

Riddles for Middle Schoolers

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1.

I wear a jacket all year but never get warm, and my spine has never once bent for exercise. What am I?

3.

Feed me a sheet of paper and I bite three perfect holes every single time. What am I?

5.

What word begins with T, ends with T, and has T inside it?

7.

My teeth line up in a perfect row, yet I have never chewed a bite of food. Pull my tail and I open wide. What am I?

9.

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

11.

A teacher writes a whole number on the board and says it is the only counting number whose English name has the same amount of letters as its own value. Which number is it?

13.

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

15.

The word 'racecar' reads exactly the same forward and backward.

2.

I stand in the hallway with a spinning dial, guard your books all day, and slam louder than the bell. What am I?

4.

A bus driver goes the wrong way down a one-way street and passes ten police officers. Not one stops him. How?

6.

What runs all the way around a backyard, yet never moves?

8.

What five-letter English word keeps the same pronunciation even after you take away four of its letters?

10.

I go up when it's hot and down when it's cold, but I never move from my spot. What am I?

12.

If you have me, you want to share me. But the moment you share me, I'm gone. What am I?

14.

What kind of band never plays a single note of music?

16.

I have a ring but no finger to wear it. I once hung on kitchen walls, and now I ride in your pocket. What am I?

17.

I have no mouth and speak only one note,
yet the whole school stands up the moment I
do. What am I?

19.

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

21.

Your pencil case holds 12 pencils. You take 3
of them. How many pencils do you have?

23.

I start January thick and proud, then lose a
page every month until nothing is left of me.
What am I?

25.

What four-letter word can be read forward,
backward, or upside down and still says the
same thing?

27.

My hands travel in circles all day long, but I
never once wave hello. What am I?

29.

You are running a race and you pass the
person in second place. What place are you
in now?

31.

What is so fragile that just saying its name
breaks it?

33.

Forty is the only number whose English
spelling has all its letters in alphabetical
order.

18.

Ø>Ýà + Ø<ß

20.

What can you keep even after you have
given it to someone else?

22.

The more you take away from me, the bigger
I become. What am I?

24.

What has one eye but cannot see, and can
flatten a whole town?

26.

What kind of room has no doors, no windows
and no walls?

28.

I am light as a feather, yet the strongest
person in the world cannot hold me for five
minutes. What am I?

30.

What five-letter word looks the same upside
down and backward?

32.

A cowboy rides into town on Friday, stays
three days, and rides out on Friday. How is
that possible?

34.

I go to school every single day and sit
through every class, yet I never learn a thing.
What am I?

35.

What question can you never honestly answer with yes?

37.

How many times can you subtract 10 from 100?

39.

Ø<ßà + Ø=ÜÝ

41.

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

43.

Hundreds of students step on me every day, and not one of them ever says sorry. What am I?

45.

I am always coming, but I never actually arrive. What am I?

47.

You climb all the way to the top floor by stepping on me, yet I never travel an inch from where I stand. What am I?

49.

I am full of holes from head to toe, and yet I can still hold water. What am I?

51.

I ride on your shoulders every school day and grow heavier with each homework assignment they pile inside me. What am I?

36.

I go through towns and over hills, but I never move. What am I?

38.

I have keys but no locks, space but no room, and you can enter but never go inside. What am I?

40.

I shave every single day, but my beard always stays the same. Who am I?

42.

David's parents have three sons: Snap, Crackle, and... what is the third son's name?

44.

A farmer had 15 sheep. All but 8 wandered off. How many sheep are left?

46.

I only spread my wings when the sky begins to cry, and I fold myself away the moment the sun comes back. What am I?

48.

I can show you the whole world at once, but I fold up small enough to slide into your pocket. What am I?

50.

I have a single eye but I never blink, and I spend my days pulling thread through cloth. What am I?

52.

I spend my whole life cleaning up your mistakes, and I grow a little shorter every time I do. What am I?

53.

I have no voice of my own, but blow a breath through me and the entire gym freezes. What am I?

55.

Students stack their lunches on me three times a day, and I slide along metal rails even though I have no wheels. What am I?

57.

The thicker I grow, the less you can see through me, though I am made of nothing but tiny drops of water. What am I?

59.

Sailors throw me overboard on purpose, and I do my very best work by holding perfectly still. What am I?

61.

A rooster settles right on the very peak of a slanted barn roof and lays an egg. Which side of the roof does the egg roll down?

63.

What five-letter word actually becomes shorter the moment you add two letters to the end of it?

65.

A man studies a portrait and says, 'Brothers and sisters I have none, but that man's father is my father's son.' Who is in the portrait?

67.

What kind of ship carries two mates on board yet never has a captain steering it?

54.

