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## INTRODUCTION

*“The mind once stretched by a new idea, never returns to its original dimensions.”*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

This book is a collection of 300 brain teasing riddles and puzzles. Their purpose is to make children think and stretch the mind. They are designed to test logic, lateral thinking as well as memory and to engage the brain in seeing patterns and connections between different things and circumstances.

They are laid out in three chapters which get more difficult as you go through the book, in the author’s opinion at least. The answers are at the back of the book if all else fails.

These are more difficult riddles and are designed to be attempted by children from 10 years onwards, as well as participation from the rest of the family.



# DIFFICULT RIDDLES



1. When you do not know what I am, then I am something. But when you know what I am, then I am nothing. What am I?

[Answer](#)

2. You can see me in water, but I never get wet. What am I?

[Answer](#)

3. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

[Answer](#)

4. When I am released to the wind, you look away and you pretend, but away your friends I will send. What am I?

[Answer](#)

5. What English word has three consecutive double letters?

[Answer](#)

6. Imagine you are in a dark room. How do you get out?

[Answer](#)

7. What English word retains the same pronunciation, even after you take away four of its five letters?

[Answer](#)

8. When you have me, you feel like sharing me. But, if you do share me, you don't have me. What am I?

[Answer](#)

9. A man is pushing his car along the road when he comes to a hotel. He shouts, "I'm bankrupt!" Why?

[Answer](#)

10. An English word has six letters, remove one letter, and twelve remains. What am I?

[Answer](#)

11. What question can you never answer yes to?

[Answer](#)

12. What invention lets you look right through a wall?

[Answer](#)

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

[Answer](#)

14. What occurs once in every minute, twice in every moment, yet never in a thousand years?

[Answer](#)

15. I never ask questions but am always answered. What am I?

[Answer](#)

16. If you go to the movies and you're paying, is it cheaper to take one friend to the movies twice, or two friends to the movies at the same time?

[Answer](#)

17. What gets bigger every time you take from it?

[Answer](#)

18. What is full of holes, but can still hold a lot of water?

[Answer](#)

19. Which came first the chicken or the egg?

[Answer](#)

20. No matter how much rain comes down on it, it won't get any wetter. What is it?

[Answer](#)

21. I'm flat when I'm new. I'm fat when you use me. I release my gas when something sharp touches me. What am I?

[Answer](#)

22. Three times what number is no larger than two times that same number?

[Answer](#)

23. What do you throw out when you want to use it, but take in when you don't want to use it?

[Answer](#)

24. I cannot hear or even see, but sense light and sounds that may be. Sometimes I end up on the hook, or even deep into a book. What am I?

[Answer](#)

25. Which ring is square?

[Answer](#)

26. Why are manholes round instead of square?

[Answer](#)

27. What tastes better than it smells?

[Answer](#)

28. At night, they come without being fetched. By day they are lost without being stolen. What are they?

[Answer](#)

29. The more you have of it, the less you see. What is it?

[Answer](#)

30. What starts with a T, ends with a T, and has T in it?

[Answer](#)

31. Say my name and I disappear. What am I?

[Answer](#)

32. What is it that after you take away the whole, some still remains?

[Answer](#)

33. Forward I'm heavy, but backwards I'm not. What am I?

[Answer](#)

34. I am a box that holds keys without locks, yet they can unlock your soul. What am I?

[Answer](#)

35. My first is twice in apple but not once in tart. My second is in liver but not in heart. My third is in giant and also in ghost. Whole I'm best when I am roast. What am I?

