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Сама форма загадки привлекает внимание детей и делает учение интересным, ненавязчивым. По содержанию и структуре загадки таковы, что позволяют развивать логическое мышление детей, формировать у них навыки восприятия и использования речи — доказательства и речи-описания. Таким образом, загадка является как средством воспитания, так и средством обучения и развития детей.

Несмотря на то, что многие загадки довольно просты, новичкам, несомненно, придется провести немало времени за словарями, выискивая смысл тех или иных слов. Стоит ли напоминать, что лучше всего запоминается только то, что интересно?

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# Загадки на английском языке

для начальной школы

Преподавателю эта книга позволит сделать уроки нескучными, оживить их забавными заданиями и смешными текстами, разнообразить материал занятий, внести элемент игры, переключить внимание детей с одного вида деятельности на другой.

Собранный в книге материал может быть использован и во внеклассной работе — при подготовке конкурсов и викторин на английском языке, а также на занятиях школьного кружка.

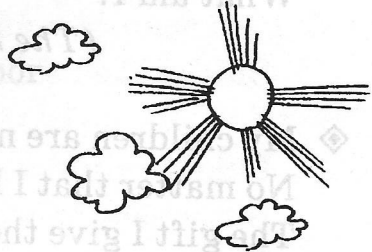


## Riddles about nature: the Sky, the Earth, the River, the Weather



- ◆ A blue sheet which covers  
The whole world.  
What is it?

*(The sky)*



- ◆ It looks like peas  
Scattered on a path.

*(The sky and the stars)*

- ◆ White pearls were  
Scattered on a black cloth.

*(The sky and the stars)*

- ◆ At night I come  
Without being fetched.  
By day I am lost,  
But not really gone.  
What am I?

*(A star)*

◆ Swirling, sparkling, shining bright.  
You can see it in the dark of the night.  
*(The Milky Way)*

◆ As I get closer, my tail grows longer;  
As I get far away, my tail leads the way.  
*(A comet)*

◆ I am big,  
I am in the sky  
I give light.  
What am I?  
*(The Sun)*

◆ My children are near and far,  
No matter that I know where they are.  
The gift I give them makes their day.  
But if I gone they wander away.  
*(The Sun)*

◆ Brother can not meet sister,  
Sister can not catch up brother.  
*(The Moon and the Sun)*

◆ Who am I that shines so bright  
With my pretty silver light,  
Peeping through your windows grey?  
Tell me, little boy, I pray.  
*(The Moon)*

- ◆ I was a horn once,  
A disk I am now.  
I know things happen,  
But I wonder —  
How?

*(The Moon)*



- ◆ Two little golden horns  
Sitting on the cloud,  
Floating slowly in the sky,  
And look very proud.

*(A young moon)*

- ◆ Somebody who never open the door  
To enter the room.

*(Sun light)*

- ◆ It is sunny. It is hot.  
It is windy. It is cold.  
It's warm today.  
Yes, what a lovely day!  
It's cold today.  
Yes, what a terrible day!

*(The weather)*

- ◆ Footless and handless  
It knocks on the door  
And wants to be let in.

*(The wind)*

- ◆ Voiceless it cries,  
Wingless it flutters,  
Toothless it bites,  
Mirthless it mutters.

*(The wind)*

- ◆ What is with no hands  
And with no feet,  
With no a head or body,  
But may open the door?

*(The wind)*

- ◆ I am around long before the dawn.  
But by the lunch time I usually leave.  
You see me in the summer, appearing in the spring.  
I like to climb on everything.  
But when the winter winds begins to blow;  
Burr, then it's time for me to go!  
What am I?

*(The dew)*

- ◆ It lands in the evening,  
And lying on the ground all night,  
But in the morning it flies away.

*(The dew)*

- ◆ A hill are fullled, a hole are fullled;  
But you cannot catch the bowl fullled.

*(The mist)*

- ◆ It has no wings, But flies,  
It pours tears, But has no eyes.

*(A cloud)*

- ◆ White sheep,  
White sheep,  
On a blue hill,  
When the wind stops,  
You all stand still.  
You walk far away,  
When the wind blows,  
White sheep,  
White sheep  
Where are you going?



*(The clouds)*

- ◆ It gently patters  
On our roof  
All through the long,  
Dark night!  
It mutters something,  
And lulls us to sleep,  
And asks:  
«All sleeping? Huh! All right!»

*(Rain)*

- ◆ What is it that makes a noise  
In the fields and in the garden,  
But cannot get into the house?

*(Rain)*

- ◆ What always falls, but never rises?

(Rain)

- ◆ A cloud is my mother,  
The wind is my father,  
My son is the cool stream,  
And my daughter is the fruit of the earth.  
A rainbow is my bed,  
The earth is my final resting place,  
And I am torment for a man.

(Rain)

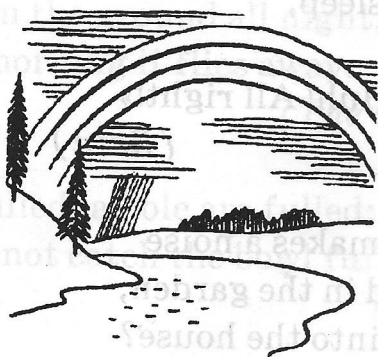


- ◆ They ask me to come,  
Waiting for me,  
But when I come,  
I make them hide.

(Rain)

- ◆ The branch of a mountain ash  
Was spanned over the ground.

(A rainbow)



## Riddles about nature

- ◆ My father is the Sun-God,  
My mother is the sea;  
My house is in heaven,  
The moon beams play with me.  
My gown has seven colours,  
◆ My song has seven keys;  
I run among the mountains,  
I bathe in all the seas.  
The world is ever waiting  
For the little tinkling cry  
Of bangles on my ankles  
◆ When I jump across the sky.

*(A rainbow)*

- ◆ What often falls  
And would never hurts?

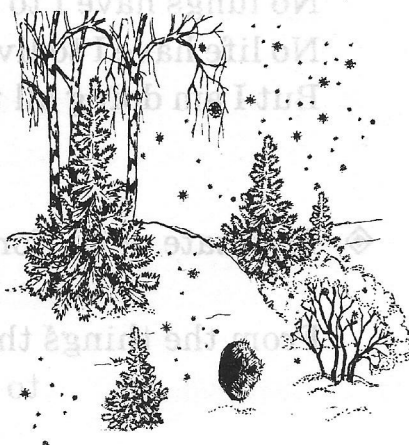
*(Snow)*

- ◆ What is white  
And falls on the top of the roof?

