

Riddles for Work

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1.

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

3.

I start with M, end with G, and everyone in the room secretly thinks I could have been an email. What am I?

5.

I can travel through the entire office in minutes, and I don't even have legs. What am I?

7.

I get broken at the start of every workshop, but nobody touches a thing. What am I?

9.

What can you keep even after giving it to a coworker?

11.

I keep the meeting running, I get cold when it runs long, and the pot of me is always someone else's job to refill. What am I?

13.

At lunch you throw away my outside, cook my inside, eat my outside, then throw away my inside. What am I?

15.

What has a ring but no finger?

2.

I arrive without traveling, I can be read without a sound, and I still get ignored until the third reminder. What am I?

4.

I'm always coming, but I never actually arrive by Monday morning. What am I?

6.

I jam when you're in a hurry and behave perfectly when you're not. What am I?

8.

I happen every morning, everyone stands up for me, and nothing else in the sprint does. What am I?

10.

I am taken in every meeting, yet nobody ever gets arrested for stealing me. What am I?

12.

You can hear me whoosh as I fly past, yet I never move an inch. What am I?

14.

I have a head and a tail but no body, and I live in the vending machine's return slot. What am I?

16.

What kind of cup can never hold coffee?

17.

Which mountain would make the laziest employee?

19.

Why don't scientists ever trust atoms?

21.

Why did the soda can crusher quit the job?

23.

Every visitor asks for me the second they walk in, then forgets me completely. What am I?

25.

Which is grammatically correct: 'the yolk of the egg IS white' or 'the yolk of the egg ARE white'?

27.

Which is heavier: a kilogram of printer paper or a kilogram of coffee beans?

29.

More emails are sent every day than there are people on Earth.

31.

I'm lighter than a feather, yet even your strongest coworker can't hold me for ten minutes. What am I?

33.

I'm small and square, I cling to the edge of your monitor, and I hold the one thing you swore you would never forget. What am I?

18.

Why did the employee at the calendar factory get fired?

20.

Why did the scarecrow get the big promotion?

22.

I hold the whole team together, one click at a time. What am I?

24.

A manager has 10 tasks and delegates all but 3 of them. How many tasks does the manager still have?

26.

A meeting starts at 2:45 pm and runs for 100 minutes. When does it end?

28.

A group of owls is called a parliament.

30.

Coffee is the world's most consumed drink after water.

32.

What starts with P, ends with E, and has thousands of letters inside?

34.

I lift the whole company up and down all day, yet I only move when someone pushes my buttons. What am I?

35.

I sit right beside your keyboard with a tail out my back, and I click all day long without ever once squeaking. What am I?

37.

I'm built from rows and columns and I never sit down, yet I'm full of cells where no prisoner has ever lived. What am I?

39.

I'm stuffed full of the past, I'm built from many drawers, and my bottom one always sticks. What am I?

41.

I have rungs but no wood, everyone is desperate to climb me, and I exist only as a way of talking. What am I?

43.

I make the important parts glow, but color in everything and suddenly nothing stands out at all. What am I?

45.

The more you stare at me the longer I seem to grow, and I somehow never feel finished by Friday. What am I?

47.

I answer all your mail while you lie on a beach, and I say the exact same thing to everybody. What am I?

49.

I wear a screen for a face and glow the whole day through, then go dark the second you wander off too long. What am I?

36.

I'm covered in the team's best ideas until someone writes 'do not erase,' and then everyone erases me anyway. What am I?

38.

I have a back and five little legs, I roll all around the floor, and I get the blame whenever your posture goes bad. What am I?

40.

I'm a bent little wire that keeps your pages together, and I vanish the very moment you actually need one. What am I?

42.

I'm a single page that brags about you, I only get dusted off when you're unhappy, and I always claim you're a team player. What am I?

44.

I eat your documents and turn them into spaghetti, and I'm the one coworker who never talks back. What am I?

46.

I turned one message into a hundred and made the whole company resent a single person for a day. What am I?

48.

You forget I'm on when you start talking, and you forget I'm off right when you shouldn't. What am I?

50.

I take your coins, I drop your snack, and sometimes I dangle it on the edge just to watch you suffer. What am I?

51.

I have plenty of buttons and no feelings at all, yet I'm the only one at work who's always right about the numbers. What am I?

53.

You fill me in every Friday, mostly from memory, and we both quietly pretend the numbers are exact. What am I?

55.

Every day you race for me before nine, my name is painted on me only if you are senior, and I sit empty when you work from home. What am I?

57.

I'm the small red circle on your work app, I count everything you have ignored, and I somehow never reach zero. What am I?

59.

I slide along the side of your screen, I show how far you have dragged, and I shrink as your document grows. What am I?

61.

I wait in the lobby wearing a sticker with your name, I make you feel official for a moment, and I get lost the second the meeting starts. What am I?

63.

I'm the fruit hanging so low that nobody eats me, I'm the easiest win in any plan, and I only ever grow in business talk. What am I?

65.

Managers love to swing me around at the end of a call, we never actually reach the middle of anything, and I really just mean we will talk later. What am I?

52.

I'm the newest face in the building, I fetch everyone's coffee, and I quietly know the software better than anyone here. What am I?

54.

I hum away in the corner of the break room, I heat your lunch in ninety seconds, and I always smell faintly of somebody's fish. What am I?

56.

I flash three little dots while a coworker is clearly thinking, then I vanish before their message ever shows up. What am I?

58.