I am covered in numbers but I cannot count, and I keep every line you draw perfectly straight. What am I?

56.

I arrive four times a year, and I can make a whole household either cheer or groan. What am I?

58.

I copy your every move in the sunlight, but I disappear the instant you step into the shade. What am I?

60.

I travel to every corner of the country while staying stuck in one corner the entire trip. What am I?

62.

I wear many rings but own no fingers, and each new ring I add quietly tells you exactly how old I am. What am I?

64.

I am a nine-letter word, and you can drop one letter at a time and still leave a real word at every step, all the way down to a single letter. What word am I?

66.

There is one word that every English speaker, no matter how careful they are, always pronounces wrong. What is it?

68.

What would you call a factory that only ever turns out products that are just barely good enough?

69.

One ordinary job title contains three sets of double letters in a row with nothing in between. What is the word?

71.

Which word is always printed incorrectly, even inside the dictionary itself?

73.

I speak without a mouth and answer without ears, and I only wake up when you make a sound in the mountains. What am I?

75.

A hunter builds a cabin where all four walls face directly south. A bear strolls past the window. What color is the bear?

77.

What single building can honestly claim to hold thousands of stories, though no family ever lives inside it?

79.

I am covered from head to toe in thousands of needles, but I have never once sewn a stitch. What am I?

81.

What would you call a fish that shows up to dinner wearing a fancy bowtie?

83.

Why did the painting end up getting sent straight to jail?

85.

What is the proper name for a pig that has earned a black belt in karate?

70.

What common object holds exactly thirteen hearts and yet has no other organs at all?

72.

I can run but I never walk, I have a mouth but never talk, and I have a bed but never sleep. What am I?

74.

What is the one thing you can hold easily in your left hand but can never hold in your right?

76.

What sort of coat can only be put on properly while it is still wet?

78.

What has one head and one foot and four legs, and yet it could never win a race?

80.

Here is a groaner: why can a bicycle never manage to stand up all by itself?

82.

Why did the math teacher's garden grow better than anyone else's on the whole street?

84.

What do you end up with if you somehow cross a snowman with a hungry vampire?

86.

What do you call a strawberry that is feeling completely down in the dumps?

Answer Key

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1. A book.
2. A locker.
3. A hole punch.
4. He was walking. Nobody said he was driving. A bus driver can walk down any street he likes.
5. A teapot. It has tea in it.
6. A fence.
7. A zipper.
8. Queue
9. A mirror.
10. A thermometer.
11. Four. Four has exactly four letters. No other counting number in English matches its own value like that.
12. A secret.
13. A shirt.
14. A rubber band.
15. True. It's a palindrome, like 'level' and 'noon'.
16. A telephone.
17. The school bell.
18. A brainwave (brain + wave).
19. A bank.
20. Your word.
21. 3. You took 3, so you are holding 3. The other 9 stay in the case.
22. A hole.
23. A calendar.
24. A hurricane.
25. NOON
26. A mushroom.
27. A clock.
28. Your breath.
29. Second. You took their spot, so you are now in second. Passing second place does not make you first.
30. SWIMS.
31. Silence.
32. His horse is named Friday.

33. True. F, o, r, t, y. Check it letter by letter. 'One' is the only one in reverse alphabetical order.
34. A desk.
35. Are you asleep?
36. A road.
37. Once. After the first subtraction you are subtracting 10 from 90, not from 100.
38. A keyboard.
39. Homework (home + work).
40. A barber. He shaves other people.
41. An envelope.
42. David
43. The floor.
44. 8. All BUT 8 wandered off, so exactly 8 stayed.
45. Tomorrow.
46. An umbrella.
47. A staircase.
48. A map.
49. A sponge.
50. A needle.
51. A backpack.
52. An eraser.
53. A whistle.
54. A ruler.
55. A lunch tray.
56. A report card.
57. Fog.
58. A shadow.
59. An anchor.
60. A stamp.
61. Neither, roosters do not lay eggs.
62. A tree.
63. Short. Add e and r and it becomes shorter.
64. Startling. It shrinks to starting, staring, string, sting, sing, sin, in, I.
65. His own son.
66. Wrong.
67. A relationship.
68. A satisfactory.
69. Bookkeeper.

- 70. A deck of cards.
- 71. Incorrectly.
- 72. A river.
- 73. An echo.
- 74. Your right elbow.
- 75. White, because the cabin sits at the North Pole.
- 76. A coat of paint.
- 77. A library.
- 78. A bed.
- 79. A pine tree.
- 80. Because it is two-tired.
- 81. Sofishticated.
- 82. Because she planted it with square roots.
- 83. Because it was framed.
- 84. Frostbite.
- 85. A pork chop.
- 86. A blueberry.