*(Snow)*

- ◆ In the spring becomes old,  
In the summer dies,  
In the winter comes alive.

*(Snow)*



- ◆ What flies when it was born,  
Lies when it is alive,  
And running, when it dies?

*(A snowflake)*

- ◆ What man can not live  
Inside the house?

*(A snowman)*

- ◆ The old woman sweeps behind the house,  
The dust swirls in front of the door.

*(A blizzard)*

- ◆ I am always hungry,  
I must always be fed,  
The finger which I lick,  
Soon will turn to red.

*(Fire)*



- ◆ No legs have I to dance,  
No lungs have I to breathe,  
No life have I to live or die  
But I am doing all these three.

*(Fire)*

- ◆ The state of my form will spin like  
the waves and bend,  
From the things that I destroy  
to the things that I will rend.

## Riddles about nature

My color will vary from bright red to blue,  
The power I am using will dictate my hue.  
What am I?

*(A flame)*

- ◆ I touch your face,  
I am in your words,  
I create the space,  
And I am the one, who love birds.

*(Air)*

- ◆ I am a black child of a white father;  
A wingless bird, flying even to the clouds of heaven.  
I give birth tears of mourning among the people  
that I meet,  
And as soon as I was born I dissolve in the air.

*(Smoke)*

- ◆ Many man scuding thumper,  
Maker of a worn wood,  
Metal rustier,  
Sky mocker,  
Rave!  
Portly pusher,  
Wind slave.

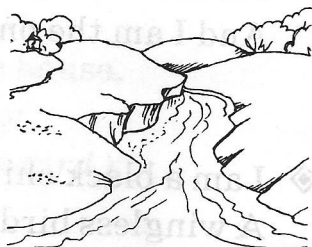
*(The ocean)*

- ◆ The Moon is my father,  
The Sea is my mother;

I have a million of brothers,  
I am dying reaching the land.  
(A wave of the ocean)

◆ It flows, but cannot flow fully.  
It runs, but cannot run away.  
(A river)

◆ It runs and runs,  
But it never run away.  
It flows.  
Who knows  
What I am talking about?  
(A river)



◆ Two brothers look in the water,  
But can not meet each other!  
(The banks of a river)

◆ What can run but can't walk?  
(Water)

◆ What is it that everyone can divide  
But no one can see where it is divided?  
(Water)

◆ It is white, it is cold.  
You can skate on it.  
What is it?

(Ice)

## Riddles about nature

- ◆ In the spring becomes thin,  
In the winter becomes thick.

*(Ice)*

- ◆ What is it that can not burn in the fire,  
And drowning in the water?

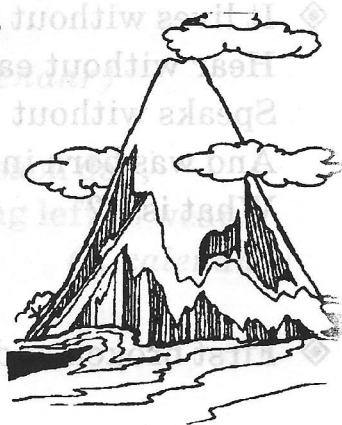
*(Ice)*

- ◆ Who changes the clothes  
Four times within one year?

*(The ground)*

- ◆ What has roots that no one sees,  
What is higher than the trees,  
Up and up it goes  
And still never grows?

*(A mountain)*



- ◆ What has the foot,  
But has no feet?

*(A mountain)*

- ◆ There are four brothers in this world  
That were all born together.  
The first runs and never tired.  
The second eating and never filled.  
The third drinks and is always thirsty.  
The fourth sings a song that is never good.

*(Water, fire, earth, and wind)*

- ◆ This is what no one has ever seen,  
But everybody heard it.

(An echo)

- ◆ I am sometimes strong  
And sometimes weak,  
But I am not a fool.

There is no such language

- ◆ In which I can't speak,  
However, I never went to school.

(An echo)

- ◆ It lives without a body,  
Hear without ears,  
Speaks without a mouth,  
And was born in the air.  
What is it?

(An echo)

- ◆ First broken and then spoken.

(Silence)

## Calendar Riddles about the Year, the Time, the Change of seasons



- ◆ He came to us before New Year  
A healthy, merry fellow.  
But every day he loses weight,  
And in a year he'll fade away.  
(A calendar)
- ◆ It takes off a piece of its clothing each day,  
By the end of the year it has nothing left to wear.  
(A calendar)
- ◆ There are twelve brothers,  
Who marching in the single rank,  
But can never overtake one another.  
(12 months)
- ◆ A little old woman  
With twelve children:  
Some of them are short, some long,  
Some cold, some hot.  
What is it?  
(A year)

- ◆ What year lasts  
Only one day?  
(It's New Year)

- ◆ This is the season  
When children ski,  
And old Father Frost  
Brings Christmas tree.

(Winter)

- ◆ When she comes,  
It becomes cold.  
Everything becomes white,  
All the lakes and over  
Are covered with ice.

(Winter)

- ◆ The snow falls,  
The north wind is blowing;  
The earth is white  
All day and all night.

(Winter)

- ◆ It is the season  
When apples are sweet,  
It is the season  
When school-friends meet;  
When there is noisy and fun  
They got a tun from the sun

With their books and bags  
To school they run.

(Autumn)

- ◆ This is the time  
When the days are cool,  
When we eat apples  
And kids go to school.

(Autumn)

- ◆ The summer is over,  
The trees are all bare,  
There is mist in the garden,  
And frost in the air.

(Autumn)

- ◆ The trees are green,  
Blue skies we can see.  
Grey winter left!  
The world looks new and free.

(Spring)

- ◆ This is the season  
When snowdrops bloom,  
When the birds make their nests,

This is the season  
We all like the best?

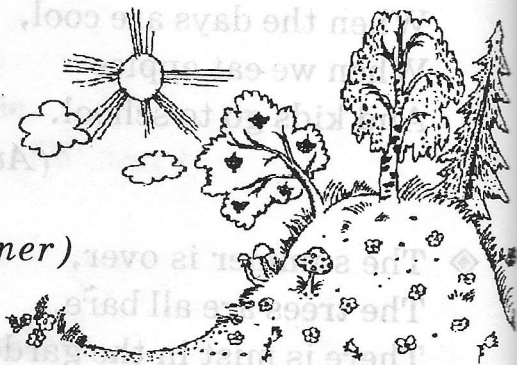
(Spring)

- ◆ The season when nights are short  
Children have plenty of fun and sport  
Boating and swimming a whole day long  
Will make us well and strong.

