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# Riddles and Brain Teasers

Grade 6 | English

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Please make sure to bring a pencil and paper and your thinking caps



# What will we do today?

- Do a little picture puzzle.
- Learn about riddles.
- Learn about brain teasers.
- See how clever we are.
- Challenge ourselves







# What do you need to prepare for the class?





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Something different before we begin ...



Find:

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a dart

a feather

a banana

a blue bear

a tennis racket





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# ■ History of Riddles



**Riddles** have been around forever. In some countries, riddles helped pass traditions from one generation to the next.





# History of Riddles



The Sphinx in Egypt asked:

"What walks on four legs in the morning, on two legs at noon, and on three legs in the evening?"

Those that could not answer, died.



# History of Riddles



In the Middle Ages (years 500 -1500), some people told riddles to people they met in the street and asked them what they meant. If you could not answer the riddle, you paid them.





# History of Riddles



In Africa, riddles were once used to mark the ceremony of a young person becoming an adult.



# History of Riddles



Riddles are still popular today.....

..... although getting the right answer is not a matter of money or life or death anymore.



## ■ Riddle #1



**What gets wetter the  
more it dries?**



## ■ Riddle #1



**What gets wetter the  
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# Riddle #1



a towel



## ■ Riddle #2



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



## ■ Riddle #2



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## ■ Riddle #2



Because that's where  
you found it !





## ■ Riddle #3



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“Friday” was the  
name of the horse.



## ■ Riddle #4



**What has a face and two hands,  
but no arms or legs?**



## ■ Riddle #4



**What has a face and two hands,  
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## ■ Riddle #4



a clock or a watch



## ■ Riddle #5



**What has to be broken  
before you can use it?**



## Riddle #5



**What has to be broken  
before you can use it?**





## ■ Riddle #5



an egg



# ■ Brain Teasers



A **brainteaser** is a kind of riddle that makes the listener think outside of the box. Some brainteasers are easy, some are a little harder, and some can really make you think for a while.





# Brain Teaser #1



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- In the United States, where the President lives ... The White House!





## Brain Teaser #2

- You are driving a bus. At the first stop, two women get on. The second stop, three men get on and one woman gets off. At the third stop, three kids and their mom get on, and a man gets off. The bus is grey, and it is raining outside. What color is the bus driver's hair?



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- What color is **your** hair?  
(You are the bus driver, remember?)
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I met a man with seven wives.
- Each wife had seven bags,
- Each bag had seven cats,
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- **One – only I was going.**





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# Check your Answers:

- What belongs to you but is used more by others? **Your name**
- What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive?
  - **A glove**
- Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday?
  - **Yesterday, today and tomorrow**





## A Last Riddle:



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# ■ What did we learn today?



- ❑ History of riddles
- ❑ What a brainteaser is
- ❑ A lot of riddles and brainteasers to share with your family



# ■ The Challenge



**On the next slide is a challenging brain teaser.  
Good Luck!**

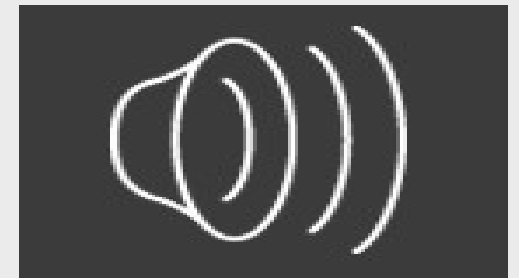
**I'll be back in 15 minutes with the answer.**



- A pupil wanted to work, but he could not log in to his computer. He tried twice, but his password did not work. He suddenly remembered that the passwords are reset every month. So, he called his teacher and said, “Hi Mrs. Brown, my password out of date.”

His teacher replied, “Yes, that’s right. The password is different. Listen carefully. I am sure, you can discover the new one.

- The new one has the same number of letters as your old password, but only four of the letters are the same.”
- The pupil logged in to his computer.
- What are both the new and old passwords?





# Solution

- The old password was “out of date.”
- The new one is “different.”
- Both passwords contain the letters d, f, e, and t.

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