[Answer](#)

36. Remove nine letters from this sequence to reveal a familiar English word. BSAINXLEATNTEARS

[Answer](#)

37. What has four wheels and flies?

[Answer](#)

38. What has a forest but no trees, cities but no people and rivers but no water?

[Answer](#)

39. Runs smoother than any rhyme, loves to fall but cannot climb. What am I?

[Answer](#)

40. Take me and scratch my head. What once was red, is black instead. What am I?

[Answer](#)

41. What is as big as you are and yet does not weigh anything?

[Answer](#)

42. It is an insect, and the first part of its name is the name of another insect. What is it?

[Answer](#)

43. I'm where yesterday follows today, and tomorrow's in the middle. What am I?

[Answer](#)

44. How much dirt is there in a hole 3 feet deep, 6 ft. long and 4 ft. wide?

[Answer](#)

45. Name all the numbers from 1 – 100, which have the letter 'A' in their spellings?

[Answer](#)

46. What kind of coat is always wet when you put it on?

[Answer](#)

47. What kind of cheese is made backwards?

[Answer](#)

48. What can you hold in your right hand but never in your left hand?

[Answer](#)

49. During what month do people sleep the least?

[Answer](#)

50. What can never be placed in a sauce pan?

[Answer](#)

51. I am always there, some distance away, somewhere between land or sea and sky I lay. You may move towards me, but distant I will stay. What am I?

[Answer](#)

52. I can only live where there is light, but I die if the light shines on me. What am I?

[Answer](#)

53. What kind of room has no doors or windows?

[Answer](#)

54. What can you catch but not throw?

[Answer](#)

55. What has a Heart but no other organs?

[Answer](#)

56. Two people are born at the same moment, but they don't have the same birthdays. How could this be?

[Answer](#)

57. What's orange and sounds like a parrot?

[Answer](#)

58. What always goes to bed with its shoes on?

[Answer](#)

59. How can you make 7 even?

[Answer](#)

60. What am I?

[Answer](#)

61. I can bring tears to your eyes; resurrect the dead, make you smile, and reverse time. I form in an instant but I last a life time. What am I?

[Answer](#)

62. Mr. Smith has two children. If the older child is a boy, what are the odds that the other child is also a boy?

[Answer](#)

63. A man builds a house rectangular in shape. All the sides have southern exposure. A big bear walks by. What color is the bear?

[Answer](#)

64. What starts with an e but only has a single letter in it?

[Answer](#)

65. A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction but didn't break the law. How come?

[Answer](#)

66. If in a car race, the man who came two places in front of the last man finished one ahead of the man who came fifth. How many contestants were there?

[Answer](#)

67. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose between three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the second is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?

[Answer](#)

68. What's black and white and red all over?

[Answer](#)

69. What flies when it's born, lies when it's alive, and runs when it's dead?

[Answer](#)

70. I am the only organ that named myself. What am I?

[Answer](#)

71. You walk into a room with a rabbit holding a carrot, a pig eating slop, and a chimp holding a banana. Which animal in the room is the smartest?

[Answer](#)

72. What always murmurs but never talks, always runs but never walks, has a bed but never sleeps, has a mouth but never speaks?

[Answer](#)

73. I am taken from a mine, and shut up in a wooden case, from which I am never released, and yet I am used by almost everybody. What am I?

[Answer](#)

74. I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?

[Answer](#)

75. What house can fly?

[Answer](#)

76. What goes up and doesn't go down?

[Answer](#)

77. No matter how terrible things get for the people of the Arctic, they will not eat a penguin. Why?

[Answer](#)

78. A group of ten people are going out for pizza but only two of them have an umbrella to keep them dry. But they manage to walk all the way to the pizza place without getting wet. How is this possible?

[Answer](#)

79. What runs around the house but doesn't move?

[Answer](#)

80. What goes around the house and in the house but never touches the house?

[Answer](#)

81. A man finds a small iron coin dated 154 B.C., what's it worth?

[Answer](#)

82. There is a one-story house. The walls are blue, the floor is pink, the stove and cupboards are red. What color are the stairs?