(Summer)

- ◆ The sun is shining,  
The flowers bloom,  
The sky is blue,  
The rains are few.

(Summer)



- ◆ This month brings snow,  
Makes feet and fingers glow.

(January)

- ◆ This month brings sunny days and winds  
So that we know that spring begins.

(March)

- ◆ This month brings the primrose sweet,  
We see daisies at our feet.

(April)

- ◆ This month brings the flowers, the joy and the grass  
And the holiday for us.

(May)

- ◇ While the sun shines brightly,  
Little children, come with me,  
The birds and the trees and the flowers to see.

(July)

- ◇ Let us make a merry ring,  
Talk and laugh, and dance and sing!  
Quickly, quickly, let's go away,  
So it is a pleasant day.

(August)

- ◇ John from the garden  
Already took chairs;  
It's dark in the evening  
And cold on the stairs.  
Winter is coming  
And everyone grieves —  
But isn't it lovely,  
Kicking up leaves?

(November)

- ◇ Cold month brings us skating,  
For the New Year we are waiting.

(December)

- ◇ Can you name five days of the week?  
I do not mean Sunday, Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday.

*(Today, yesterday, the day before yesterday,  
tomorrow, the day after tomorrow)*

- What is it that was tomorrow  
And will be yesterday?

(Today)

- What is it that everybody seen,  
But will never see again?

(Yesterday)

Let us make a merry rhyme  
Talk and laugh and sing  
The sun is shining and gingham  
The flowers bloom  
The sky is blue,  
The rain is falling  
(August)

(Summer)

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## Riddles about the Animals



- ◆ He is not a tailor,  
But carries needles on himself.

*(A hedgehog)*

- ◆ Who collects the apples on his back?

*(A hedgehog)*

- ◆ I am orange, I live in the forest,  
I can walk, run and jump,  
I cannot fly, I cannot swim,  
I like hares. What am I?

*(A fox)*

- ◆ I am red  
And I have a fine tail,  
I live in the forest,  
I like meat.

*(A fox)*



- ◆ He looks like a big dog,  
He is grey and he has big teeth.

(A wolf)



- ◆ There is not a bird in the tree,  
It is a small animal.  
It has a warm fir-coat.  
Who is it?

(A squirrel)

- ◆ Who dries mushrooms in the trees?

(A squirrel)

- ◆ I have a bushy tail,  
Sometimes I am grey  
And sometimes I am red,  
I like nuts.  
What am I?

(A squirrel)



- ◆ This animal is small.  
It lives in the woods  
And runs very fast.  
It just afraid of everything.  
What animal is it?

(A hare)

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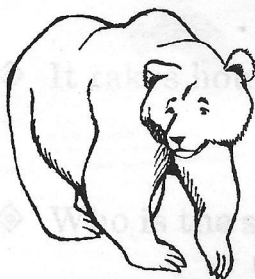
- ◆ In winter it is white,  
In summer it is gray,  
It likes carrot and cabbage.  
Who is it?

(A hare)



- ◆ It is brown.  
It has four legs.  
It sleeps in winter.  
What is it?

(A bear)



- ◆ The water in the sea is cold,  
So cold as ice,  
But I am not afraid at all:  
My coat is warm and nice.

(A white bear)

- ◆ It looks like a big cat.  
It has stripes and a long tail.  
It lives in India  
And it can run very fast.

(A tiger)

- ◆ I live in the Zoo.  
I have four legs  
But jumped on the two.  
I have a little kid  
And a big bag, too.

(A kangaroo)

- ◆ An animal that can go  
Without food and water  
For a long time is?

(A camel)

- ◆ An animal that has  
A horn on his nose is?

(A rhinoceros)

- ◆ An animal that has  
A beautiful white skin  
With black stripes is?

(A zebra)

- ◆ It has a long neck and long legs  
And eats leaves from the trees.

(A giraffe)

- ◆ I am a very funny animal.  
I can run, jump, walk.  
I cannot fly.  
I live in Africa.  
What am I?

(A monkey)

- ◆ I am big and I am strong  
And my trunk is very long.

(An elephant)

## Riddles about the Animals

- ◆ It lives in Africa and Asia,  
It's very strong,  
And it can lift a ton.

*(An elephant)*

- ◆ An animal that has  
Long hair on its neck is?

*(A lion)*

- ◆ Who is the king of animals?

*(A lion)*

- ◆ It takes hours when it comes.

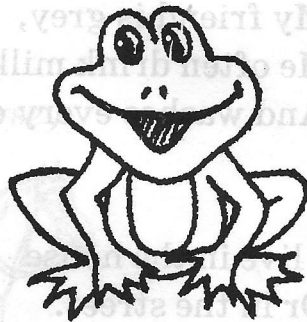
*(A turtle)*

- ◆ Who is the slowest of all?

*(A turtle)*

- ◆ I live in the river.  
But I am not a fish.  
I jump in the field.  
But I am not a rabbit.  
I have a green coat.  
But I am not a bird.  
I sleep in the daytime.  
But I am not an owl.  
I come out of the egg.  
I am not a chick.  
What am I?

*(A frog)*



- ◆ Who is born with a whiskers?

(A kitten)

- ◆ What is it that looks like a cat,

Eats like a cat,

Walks like a cat,

But still is not a cat?

(A kitten)

- ◆ I've whiskers,

I am frisky. Whisk,

A little mice,

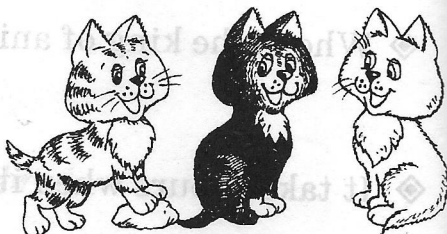
Or I should catch you!

Please stroke my back,

I will purr

And won't scratch you.

(A cat)



- ◆ My friend is black,

My friend is grey,

He often drink milk,

And washes every day.

(A cat)

- ◆ I live in the house

Or in the street.

Sometimes

I am small

But sometimes

I am big.

- ◆ If you hear  
«Bow-wow»,  
You know it's me.  
What am I?

(A dog)



- ◆ I can catch a frog.  
I can sleep like a log.  
I can find your sock.  
My name is?

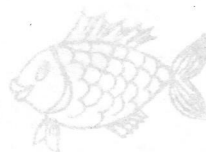
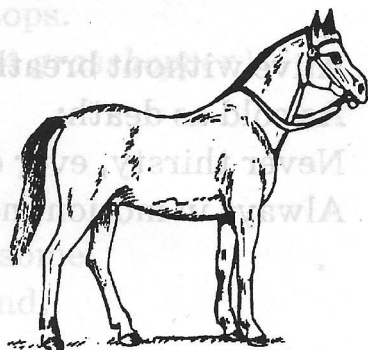
(A dog)

- ◆ It is a big animal.  
It eats grass.  
It gives milk.  
What is it?