You drop me in the machine, I climb through hot water, and I come out as the reason you can finally focus. What am I?

60.

I collect everyone's used mugs, I overflow by Thursday, and nobody can remember whose turn it is to empty me. What am I?

62.

I have branches but no leaves, a top with no roots, and I quietly show who has to report to whom. What am I?

64.

I'm the large animal everyone in the meeting can plainly see, yet nobody at the table will say my name. What am I?

66.

I'm measured in a word borrowed from the internet, though I carry no signal at all, and I always seem to run out by Wednesday. What am I?

67.

I show up in every plan as a number pulled from thin air, close enough to sound believable, and I always live inside a ballpark. What am I?

69.

I fuse two words that lived perfectly fine apart, I make plain teamwork sound expensive, and managers sprinkle me like salt. What am I?

71.

Everyone reaches for me on a rough Monday, I hide in the top left corner, and my only job is to get you out of things. What am I?

73.

I'm the ghost in your outbox: you swear you clipped me on, but I arrived as nothing more than a promise. What am I?

75.

I sign off every message without you lifting a finger, I list titles you barely earned, and I'm often longer than the note itself. What am I?

77.

I hide the real audience of your email, I'm the polite way to tattler, and my very name means blind. What am I?

79.

Every ninety days I force you to invent me again, you may not reuse your last four versions, and you forget me by lunch. What am I?

68.

Everyone swears they will protect me, I sit at the very bottom of the page, and I am made entirely of money. What am I?

70.

I can reverse the last thing you regret, but only the version on the screen, and never the sentence you blurted in the meeting. What am I?

72.

I turn a coworker's face into a frozen statue at the worst possible sentence, and my only cure is switching everything off and on. What am I?

74.

I'm the folder where good news goes to die, honest messages get exiled by accident, and coupons breed like rabbits. What am I?

76.

Two letters put extra people on a message so they can watch it happen, feel important, and never once reply. What am I?

78.

I make you prove you are human by hunting for traffic lights, and somehow I leave you doubting that you are. What am I?

80.

I'm a wall with no bricks that decides which sites you may open at your desk, and the IT team loves me far more than you do. What am I?

81.

You store everything in me and point at the sky when you name me, yet I'm really just someone else's computer far away. What am I?

83.

I split one big call into tiny awkward ones, I scatter you off with three strangers and a task, and I always end before anyone speaks. What am I?

85.

I'm the very same appointment forever, I clone myself onto every week without asking, and nobody recalls why I ever started. What am I?

87.

I'm the number they dangle above your desk like a carrot, I reset to zero every quarter, and reaching me only makes me bigger. What am I?

82.

I'm the meeting's polite holding pen, I trap you behind a note that the host will admit you soon, and I make you feel like you rang the wrong bell. What am I?

84.

I'm born at the end of every meeting, I get pinned on whoever glanced away, and I quietly die before the next one begins. What am I?

86.

Once a year I decide your raise, I make you list your own triumphs on paper, and both sides pretend the score was not already settled. What am I?

Answer Key

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1. A keyboard.
2. An email.
3. A meeting.
4. Tomorrow.
5. A rumor.
6. The office printer.
7. The ice.
8. The daily standup.
9. Your word.
10. The minutes.
11. Coffee.
12. A deadline.
13. Corn on the cob.
14. A coin.
15. A telephone.
16. A hiccup.
17. Mount Everest. It's always ever resting.
18. He took a day off.
19. Because they make up everything.
20. He was outstanding in his field.
21. It was soda pressing.
22. A stapler.
23. The Wi-Fi password.
24. 3. All BUT 3 were delegated, so 3 stayed on the manager's plate.
25. Neither. Neither. Egg yolks are yellow. Nice try, grammar.
26. 4:25 pm. 100 minutes is 1 hour 40 minutes. 2:45 plus 1:40 lands on 4:25 pm.
27. They weigh the same. A kilogram is a kilogram. The coffee just smells better.
28. True. True, and it makes owls sound better organized than most committees.
29. True. Hundreds of billions of emails go out daily, dozens for every person alive.
30. False. That title belongs to tea. Coffee just runs the morning shift.
31. Your breath
32. The post office
33. A sticky note.
34. The elevator.

35. A computer mouse.
36. A whiteboard.
37. A spreadsheet.
38. An office chair.
39. A filing cabinet.
40. A paper clip.
41. The career ladder.
42. A resume.
43. A highlighter.
44. The paper shredder.
45. A to-do list.
46. The reply-all button.
47. The out-of-office reply.
48. The mute button.
49. A computer monitor.
50. The vending machine.
51. A calculator.
52. The intern.
53. The timesheet.
54. The office microwave.
55. Your parking spot.
56. The typing indicator.
57. The unread notification badge.
58. A coffee pod.
59. The scroll bar.
60. The office sink.
61. A visitor badge.
62. The org chart.
63. Low-hanging fruit.
64. The elephant in the room.
65. Circle back.
66. Your bandwidth.
67. A ballpark figure.
68. The bottom line.
69. Synergy.
70. The undo button.
71. The escape key.

- 72. A frozen video call.
- 73. The forgotten attachment.
- 74. The spam folder.
- 75. The email signature.
- 76. The CC field.
- 77. The BCC field.
- 78. The CAPTCHA.
- 79. A new password.
- 80. The firewall.
- 81. The cloud.
- 82. The waiting room.
- 83. The breakout room.
- 84. An action item.
- 85. The recurring meeting.
- 86. The performance review.
- 87. The sales quota.