[Answer](#)

83. Why was the baby strawberry crying?

[Answer](#)

84. I can be cracked, I can be made. I can be told, I can be played. What am I?

[Answer](#)

85. I can't go left, I can't go right. I am forever stuck in a building over three stories high. What am I?

[Answer](#)

86. What goes back and forth constantly, but never in a straight line?

[Answer](#)

87. What dress can you not wear?

[Answer](#)

88. What belongs to you but others use it more?

[Answer](#)

89. I don't have eyes, but once I did see. Once I had thought, but am now white and empty. What am I?

[Answer](#)

90. What has hands that can't clap?



[Answer](#)

91. Which three numbers have the same answer when added together and multiplied together?

[Answer](#)

92. What has a mouth but can't chew?

[Answer](#)

93. How did Mark legally marry three women in Michigan, without divorcing any of them, becoming legally separated, or any of them dying?

[Answer](#)

94. I have all the knowledge you have. But I am not much larger than your fist. What am I?

[Answer](#)

95. Everyone in the world needs it. They generously give it, but rarely take it. What is it?

[Answer](#)

96. Take off my skin - I won't cry, but you will. What am I?

[Answer](#)

97. Lighter than what I am made of, more of me is hidden than is seen.

What am I?

[Answer](#)

98. You heard me before, yet you hear me again, then I die, 'till you call me again.

What am I?

[Answer](#)

99. If you were standing directly on Antarctica's South Pole facing north, which direction would you travel if you took one step backward?

[Answer](#)

100. What has a neck but no head?

[Answer](#)



# FIENDISH RIDDLES

101. Two girls were born to the same mother, on the same day, at the same time, in the same month and year and yet they're not twins. How can this be?

[Answer](#)

102. Rearrange all the letters in the sentence to form a well-known proverb.

"I don't admit women are faint."

[Answer](#)

103. A woman is sitting in her hotel room when there is a knock at the door. She opened the door to see a man whom she had never seen before. He said "oh I'm sorry, I have made a mistake, I thought this was my room." He then went down the corridor and in the elevator. The woman went back into her room and phoned security. What made the woman so suspicious of the man?

[Answer](#)

104. How can you physically stand behind your father while he is standing behind you?

[Answer](#)

105. I have an eye but I am blind, a sea, but no water; a bee, but no honey; tea but no coffee; and a why, but no answer. What am I?

[Answer](#)

106. What 4-letter word can be written forward, backward or upside down, and can still be read from left to right?

[Answer](#)

107. Pronounced as one letter, and written with three, two letters there are, and two only in me. I'm double, I'm single, I'm black, blue, and gray, I'm read from both ends, and the same either way. What am I?

[Answer](#)

108. Rearrange all the letters in the sentence to form a well-known proverb?

"The broad flag of the free. It rocks."

[Answer](#)

109. What common English verb becomes its own past tense by rearranging its letters?

[Answer](#)

110. What has cities, but no houses; forests, but no trees; and water, but no fish?

[Answer](#)

111. Who is it that rows quickly with four oars but never comes out from under his own roof?

[Answer](#)

112. You hear it speak, for it has a hard tongue. But it cannot breathe, for it has not a lung. What is it?

[Answer](#)

113. What are the next 3 letters in this riddle? o t t f f s s...

[Answer](#)

114. Rearrange all the letters the sentence to form a well-known proverb.

“Strong lions share almost gone.”

[Answer](#)

115. I'm a word that's hardly there. Take away my start, and I'm an herb. What am I?

[Answer](#)

116. The one who makes it, sells it. The one who buys it, never uses it. The one that uses it never knows that he's using it. What is it?

[Answer](#)

117. A box without hinges, lock or key, yet golden treasure lies within. What is it?

[Answer](#)

118. What has a neck and no head, two arms but no hands?

[Answer](#)

119. I am a word of 5 letters and people eat me. If you remove the first letter, I become a form of energy. Remove the first two and I'm needed to live. Scramble the last 3 and you can drink me. What am I?