(A cow)

- ◆ My long, thin legs are good and fast,  
I like to gallop and to run.  
I think it is great fun.

(A horse)



- ◆ My slender legs  
Are swift and fast,  
A gallop,  
Or I trot,  
Or walk,  
Or run —  
Oh, it's great fun!  
Let's run the race,  
Why not?

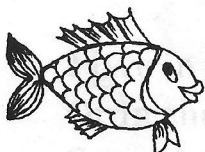
*(A horse)*

- ◆ Who always goes to sleep in shoes?

*(A horse)*

- ◆ It has wings,  
But it can not fly.  
Without legs,  
It moves swiftly.  
Do you know why?

*(A fish)*



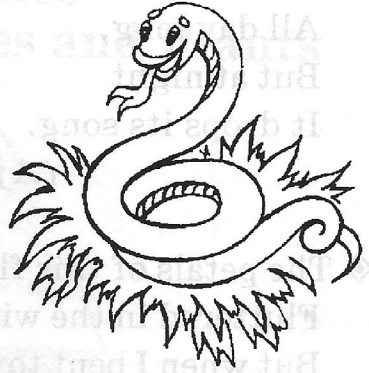
- ◆ Alive without breath,  
As cold as death;  
Never thirsty, ever drinking,  
Always in motion, never clinking.

*(A fish)*

## Riddles about the Animals

- ◆ I can curl up in a ball.  
I can lie in the sun.  
It's fun!

*(A snake)*



- ◆ It is green and big,  
It lives in the water  
And likes meat.

*(A crocodile)*

- ◆ I can jump.  
I can sing.  
I can play the violin.

*(A grasshopper)*

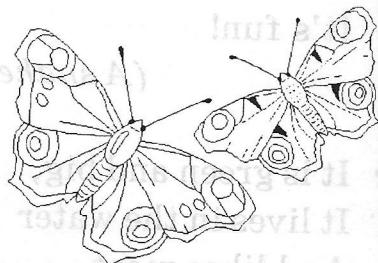
- ◆ Hopper, hopper  
In the grass,  
Please do not hop  
And let me pass.  
But it hops,  
Hops, hops, hops,  
Hops and hops,  
And never stops.

*(A grasshopper)*

- ◆ Irritating  
All around  
With its tiresome  
Buzzing sound,

It flies, restless,  
All day long,  
But at night  
It drops its song.

(A fly)



◆ The petals of this flower  
Fluttered in the wind,  
But when I bent to pick it,  
It suddenly took wing.

(A butterfly)

◆ He makes nets —  
And what's more —  
Never fishes  
Then what is for?

(A spider)

◆ In the meadows  
Rich in flowers,  
It likes to work  
For hours and hours.  
Buzzing songs  
It likes to sing.  
Do not disturb it,  
It can sting!

(A bee)

## Riddles about the Trees and Plants



- ◆ A hundred arms, a thousand fingers,  
But it has no eyes to see where it lingers.  
(A tree)

- ◆ In spring I am cheerful in the pretty array;  
In summer more cloths I wear;  
When it gets colder I shake off my clothes;  
And in the winter quite naked appear.  
(A tree)

- ◆ When it sits, it is green!  
When it falls, it is yellow!  
When it lies, it is black!  
(A leaf)

- ◆ In spring you are glad to see me,  
In the summer I keep you cool,  
In the autumn I give you food,  
In the winter I keep you warm.  
(An apple-tree)

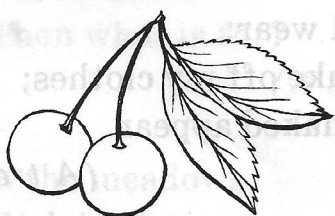


- ◆ It is red and sweet,  
It is good to eat.  
(An apple)

- ◆ There is a little green house;  
And in the little green house  
There is a little brown house;  
And in the little brown house  
There is a little yellow house;  
And in the little yellow house  
There is a little white house;  
And in the little white house  
There is a white little heart.



(A nut)



- ◆ I am sitting on a tree,  
Round as a ball,  
Red as sunrise,  
Sweet as honey.

(A cherry)

- ◆ I have black eyes and bright hair  
And my feet are firmly standing on the ground.  
I love the sun upon my face  
And I follow it around.  
When I am dead and dried is said,  
That I will fall real low,  
That I will keep the birds well fed,  
Staying stiff there, in my row.

(A sunflower)

## Riddles about the Trees and Plants

◆ I know the little creature

In the green bed,  
With softest wrappings  
All round its head.

◆ When it grows old,  
It is hard and cannot feed,  
People take it to the mill,  
And grind it in meal.

(Corn)

◆ What lies in bed, and stands in bed,  
First white, then red.  
Then plumper it becomes

◆ Most of all the old ladies likes it?

(A strawberry)

◆ What goes around and around the wood  
But never goes into the wood?

(The bark of a tree)

◆ I am born green,  
And I die yellow in large  
And small gardens.

(Grass)

## Riddles about the Road, the Transport and Traffic



- ◆ What goes up a hill and down a hill  
And always remains in the same place?  
(A road)

- ◆ This belt stretches,  
Far and wide.  
Walk along it,  
Run, or ride  
By bus,  
Or by car.  
(You can choose  
How far.)  
(A road)

- ◆ Of our deep river  
It connects the two banks.  
When it helps me to cross the river,  
I say, "Many thanks!"  
(A bridge)

## Riddles about the Road, the Transport and traffic

- ◆ They run along the snow  
With noses up.

(*Skis*)

- ◆ When it is driven, it goes,  
When it stops, it falls down.

(*A bicycle*)

- ◆ When I ride,  
I am all right.  
When I stop, I flop.

(*A bicycle*)

- ◆ Weight in my belly,  
Trees on my back,  
Nails in my ribs,  
Feet I have a lack.

(*Ship*)

- ◆ What, when you need it you throw away,  
But when it is not needed you take it back?

(*An anchor*)

- ◆ A steel horse  
Drags much behind it.

(*A locomotive*)

- ◆ What is it that can reap alone?

(*A tractor*)

## Загадки на английском языке

для начальной

- ◆ A thousand hammers,  
And shovels, too,  
Can never do  
What I can do.

*(An excavator)*

- ◆ I bend my steel neck,  
Which is hard and long,  
Raise up heavy loads,  
Because I am very strong.  
I carry those loads,  
As far as I can,  
I am a faithful  
Servant of the working man.

