

Riddles for DMs

Power enough to smash ships and crush roofs. Yet it still must fear the sun. What is it?

Answer: "ice"

Who works when he plays and plays when he works? (two answers)

Answer: "a musician/an athlete"

All about the house, with his lady he dances. Yet he always works, and never romances. What is he?

Answer: "a broom"

This old one runs forever, but never moves at all. He has not lungs nor throat, but still a mighty roaring call. What is it?

Answer: "a waterfall"

Mountains will crumble to it and temples fall, and no man can survive its endless call. What is it?

Answer: "time"

I was carried into a dark room, and set on fire. I wept, and then my head was cut off. What am I?

Answer: "a candle"

A very pretty thing am I, fluttering in the pale-blue sky. Delicate, fragile on the wing, indeed I am a pretty thing.

Answer: "a butterfly"

In spring I am gay in handsome array; in summer more clothing I wear; when colder it grows I fling off my clothes; and in winter quite naked appear.

Answer: "a tree"

To cross the water I'm the way, for water I'm above. I touch it not and, truth to say, I neither swim nor move.

Answer: "a bridge"

Violet, indigo, blue and green, yellow, orange and red; these are the colors you have seen after the storm has fled.

Answer: "a rainbow"

What is it that leaps and runs and has no feet?

Answer: "a ball"

Two little holes in the side of a hill just as you come to the cherry-red mill. What are they?

Answer: "nose & mouth"

A father's child, a mother's child, yet no one's son.

Answer: "girl or daughter"

What goes up, but at THE SAME TIME goes down? Up toward the sky, and down toward the ground. It's present tense and past tense too, come for a ride, just me and you!!!

Answer: "a see-saw"

What has black spots and a white face, is fat not thin, and helps you to win, but tumbles all over the place?

Answer: "a dice"

I have no voice and yet I speak to you, I tell of all things in the world that people do. I have leaves, but I am not a tree, I have pages, but I am not a bride or royalty. I have a spine and hinges, but I am not a man or a door, I have told you all, I cannot tell you more.

Answer: "a book"

An openended barrel, it is shaped like a hive. It is filled with the flesh, and the flesh is alive!

Answer: "a thimble"

What lies in bed, and stands in bed?/First white then red/The plumper it gets the better the old woman like it?

Answer: "a strawberry"

What is the difference between a Grandmother and a granary?

Answer: "one is one's born kin, the other is one's corn bin (a riddle based on phonetic coincidence)"

What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a bed but never sleeps, has a head but never weeps?

Answer: "a river"

Where can you find roads without cars, forests without trees and cities without houses?

Answer: "on a map"

This thing runs but cannot walk, sometimes sings but never talks. Lacks arms, has hands; lacks a head but has a face. What is it?

Answer: "a clock"

There is an ancient invention still used in some parts of the world today that allows people to see through walls. What is it?

Answer: "a window"

Round as an apple, deep as a cup, and all the kings horses can't fill it up. What is it?

Answer: "a well"

What can bring back the dead; make us cry, make us laugh, make us young; born in an instant yet lasts a life time. What is it?

Answer: "a memory"

Alive without breath, as cold as death; never thirsty, ever drinking, all in mail, never clinking. What am I?

Answer: "a fish"

What has roots as nobody sees, is taller than trees. Up, up it goes, and yet never grows. What is it?

Answer: "a mountain"

Crooked as a rainbow, slick as a plate; ten thousand horses can't pull it straight.
What is it?

Answer: "a river"

Long slim and slender, dark as homemade thunder, keen eyes and peaked nose, scares
the Devil wherever it goes. What is it?

Answer: "a snake"

You use it between your head and your toes, the more it works the thinner it grows.
What is it?

Answer: "a bar of soap"

What is put on a table, cut, but never eaten?

Answer: "a deck of cards"

What is the difference between a rotten husband and a rotten shot?

Answer: "one hits his missus, and the other misses his hits."

What is the difference between a school boy studying and a farmer watching his cattle?

Answer: "one is stocking his mind, and the other is minding his stock."

I've hole through which fingers peep, I clash my teeth, but do not weep. What am I?

Answer: "scissors"

What stays where it is when it goes off?

Answer: "a gun"

What flies forever, rests never?

Answer: "wind"

You can hear me. You can see what I do. Me, you cannot see. What am I?

