back-to-back with your dad. Next, check out the most famous puzzles in history. Originally published: December 02, 2019 2019

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