

Riddles for 5th Graders

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1.

I have a neck, a bridge, and six strings, but I can't cross a river. What am I?

3.

I go to school every day, but I never open a book. I swim there with hundreds of friends. What am I?

5.

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

7.

What starts with T, ends with T, and has T in it?

9.

What can travel all around the world without leaving its corner?

11.

What runs but never walks, and has a mouth but never talks?

13.

Which word is spelled wrong in every dictionary?

15.

What has five rings but not a single finger?

2.

I have a crust, a mantle, and a core, but nobody can ever eat me. What am I?

4.

What has one eye but can't see a thing?

6.

What building has the most stories in town?

8.

I arrive in a box as a thousand pieces, and I'm only finished when every piece finds its place. What am I?

10.

What has four eyes but can't see at all?

12.

Take the word "whole" out of me and some of me still remains. What nine-letter word am I?

14.

I'm an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?

16.

You'll find me resting on your cheek. Make a wish, give a puff, and I'm gone. What am I?

17.

Maria's mother has four children. The first three are named April, May, and June. What is the fourth child's name?

19.

What is always right in front of you, yet you can never see it?

21.

Every year I grow one new ring, but you can't count them until I'm cut. What am I?

23.

Where does today always come before yesterday?

25.

What kind of band never plays a single note?

27.

What goes through towns and over hills but never moves an inch?

29.

I carry a built-in water hose right on my face, and I use it every day. What am I?

31.

What invention lets a bike take a nap standing up?

33.

What kind of bee never buzzes but can still sting you with a hard word?

35.

Which hand is better for writing, your left or your right?

18.

Two fathers and two sons go fishing. They catch exactly 3 fish, yet each person gets a whole fish. How?

20.

Which weighs more: a pound of feathers or a pound of bricks?

22.

I let you run for miles without ever leaving your room. What am I?

24.

I have cities but no houses, forests but no trees, and rivers but no fish. What am I?

26.

What has four legs but never takes a walk?

28.

You see me once in June, twice in November, and never in May. What am I?

30.

If you drop me, I'm sure to crack. But smile at me and I'll always smile back. What am I?

32.

Forward I'm very heavy, but backward I'm not. What word am I?

34.

What kind of cup can never hold water?

36.

What starts with E, ends with E, but usually holds only one letter?

37.

A book costs \$1 plus half its own price. How much does the book cost?

39.

What number comes next: 64, 32, 16, 8, ...?

41.

Three spiders crawl across the porch. How many legs is that altogether?

43.

What five-letter word reads exactly the same upside down and backward? It's something fish do.

45.

Which single digit gets bigger when you turn it upside down?

47.

There are 100 years in a millennium.

49.

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51.

I have two hands and a face, but no arms, legs, or nose. What am I?

53.

I have many keys, but I cannot open even one lock. What am I?

55.

What five-letter word still sounds the same after you take away four of its letters?

38.

You're in a race and you pass the runner in 2nd place. What place are you in now?

40.

A rooster sits on the exact peak of a barn roof and lays an egg. Which side does the egg roll down?

42.

There are 3 apples on the table and you take away 2. How many apples do YOU have?

44.

What English word has three double letters in a row? Hint: this person keeps track of money records.

46.

What's the only word in the dictionary that's always spelled incorrectly?

48.

The word "racecar" reads the same forward and backward.

50.

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52.

You have to break me before you can ever use me. What am I?

54.

What five-letter word gets shorter when you add two more letters to it?

56.

What word holds 26 letters but is spoken in just three syllables?

57.

What can you always find at the very end of a rainbow?

59.

I start with the letter P, end with the letter E, and hold thousands of letters inside. What am I?

61.

What kind of tree can you always carry right in your hand?

63.

What kind of key is furry, loves bananas, and swings from the trees?

65.

I run all the way around your yard, yet I never move a single step. What am I?

67.

What can you serve to someone in a game but never actually eat?

69.

What kind of ship has no sails and never sinks, yet it grows between two people who like each other?

71.

I am full of hearts, but not one of them ever beats. What am I?

73.

As soon as you say my name out loud, I am broken. What am I?

58.

I show up once in a minute, twice in a moment, but not once in a hundred years. What am I?

60.

I am always on my way and always coming, yet I never actually arrive. What am I?

62.

I am full of ears, yet I cannot hear a sound. What am I?

64.

I have many branches, but no leaves, no trunk, and no bark. What am I?

66.

What kind of dog never barks, sits in a soft bun, and loves ketchup?

68.

I have a long row of teeth but no mouth, and I hold your jacket closed. What am I?

70.

I fly without any wings and cry without any eyes. What am I?

72.

The more you use me each day, the sharper I become. What am I?

74.

What kind of table can you put on your plate and eat for dinner?

75.

I run up and down the stairs all day, but I never take a single step. What am I?

77.

I read the same forward and backward, and I mark the middle of the day. What am I?

76.

I have one head, one foot, and four legs, but I cannot walk anywhere. What am I?

78.

I am tall when I am young and short when I am old, and a puff of breath ends my glow. What am I?

Answer Key

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1. A guitar.
2. The Earth.
3. A fish.
4. A needle.
5. Footsteps.
6. The library.
7. A teapot.
8. A jigsaw puzzle.
9. A stamp.
10. Mississippi.
11. A river.
12. Wholesome. Remove "whole" and you're left with "some."
13. The word "wrong."
14. Seven. Remove the S and you get "even."
15. The Olympic flag.
16. An eyelash.
17. Maria.
18. There are only 3 people: a grandfather, his son, and his grandson.
19. The future.
20. Neither. A pound is a pound.
21. A tree.
22. A treadmill.
23. In the dictionary.
24. A map.
25. A rubber band.
26. A table.
27. A road.
28. The letter E.
29. An elephant.
30. A mirror.
31. A kickstand.
32. Ton. Backward it spells "not."
33. A spelling bee.
34. A cupcake.

35. Neither. A pencil writes much better than a hand.
36. An envelope.
37. \$2.00. If half the price is \$1, the whole price is \$2. Check it: \$1 plus half of \$2 equals \$2.
38. 2nd. You took over 2nd place. The leader is still ahead of you.
39. 4. Each number is half of the one before it. Half of 8 is 4.
40. Neither, roosters don't lay eggs. Hens lay eggs. Roosters just take the credit.
41. 24. A spider has 8 legs, not 6. Three times 8 makes 24.
42. 2. You took 2, so you have 2. The question isn't about what's left on the table.
43. SWIMS
44. Bookkeeper
45. 6
46. Incorrectly
47. False. A millennium is 1,000 years. A century is 100.
48. True. That makes it a palindrome, just like "level" and "madam."
49. Barefoot (bear + foot).
50. A lightning bug (lightning + bug).
51. A clock.
52. An egg.
53. A piano.
54. Short. Add e and r to make shorter.
55. Queue.
56. The alphabet.
57. The letter W.
58. The letter M.
59. The post office.
60. Tomorrow.
61. A palm tree.
62. A cornfield.
63. A monkey.
64. A bank.
65. A fence.
66. A hot dog.
67. A tennis ball.
68. A zipper.
69. Friendship.
70. A cloud.
71. A deck of cards.

72. Your brain.

73. Silence.

74. A vegetable.

75. A stair rug, also called a runner.

76. A bed.

77. Noon.

78. A candle.