

If you're searching for a challenge, try your hand at these "What is it?" riddles. With a range of difficulty levels, there's something for everyone.

1. It's been around for millions of years, but is never more than a month old. What is it?
2. You can spin, wheel and twist, but this thing can turn without moving. What is it?
3. It is a symphony of noise,
It can produce both grief and joys,
It is inspiring and grand,
Made by a person or a band.
What is it?
4. A hill full, a hole full; yet you cannot catch a bowl full. What is it?
5. Both a currency and an antlered male. What is it?
6. Never alive but practically extinct.
How we miss the letters pressing the ribbon of ink.
What is it?
7. This small creature kills even the largest one. What is it?
8. A home of wood in a wooded place, but built not by hand. High above the earthen ground, it holds its pale blue gems. What is it?
9. It could make arrows fly and kites soar. What is it?
10. Looks like water, but it's heat.
Sits on sand, lays on concrete.
A play on the eyes, but it's all lies.
What is it?
11. Not a comb or a brush but makes the hair feel plush. What is it?
12. It stands on one leg with its heart in its head. What is it?
13. This is rectangular, hollow and has a lid, and where you'll find it you might wonder, it is just six feet under. What is it?

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14. Give it a toss, and it's ready, but not until it's dressed. What is it?
15. With pointed fangs it sits in wait,
With piercing force it doles out fate,
Over bloodless victims proclaiming its might,
Eternally joining in a single bite
What is it?
16. It can't be seen or felt.
It can't be touched or smelt.
Behind stars and under hills.
All emptiness it fills.
What is it?
17. Covered in stone and sun. It's home to many but also none. What is it?
18. It is the assumed nocturnal symbol of Mr. Wayne. What is it?
19. It kept him steady and others away.
It kept them safe and showed the way.
Once thrown down upon the ground,
it came alive with a hissing sound.
It hit the rock as it was told.
And that was when the water flowed.
What is it?
20. There are several different kinds, but the one you pick doesn't do its job. What is it?
21. No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?
22. You use this to clean although it is small.
If you forget it, your smile will appall.
What is it?
23. What is it that no man wants, but no man wants to lose?
24. Everyone has it and no one can lose it, what is it?



- 25.** It rows quickly with four oars but never comes out from under his own roof. What is it?
- 26.** Tickle with your fingers and a song it will sing. Be careful, though, you may break a string. What is it?
- 27.** Never swallowed but certainly chewed, tossed in the mouth but it is not food. What is it?
- 28.** It flavors your food and divides the year up. What is it?
- 29.** It carries paper of the most important sort but also plastic, I'm glad to report. What is it?
- 30.** You can tumble in it,
Roll in it, Burn it,
Animals eat it,
Used to cover floors,
Still used beyond stall doors.
Freshens whatever it is placed on,
Absorbs whatever is poured into it.
What is it?
- 31.** Round like a dishpan and smaller than a bathtub. But the ocean can't fill it. What is it?
- 32.** If I have it, I don't share it. If I share it, I don't have it. What is it?
- 33.** Built of metal or wood to divide.
It will make us good neighbors,
if you stay on your side.
What is it?
- 34.** This has been divided three times because of what God decided.
It became the threshold of many new things and the limit for many things.
Once an ark was in its place and God's son I chose to embrace.
What is it?



35. Tomorrow's yesterday. Yesterday's tomorrow. What is it?
36. Man walks over, and man swims under. In times of war, it can be burned asunder. What is it?
37. A device that nearly everyone has that can freeze anyone it sees. What is it?
38. The sharp slim blade, that cuts the wind. What is it?
39. Big as a biscuit, deep as a cup, but even a river can't fill it up. What is it?
40. Glittering points that downward thrust. Sparkling spears that do not rust. What is it?
41. Pointing North, South, East, and West it saves the lost and helps the rest. What is it?
42. 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?
43. Attracted by light but flies at night. It's wind and hairy but not too scary. What is it?
44. It stands upright and can be quite grand.
Its secret is not hidden but right at hand.
What is it?
45. You can't live without doing this, and we all do it at the same time. Yet many wish it wasn't happening. What is it?
46. It can be carried but not touched. It has two on the outside and ten on the inside. Everyone wants to catch a sight of this but it's kept out of sight. It was lost and found; then found but now it's lost. What is it?



- 47.** A mile from end to end,
yet as close to as a friend.
A precious commodity, freely given.
Seen on the dead and on the living.
Found on the rich, poor, short and tall,
but shared among children most of all.
What is it?
- 48.** Who makes it, has no need of it. Who buys it, has no use for it. Who uses it can neither see nor feel it. What is it?
- 49.** What is it that makes tears without sorrow and takes its journey to heaven?
- 50.** It had so many locks that don't need a key.
It was far too many for you to count.
It was never to be shortened, for a vow had been said.
It was a symbol of strength that flowed from the head.
But in a moment of weakness, its secret was out,
it lays all in pieces when she gave the shout.
What is it?
- 51.** It's been around for millions of years, but it's no more than a month old. What is it?
- 52.** Thousands of these come together to make a digital image. What is it?
- 53.** It belongs to you, but other people use it more than you do. What is it?
- 54.** Born of sorrow, grows with age,
You need a lot to be a sage.
What is it?
- 55.** A precious fluid, thicker than water. What is it?
- 56.** The man who invented it doesn't want it. The man who bought it doesn't need it. The man who needs it doesn't know it. What is it?