*(A crane)*

- ◆ This house on wheels  
Runs the race,  
Delivering people  
From place to place.

*(A bus)*

- ◆ Four sisters, each is the same as the other.  
Two run in front, and two follow behind.

*(Wheels of a car)*

- ◆ Six legs,  
Two heads,  
One tail.  
What is it?

*(A horse and horseman)*

## Riddles about the Birds



Not a horseman,  
But wears spurs.  
Not a watchman,  
But wakes people up.  
What is it?

(A cock)

Torn from a bone,  
A beard from flesh.

(A cock)

My friend is a man,  
My wife is a hen,  
My child is a chick.  
Who am I? Say quick!

(A cock)

Early in the morning  
He's the first to awake,  
And very loud sound  
He's ready to make.  
This shrill,

Alarming,  
Deafening sound  
Awakens from the sleep  
Everybody around  
After some time  
This sound dies away,  
Ushers in  
Another new day.

*(A rooster)*

◆ Spurs on his boots,  
He's ready to fight,  
Singing his battle songs  
By day  
Not by night.

*(A rooster)*

◆ He's a boastful, puffed-up fellow,  
Wearing spurs; eyes gleaming yellow.  
He so proudly struts around,  
He's in charge, there is no doubt.

*(A rooster)*

◆ Name two animals  
Which have four legs.

*(Two hens)*

◆ I have a little house  
In which I live all alone.  
My house has no doors or windows,

And if I want to go out  
I must break down the wall.  
What am I?

*(A chicken in an egg)*

◆ As I was walking in a field of wheat,  
I picked up something good to eat;  
Neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor bone,  
I kept it till it ran alone.

*(An egg, a chicken)*

◆ In a white room  
There is no door,  
There is no window,  
There is no floor,  
And this white room  
Has only one wall;  
And in this room  
There is a round yellow ball.

*(A chicken in an egg)*



◆ What is white outside  
And yellow inside?

*(An egg)*

◆ Pearl white ball without lock or lid.  
Inside of which there is a golden treasure indeed.

*(An egg)*

- ◆ You can cook it,  
You can fry it,  
Decorate with it  
A tasty salad,  
But if you leave it  
Under the hen cluck,  
It will be  
Chicken or duck.

(An egg)

- ◆ Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.  
All the king's horses,  
And all the king's men,  
Couldn't gather Humpty together again.

(An egg)

- ◆ In marble halls of white as milk,  
Lined with a skin as soft as silk,  
Inside the fountain of crystal clear,  
A golden apple will appear.  
No doors there are to this stronghold,  
But thieves break through in and steal the gold.

(An egg)

- ◆ What flies up into the air white  
And falls down yellow and broken?

(An egg)

◆ A nice thin wall,  
As white as milk,  
The curtain drawn,  
As soft as silk;  
Somebody came  
And broke the wall,  
And soon he saw  
The golden ball.

(An egg)

◆ There stood a house,  
All marble-white.  
One day  
There was a knock from inside.  
Broke down  
Those walls of marble,  
Out sprang  
A yellow marvel.

(A chick)

◆ Webbed red feet,  
A neck like hinges,  
With its bill  
It sometimes pinches.

(A goose)

◆ A little fellow  
Dressed in grey,  
Hops here and there  
And never goes away.

(A sparrow)



◆ I was abandoned by my mother and father.  
I wasn't yet breathing.  
A kind woman covered me with clothes,  
Kept me and looked after me,  
Cuddled me as close as if  
I had been her own child.  
Under that covering I grew and grew.  
I was unkind to my step brothers and sisters.  
This lovely woman fed me  
Until I was big enough to provide me myself.  
She had fewer of her own dear sons and daughters  
because she did so.

*(A cuckoo)*

◆ In April I open my day;  
In May I sing all day;  
In June I change my tune;  
In July away I fly.

*(A cuckoo)*

◆ I wonder, have you ever heard  
My bird? This is talking bird.  
He says «Hello» to everyone,  
Who says «Hello» to him.

*(A parrot)*

◆ It sleeps in the day time,  
It flies at night,  
And frightens passers-by.

*(An owl)*

- ◆ I sleep all day.  
I wake up at night.  
I call «Ta-tooo...»  
Till morning light.  
*(An owl)*
- ◆ What bird has eyes as big as saucers,  
But cannot see well?  
*(An owl)*
- ◆ Who flies away in the autumn,  
And return in the spring?  
*(Birds)*
- ◆ What bird you can find in Africa  
Which have wings but cannot fly?  
*(An ostrich)*
- ◆ Why five-day old chickens walk across the road?  
*(To get to the other side)*
- ◆ When the goose  
Look like a snowball?  
*(When it hides his head under the wing)*
- ◆ I am as outstretched fingers  
That seize and hold the wind.  
Wisdom flows around me in all directions.  
Above me I have sweet dreams in flights.  
My merest touch brings laughter.  
*(A feather)*

## Riddles about the Instruments and Home appliances



◆ What has an eye, but cannot see?

*(A needle)*

◆ A one-eyed dragon with a long tail.

He was inside and outside many beautiful clothes,  
And seen a lot of good tailors.

*(A needle and a thread)*

◆ Two circles, two lines,  
And a nail in the middle.

*(Scissors)*

◆ I am paper's enemy.

Keep me away from small children.

You use me in the art class.

I can change the style of your hair.

*(Scissors)*

- ◆ Please do not run with me in your hands.  
I have a blade long and thin,  
And one hundred teeth.  
That nibbles wood  
That is my food.

*(A saw)*

- ◆ What has a hundred teeth  
But can not eat?

*(A saw)*

- ◆ Long legs,  
Crooked thighs,  
A little head  
And no eyes.

*(A pair of tongs)*

- ◆ Head of the iron,  
Tail of the wood.

*(A hammer)*

- ◆ I am an energetic worker,  
I despise lazy boys.  
When I see any,  
I strike them on the head.

*(A hammer)*

- ◆ When the wind blows,  
Then the mill goes;

*(A feather)*

## — Riddles about the Instruments and Home appliances

When the wind drops,  
Then the mill stops.

*(A windmill)*

- ◆ Here is the rod,  
Here is the line,  
Here is the hook —  
The fish is mine!

*(A fishing-rod, a line and a hook)*

- ◆ What do you throw out when you want to use it,  
But take it when you do not want to use it?

*(A fishing line)*

- ◆ I am on three legs when  
I rest and one when I work.