[Answer](#)

120. Alive without breath, as cold as death, clad in mail never clinking, never thirsty and ever drinking. What am I?

[Answer](#)

121. We are five little objects of an everyday sort, you will find us all in the ladies' court. What are we?

[Answer](#)

122. Blend a 'teapot shot' so the pearlies won't rot. What am I?

[Answer](#)

123. Always invisible, yet never out of sight. What are they?

[Answer](#)

124. A beggar's brother died, but the man who died had no brother. How could this be?

[Answer](#)

125. I stand when I'm sitting and jump when I'm walking. Who am I?

[Answer](#)

126. What has a tongue, cannot walk, but gets around a lot?

[Answer](#)

127. What has no beginning, end, or middle?

[Answer](#)

128. On my way to St. Ives I saw a man with 7 wives. Each wife had 7 sacks. Each sack had 7 cats. Each cat had 7 kittens. Kitten, cats, sacks, wives. How many were going to St. Ives?

[Answer](#)

129. A little girl kicks a soccer ball. It goes 10 feet away from her and then comes back to her. How is this possible?

[Answer](#)

130. A 10 foot rope ladder hangs over the side of a boat with the bottom rung on the surface of the water. The rungs are one foot apart, and the tide goes up at the rate of 6 inches per hour. How long will it be until three rungs are covered?

[Answer](#)

131. A is the father of B. But B is not the son of A. How's that possible?

[Answer](#)

132. What can fill an entire room without taking up any space?

[Answer](#)

133. You throw away the outside, eat the inside and throw away the inside. What am I?

[Answer](#)

134. Take me for a spin and I will make you cool, use me in winter and you are a fool. What am I?

[Answer](#)

135. Where can you finish a book without finishing a sentence?

[Answer](#)

136. It cannot be seen, cannot be felt, cannot be heard, cannot be smelt. It lies behind stars and under hills, and empty holes it fills. It comes first and follows, ends life, kills laughter. What am I?

[Answer](#)

137. This thing all things devours: birds, beasts, trees, flowers; gnaws iron, bites steel; grinds hard stones to meal; slays kings, ruins towns, and beats high mountain down. What am I?

[Answer](#)

138. I am a seed with three letters in my name. Take away the last two and I still sound the same. What am I?



[Answer](#)

139. People buy me to eat, but never eat me. What am I?

[Answer](#)

140. What's made of wood but can't be sawed?

[Answer](#)

141. What number do you get when you multiply all of the numbers on a telephone's number pad?

[Answer](#)

142. Arrange four nines and a one and only one mathematical symbol to make it equal to 100.

[Answer](#)

143. When you look for something, why is it always in the last place you look?

[Answer](#)

144. You use me from your head to your toes, the more I work the thinner I grow. What am I?

[Answer](#)

145. I am a cold man without a soul. If there is warmth in me, it slowly will kill me. What am I?

[Answer](#)

146. I stare at you, you stare at me. I have three eyes, yet I can't see. Every time I blink, I give you commands. You do as you are told, with your feet and hands. What am I?

[Answer](#)

147. How do you make the number one disappear by adding to it?

[Answer](#)

148. An empty bus pulls up to a stop and 10 people get on. At the next stop 5 people get off and twice as many people get on as at the first stop. At the third stop 25 get off.

How many people are on the bus at this point?

[Answer](#)

149. 100 feet in the air, yet its back is on the ground. What am I?

[Answer](#)

150. A king, queen, and two twins all lay in a large room. How are there no adults in the room?

[Answer](#)

151. There was a window cleaner who was cleaning a window on the 25th floor of a skyscraper. He suddenly slips and falls. He has no safety equipment and nothing to soften his fall, but he is not hurt at all. How do you account for that?

[Answer](#)

152. What is bought by the yard but is worn by the foot?

[Answer](#)

153. The more places I be, the less you can see. What am I?

[Answer](#)

154. I am an instrument that you can hear, but you cannot touch or see me. What am I?

[Answer](#)

155. What table you can eat?

[Answer](#)

156. What demands an answer, but asks no question?

[Answer](#)

157. What sport starts with a T, has four letters, and is played around the world?

[Answer](#)

158. There are two planes. One is going from New York to London at a speed of 600 MPH. The other is traveling from London to New York at a speed of 500 MPH. When the planes meet which one will be closer to London?

[Answer](#)