Answer: "wind"

What lives on it's own substance, but dies as soon as it devours itself?

Answer: "a candle"

What goes through a door but never goes in and never comes out?

Answer: "a keyhole"

What has feet and legs and nothing else?

Answer: "stockings"

A house full, a yard full, a chimney full; No one can get a spoonful. What is it?

Answer: "smoke"

What is full of holes but holds water?

Answer: "a sponge"

What is always coming, but never arrives?

Answer: "tomorrow"

What goes further the slower it goes?

Answer: "money"

You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?

Answer: "an ear of corn"

What can bring back the dead, make us cry, make us laugh, make us young; is born in an instant yet lasts a lifetime?

Answer: "a memory"

I move very slowly at an imperceptible rate, although I take my time, I am never late. I accompany life, and survive past demise, I am viewed with esteem in many women's eyes. What am I?

Answer: "hair (or nails)"

I am the heart that does not beat. If cut, I bleed without blood. I can fly, but have no wings. I can float, but have no fins. I can sing, but have no mouth. What am I?

Answer: "wood"

Voiceless it cries, wingless flutters, toothless bite, mouthless mutters.

Answer: "wind"

I have legs but walk not, a strong back but work not, two good arms but reach not, a seat but sit and tarry not. What am I?

Answer: "a chair"

Shoot at me a thousand times and I may still survive; one scratch from me and you will find your prospects take a dive. What am I?

Answer: "an eight ball"

I have an eye, but I can not see and I am guided only by the winds. I am strong and disasterous but in the center of me, I am calm. I live for a while but I die soon enough, and when you least expect it I am reborn. What am I?

Answer: "a hurricane"

Black I am and much admired, men seek me until they're tired. When they find me, they break my head, and take from me my resting bed. What am I?

Answer: "coal"

At the North Pole it is impossible to look north, and at the South Pole it is impossible to look south. Then, where in the world would you be if you could look north and south, but could not look east or west?

Answer: "the core of the Earth"

In birth I spring forth, in life I unfold. In death I wilt and die, but rebirth restores all. What am I?

Answer: "a leaf"

At night I come without being fetched. By day I am lost without being stolen. What am I?

Answer: "a star"

A hole leading in, a hole leading out, we connect to a cavern that is slimey all throughout. What are we?

Answer: "nostrils"

Part carbon, part water, I am poison to the fishes. Many have falsely claimed my name, for I am the pause that refreshes.

Answer: "soda pop"

What is it that has four legs, one head and a foot?

Answer: "a bed"

Weight in my belly, trees on my back, nails in my ribs, but feet I do lack. What am I?

Answer: "a boat"

Double my number, I'm less than a score, half of my number is less than four. Add one to my double when bakers are near, days of the week are still greater, I fear.

Answer: "SIX"

I'm named after nothing, though I'm awfully clamorous. And when I'm not working, your house is less glamorous. What am I?

Answer: "a vacuum cleaner"

You hear me calling to you, beckoning with my shrill voice; My keys will carry you to the place of your choice. What am I?

Answer: "a telephone"

I am the tool, for inspiring many. Buy me in the store, for not much more than a penny. Don't overuse me, or my usefulness will go, what am I? Do you know?

Answer: "a pen"

Swirling, sparkling, shining bright. You can see it in the dead of night. What is it?

Answer: "the Milky Way"

I have joy in bringing two together, but darning my existence! My life hangs by a thread, filled with ups, downs and resistance!

Answer: "a sewing machine"

I love to dance and twist and prance, I shake my tail, as away I sail, wingless I fly into the sky. What am I?

Answer: "a kite"

My teeth are sharp, my back is straight, to cut things up it is my fate. What am I?

Answer: "a saw"

My first is in chocolate but not in ham, my second's in cake and also in jam, my third at tea-time is easily found, my whole is a friend who's often around. What am I?

Answer: "a cat"

My first is in window but not in pane, my second's in road but not in lane, my third is in oval but not in round, my fourth is in hearing but not in sound, my whole is known as a sign of peace, and from noah's ark won quick release.

Answer: "a dove"

What ship has no captain but two mates?

Answer: "courtship"

What is the difference between a big hill and a big pill?

Answer: "one is hard to get up and the other hard to get down."