*(A wheelbarrow)*

- ◆ I was made to keep liquids,  
Do not push me too far;  
And then I can break down,  
And hurt you,  
And even leave a scar,  
What is in will not get out.

*(A glass)*

- ◆ Four brothers are holding hands,  
What is it?

*(A doorbell)*

## Riddles about the House and Internal Furniture of the House



- ◆ One hundred and one brother  
Standing next to each other  
Tired together one belt.

*(A fence)*

- ◆ What runs around the city  
But never moves?

*(A wall)*

- ◆ I was made to keep liquids,  
Do not push me too far;  
And then I can break down,  
And hurt you,  
And even leave a scar.

*(A glass)*

- ◆ What does not ask questions,  
But demands an answer?

*(A doorbell)*

## Riddles about the House

- ◆ Knock on me,  
And please come in.  
I will gladly  
Let you in.  
But please do not forget,  
To see and,  
To put  
Your hand on me.

*(A door)*

- ◆ What passes through the door,  
But never comes inside and not outside?

*(A key-hole)*

- ◆ Why force and strength can not get through  
If I with gentle touch can do;  
And many in the streets will stand,  
If I am not in a friendly hand.

*(A key)*

- ◆ I turn around once.  
What is out will not get in.  
I turn around again.  
What is in will not get out.

*(A key)*

- ◆ Four brothers are holding one hat.  
What is it?

*(A table)*

- ◆ Four legs,  
But not the beast.  
Full of feathers,  
But not a bird.

*(A bed)*

- ◆ What is higher  
Without the head  
Than with the head?

*(A pillow)*

- ◆ It is true, I have both face and hands,  
And move before your eyes;  
But when I go, my body stands,  
And when I stand, I am lying.

*(A watch)*

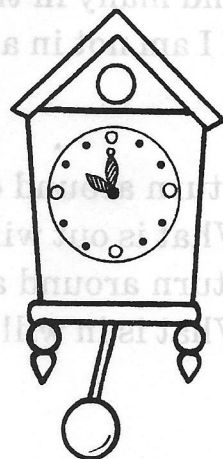
- ◆ It is running  
Night and day,  
But never  
Running away.

*(A watch/a clock)*

- ◆ One face, two hands.  
It goes, but stands.

*(A clock)*

- ◆ You hear me calling you,  
Beckoning with my shrill voice;



## Riddles about the House

My signs will lead you  
To a place of your choice.

*(The telephone)*



- ◆ This is a house  
With one window in it,  
Showing films  
Almost every minute.

*(A TV-set)*



- ◆ It is not very big,  
But it hangs in the middle of the room.  
In the day-time nobody wants it,  
But in the evening everyone need it.

*(A lamp)*

- ◆ I am the only thing that always tells the truth.  
I show everything that I see.  
I can be of various shapes and sizes.  
So tell me what am I supposed to be?

*(A mirror)*

- ◆ It has a red nose  
The longer it stands,  
The shorter it becomes.

*(A candle)*

- ◆ I have one hundred legs but cannot walk,  
I have a long neck but no head,  
I can not see but I am neat and tidy as far as I can.

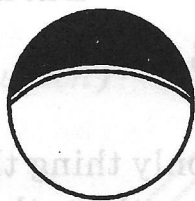
(A broom)

- ◆ I am up, and I am down.  
Up and down!  
Up and down!  
I am made of sturdy rope and wood.  
Would you like me?  
Yes, you would!  
What am I?

(A swing)

- ◆ Has no legs,  
But just for fun  
It is always  
On the run.

(A ball)



- ◆ Hands she has but does not hold,  
She is smiling but it is not warm,  
Feet she has but they can't walk,  
Eyes she has but can not see.

(A doll)

- ◆ It is an iron house,  
And the lodgers in it, which bring news.

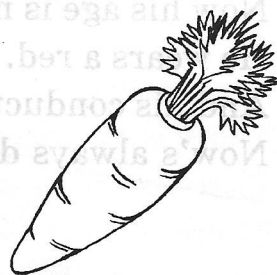
(A letter-box)

## Riddles about the Ware fruits, vegetables and different food-stuff



- ◆ A red cap on my head,  
A stone in my throat,  
If you tell me the answer,  
I will give you a groat.

*(A cherry)*



- ◆ This little red lady  
Is hard to be found,  
As only her green plait  
Sticks out of the ground.

*(A carrot)*

- ◆ Take off my skin —  
I will not cry,  
But you will!  
What am I?

*(An onion)*

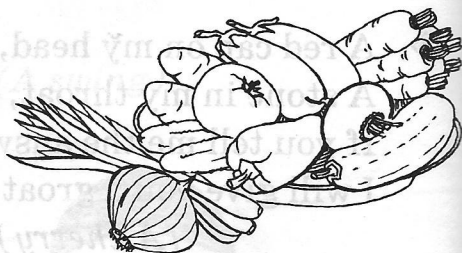
- ◆ People use me for the soup  
And for tasty pies!  
And especially the hares,  
Young and old like my leaves.

*(The cabbage)*

- ◆ What house has a lot of people inside,  
But neither windows nor doors?

*(A cucumber)*

- ◆ A young imp,  
He wore a green.  
Now his age is mature.  
He wears a red.  
And his conduct  
Now's always demure.



*(A tomato)*

- ◆ It is red and sweet,  
It is good to eat.

*(An apple)*

- ◆ There was a green house.  
Inside the green house there was a white house  
Inside the white house there was a red house.  
Inside the red house there were a lot of babies

*(A watermelon)*

## Riddles about the Ware fruits, vegetables...

- ◆ A skin have I, more eyes than one.  
I can be very nice when I am done.  
(A potato)
- ◆ There is a time when they're green, a time when  
they're brown,  
But both of these times, make me frown.  
But just in between, for a very short while,  
They're perfect and yellow, and make me smile!  
(Bananas)
- ◆ Clean, but not water;  
Sticky, but not tar;  
White, but not snow;  
Sweet, but not honey.  
What is it?  
(Milk)
- ◆ I am yellow,  
I am made of milk,  
You eat me with bread.  
(Butter)
- ◆ White as snow  
Sweet for all,  
But when it gets into the mouth,  
It disappears.  
(Sugar)

- ◆ What can burn the eyes,  
Sting the mouth,  
But can be consumed?

*(Pepper)*

- ◆ They do not eat me only,  
But can not eat without me.  
What am I?

*(Salt)*

- ◆ What is white on the outside  
And yellow inside?

*(An egg)*

- ◆ It's a pretty white house.  
There is no window,  
There is no door,  
There is no roof,  
There is no floor.  
But there is a pretty yellow ball inside.  
What is this house?

