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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.

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## 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

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