*(An egg)*

- ◆ Outside it is a shell,  
Inside there is meat,  
It grows on a tree,  
And is good to eat.

*(A nut)*

## Riddles about the Ware fruits, vegetables...

- ◆ It's white and cold and sweet.  
All the children like it.

(Icecream)

- ◆ What the dog does not have a tail?

(A hot dog)

- ◆ What is it that everyone can divide  
But no one can see where it is divided?

(Water)

- ◆ Without a tongue,  
At the sound of me, men can dream

Or stamp their feet.

At the sound of me, women can laugh and

Or sometimes weep

(Music)

- ◆ A box that holds without lock  
Seven kids on a ladder are happy and prisk

They are swinging their feet

They are singing without any risk.

(The seven notes of the octave)

And plays when new and old

- ◆ Each dot on a ladder

Looks like a bird.

They're all singing the songs

That I've never heard.

(Notes)

- ◆ Name something that can sing and has eight legs.  
(A quartet)

## Riddles about the Radio and Musical instruments



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- ◆ It is hollow,  
And it is round.  
It produces  
A rattling sound.  
Sometimes it beats out  
A loud bum-bum.  
I like, I enjoy it!  
(I hope you do, too.)

(A drum)

- ◆ Without a tongue,  
Without ears,  
I can speak,  
And sing and hear.

(A tape-recorder)

- ◆ A box that holds keys without locks,  
But they can unlock your soul.

(A piano)

- ◆ Who works when he plays  
And plays when he works?

(A musician)

## Riddles about the School



- ◆ What is it that looks like the ball,  
But is still in place and does not fall  
With its thin and graceful legs?  
Children like to turn it around,  
The rivers, mountains, lakes there are found,  
Countries, states and their towns  
Can be seen all around.  
What is it?  
(A globe)
- ◆ What is white when it is dirty  
And black when it is clean?  
(A blackboard)
- ◆ Pupils and teachers  
Write on me with chalk.  
I can't write, I can't talk.  
(A blackboard)

- ◆ I am used to draw the lines,  
I am long and thin and white;  
On my face black figures shine.  
Try, you must my name define.  
What am I?

(A ruler)

- ◆ I have cities with no houses,  
Forests without trees,  
Rivers and seas without water.

(A map)

- ◆ In my house there is a smaller house  
With windows and doors  
And only one person  
Lives in it — Knowledge.  
What is it?

(A bookcase)

- ◆ This is not the bush, but has leaves;  
This is not the shirt, but sewn together;  
It has no tongue, but it tells a tale.

(A book)

- ◆ It is not a shirt, but has the seams;  
It is not a scrub, but has the sheets.

(A book)

- ◆ My leaves are white.  
They never grow.  
And everything  
You want to know  
Is stored in those  
Black marks that you see  
On every leaf  
You find in me.

*(A book)*

- ◆ He is not French, he is not Greek;  
He tells us how to write and speak,  
But in a language not our own —  
Which none of us could do alone.  
Who is he?

*(A teacher)*

- ◆ What word of three syllables  
Contains twenty-six letters?  
*(An English alphabet)*

- ◆ What tells you the answers,  
But gets you bad marks  
And is not a person?

*(A crib)*

- ◆ What is small and black,  
With a tail and a bent back.  
It doesn't bark, it doesn't bite,

## Riddles about the School

But it doesn't let you to pass  
From one form to the next.

(A «two»)

- ◆ What is it that gives light to the world  
Although it is black?

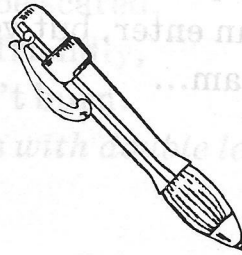
(Ink)

- ◆ I am black, and red, and blue  
I draw a picture for you.

(A pencil)

- ◆ Our little John  
Has a wooden shirt on  
And a long sharp nose.  
He leaves his mark  
Wherever he goes.

(A pencil)



- ◆ I do not know the ABC,  
But I can write  
As you see.

(A pen)

- ◆ This little mark,  
So clear and round,  
At the end of sentences  
Is to be found.

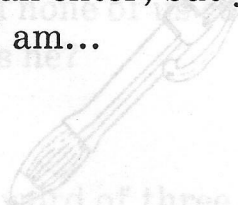
(A point)

- ◆ A disgusting,  
Unwanted guest  
Stopped on the page  
Of my notebook to rest.  
The teacher saw it,  
And so did the class.  
I got a poor mark.  
I deserve it, alas!

(A blot)

- ◆ I have keys that open no locks,  
I have space, but there is no room,  
You can enter, but you can't come inside.  
And I am...

(A computer keyboard)



## Riddles about the Words and Letters



- ◆ I can be cool, but I can't be cold,  
I can be sorry, but I can't be guilty,  
I can be spooked, but I can't be scared,  
I can be sweet, but I can't be friendly,  
I can be flammable, but I can't burn.

*(Words with double letters)*

- ◆ It has seven letters,  
It proceeded God,  
All poor people have it,  
And all rich people need it.

*(Nothing)*

- ◆ What makes a road broad?

*(The letter «b»)*

- ◆ What words may be pronounced quicker  
And shorter by adding syllables to them?

*(Quick and short)*

- ◆ Why is the letter «k» like a pig's tail?  
(*Because it is the end of pork*)
- ◆ What English word has three successive double letters?  
(*Bookkeeper*)
- ◆ Why is the letter «g» like the sun?  
(*Because it is in the centre of light.*)
- ◆ I am more microscopic than microscopic,  
I am more minuscule than minuscule.  
I am smaller than small and I am tinier than tiny.  
Yet surprisingly I am still big.  
(*The word «big». It only has 3 letters and is therefore shorter in length than the words «tiny», «small», «minuscule» and «microscopic».*)
- ◆ With «d» and «f»  
I am at home,  
With «o» and «s»  
I am near the sea; find us?  
(*Door, floor, oar, shore*)
- ◆ What is in the middle of the day?  
(*The letter «a»*)
- ◆ Why is the letter «a» like 12 o'clock?  
(*Because it is in the middle of the day*)

## Riddles about the Words and Letters

- ◆ What is it that you can keep  
Even after you gave it to somebody else?  
(*Your word*)
- ◆ Why is the letter «k» like a rest?  
(*Because it comes at the end of work*)
- ◆ Which letter holds the most of all water?  
(*The letter «s» — sea*)
- ◆ What letter of the alphabet is a drink?  
(*The letter «t» = tea*)
- ◆ What letter of the alphabet is a vegetable?  
(*The letter «p» = pea*)
- ◆ What letter of the alphabet is an insect?  
(*The letter «b» = bee*)
- ◆ What is the difference between «here» and «there»?  
(*The letter «t»*)
- ◆ What can be found right in the middle of Melbourne?  
(*The letter «o»*)
- ◆ Can you spell «mousetrap» in three letters?  
(*«c», «a», «t» = cat*)
- ◆ How can you say rabbit without the letter «r»?  
(*Bunny*)

## Загадки на английском языке для начальной школы

◆ What can always be found between town and country?  
(And)

◆ What jam is hardest to spread?  
(A traffic jam)

\* Jam — варенье; traffic jam — транспортная пробка.

◆ How can you spell brandy in three letters?  
(B, r and y)

◆ Why is a cherry like a book?  
(Because it is read (red))

◆ Why do we say that «t» is like an island?  
(Because it is in the middle of WATER)

◆ What is the end of everything?  
(The letter «g»)

◆ What word can be written so that it looks the same  
forwards, backwards and upside down?  
(NOON)

## Riddles about the Parts of the Body



- ◆ Two brothers live across the path,  
But never see each other.

*(Eyes)*

- ◆ The doors are open in the morning but shut at night.  
If you look at them, you see yourself inside.

*(Eyes)*

- ◆ These two brothers  
Live not so far apart;  
One on the left,  
One on the right;  
But they never see each other.

*(Two ears)*

- ◆ It hears everything  
And says nothing?

*(An ear)*

- ◆ A thick forest which grows  
As fast as it is cut down.

(Hair)

- ◆ Riddle me, riddle me, what is that?  
Over the head and under the hat?

(Hair)

- ◆ Armor bright,  
Gleaming white,  
A single ran,  
Their faces blank,  
Now hid by night,  
Now bold by light,  
Bright red the land,  
Where soldiers stand.

(The teeth)

- ◆ Without it you couldn't say a word.

(A tongue)

- ◆ It lives alone between two bright stars.

(A nose)

- ◆ Two mothers have five sons of each,  
And all have the same name.  
What are they?

(Fingers)

## Riddles about the Parts of the Body

- ◆ I can be long, or I can be short.  
I can be grown, and I can be bought.  
I can be painted, or left bare.  
I can be round, or square.

*(Finger nails)*

- ◆ When the liquid splashes me, none seeps through.  
When I move much, the liquid I spew.  
When I am hit, the color I change.  
But after I come to a previous a range.  
What I cover is very complex,  
And I am very easy to flex.

*(Skin)*

- ◆ The spider has eight of it,  
The bee has six of it,  
The elephant has four,  
But only two that I have.

*(Legs)*

- ◆ It always beats and hops;  
It never sleeps or stops;  
Life-long we do not part  
With our little...

*(Heart)*

## Riddles about Clothes, Footwear, Ornaments and other Things



- ◆ I sit astride,  
But on what I do not know.  
I jump off whenever  
I meet an acquaintance.  
What am I?

*(A hat)*

- ◆ By day — a hoop,  
At night — a snake.

*(A belt)*

- ◆ When you come in, you take it off,  
But when you go out, you put it on:  
It is long and hung on a peg near the door.

*(A coat)*

- ◆ Five cupboards,  
But only one door.

*(A glove)*

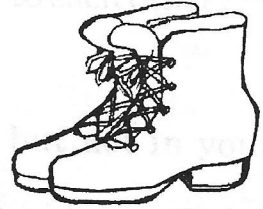
- ◆ What has feet and legs,  
And nothing else?

*(Stockings)*

## Riddles about Clothes, Footwear, Ornaments...

- ◆ Two brothers we are,  
Great burdens we bear,  
On which we are bitterly pressed;  
The truth is to say,  
We are full all the day,  
And empty when we go to rest.

(Shoes)



- ◆ Who are these twins  
That bridge a man's nose  
Every morning?  
Who of those,  
Whom you know?

(Spectacles)

- ◆ My teeth are sharp,  
But I do not bite,  
And you make use of me  
All right.  
My humble duty is  
Plain and fair —  
To help you comb  
Your lovely hair.

(A comb)

- ◆ What goes up  
When the rain comes down?

(An umbrella)

## Sarcastic Riddles-jokes



- ◆ There was a big alligator walking down the street with a little alligator. The little alligator was the big alligator's son, but the big alligator wasn't the little alligator's father. Who was the big alligator? — The little alligator's mother.
- ◆ If an electric train travels ninety miles an hour in the west direction, and the wind is blowing from the north, in which direction will the smoke blow? — There is no smoke from an electric train.
- ◆ Who can jump higher than a house? — Anyone! A house can't jump.
- ◆ Two fathers and two sons went fishing. Each fisherman caught a fish, but only three fish were caught. How is this possible? — A boy, his father, and his grandfather went fishing together.
- ◆ At this moment, everyone in the world is doing the same thing. What is it? — Getting older.

## Sarcastic Riddles-jokes

- ◆ If you dropped a tomato on your toe, would it hurt much? — Yes, if it was in a can.
- ◆ Two teachers teach at the same school. One is the father of the other's son. What relation are they to each other? — Husband and wife.
- ◆ What can you hold in your left hand, but not in your right hand? — Your right elbow.
- ◆ Why did the teenager girl put sugar under her pillow? — She wanted to have sweet dreams.
- ◆ What is the first thing that a gardener puts in the garden? — His foot.
- ◆ Do you say «Nine and five are thirteen,» or «Nine and five is thirteen»? — Neither. Nine and five is fourteen.
- ◆ What do you call a person who doesn't have all his fingers on one hand? — Normal.
- ◆ How many months have twenty-eight days? — All of them.
- ◆ Name five things that contain milk. — Icecream, cheese...and three cows.
- ◆ What is the biggest ant in the world? — An elephant.

- ◆ What kind of ant is good at math? — An accountant.
- ◆ When is the best time to have lunch? — After breakfast.
- ◆ When is a yellow dog most likely to enter a house? — When the door is open.
- ◆ What has a head like a cat, feet like a cat, a tail like a cat, but isn't a cat? — A kitten.
- ◆ When is a doctor most annoyed? — When he is out of «patients».
- ◆ What was given to you, belongs to you exclusively and yet is used more by your friends than by yourself? — Your name.
- ◆ What is it that we often return but never borrow? — Thanks.
- ◆ What did the camel wear when he went into the jungle to hunt? — Camouflage.
- ◆ Why was the mouse crying? — He found out his dad was a rat.
- ◆ Why did the man put the clock in the safe? — He wanted to save time.

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