- 57.** A beacon from home to guide your way.
It can be a lifesaver on a stormy day.
What is it?
- 58.** You use it between your head and your toes, the more it works the
thinner it grows. What is it?
- 59.** Touch this and you'll regret it. But if it's cold, you won't forget it. What
is it?
- 60.** A circle of stones, never in rows.
Stacked one on the other, mystery it sows.
What is it?
- 61.** It was a gift to the one but poison to the others. It was a favored sign
but also a hated symbol. Some say that It was not short. While others
talk of two that were far too long. It was stolen and then torn, and
became something to mourn. What is it?
- 62.** In the sun it likes to play; In the rain it goes away;
Walk or run it always follows; In the mud it always wallows.
What is it?
- 63.** It regulates our daily movements, but it feels no interest in our lives. It
directs us when to come and go, but does not care if we pay attention.
What is it?
- 64.** Neither bought nor sold but more valuable than gold. It is built but not
by hand. What is it?
- 65.** Always wooden and covered in paint. It can make you laugh or hide,
because something dark is inside. What is it?
- 66.** You can always see it, but it's too far away to touch. Mountains rest on
it, and at sea it surrounds you. What is it?
- 67.** Its fleece is warm and wooly white. And when you lie awake at night,
count it and you'll fall asleep. What is it?



- 68.** This can be used to flatten clothes
Or in golf to hit a ball.
This goes before a movie Man
And is a type of metal.
What is it?
- 69.** What is it that leaps and runs and yet, has no feet?
- 70.** 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 lots of babies. What is it?
- 71.** Lives without a body, hears without ears, speaks without a mouth, to which the air alone gives birth. What is it?
- 72.** It is able to speak because it has a hard gone. You know what it is as soon as it has sung. What is it?
- 73.** Round as an apple, deep as a cup, and all the kings' horses can't fill it up. What is it?
- 74.** The leaves are on the fruit, the fruit is on the leaves. What is it?
- 75.** Born at the same time as the world, destined to live as long as the world, and yet never five weeks old. What is it?
- 76.** Used on a diamond and left on a board. It's great for a gymnast his grip to restore. What is it?
- 77.** It's equally comfortable in an orchestra and a geometry textbook.
What is it?
- 78.** It has 8 arms and lots of ink but can't write a word. What is it?
- 79.** What has wings, but can not fly.
Is enclosed, but can outside also lie.
Can open itself up, Or close itself away.
Is the place of kings and queens,
And doggerel of every means.
What is it upon which I stand?
Which can lead us to different lands.



- 80.** This has no beginning, middle or end,
and all the greatest thinkers see it but can't comprehend.
What is it?
- 81.** You need a key to receive an answer from me. The answer you'll find
is straight from your mind. What is it?
- 82.** It was high in the sky but also firmly on the Earth. It brought
cooperation for many but confusion for all. It was unmissable by the
crowd yet overlooked by the One. It was the world's first true
skyscraper and also its last. What is it?
- 83.** Sometimes it's silver but also gold.
Printed on paper it's a treasure to hold.
What is it?
- 84.** It can be cracked, It can be made,
It can be told, it can be played.
What is it?
- 85.** Everyone needs this, it's great with an 'r' on the end but you're sad
when the first letter goes away. What is it?
- 86.** Strip the skin under my skin, and my flesh you'll reveal.
It tastes sweet and tart, now throw out the peel.
What is it?
- 87.** It is not your enemy, yet we still beat it. What is it?
- 88.** You eat something you neither plant nor plow. It is the son of water,
but if water touches it. It dies. What is it?
- 89.** This is a shape and a symbol that we literally cannot live without.
What is it?
- 90.** Women don't have and don't want it. Men get it but sometimes they
try to get rid of it. What is it?
- 91.** It gets passed among men and builds without growing.
It serves to injure from a source unknowing.
What is it?



- 92.** It starts at the earth's end and brink,
Filled with water you can't drink.
Has a color, just like ink,
Walk into it and you'll sink.
What is it?
- 93.** It can be used onstage or to express admiration. What is it?
- 94.** It is yellow and you can serve it but not eat. What is it?
- 95.** Sharp and long, flag of the world. What is it?
- 96.** The part of the bird, that is not in the sky,
Which can swim in the ocean and always stay dry.
What is it?
- 97.** Usually green but can be brown. It's a great place to play or lie down.
What is it?
- 98.** Arnold Schwarzenegger has a big one,
Michael J Fox has a small one,
Madonna doesn't have one,
The pope has one but he never uses it,
Bill Clinton has one and he uses it all the time!
What is it?
- 99.** You can hold it without using your hands or your arms. What is it?
- 100.** It's got twists and turns, but has no curves. Twist it to fix it, turn it to ruin it. What is it?
- 101.** It comes from crystal and melts to a treat. Add it to your tea to make it sweet. What is it?
- 102.** It is a place of play on a sunny day. Winter will come and take all the fun, but we'll be back in May. What is it?
- 103.** This is a plant named after a light source. What is it?
- 104.** Controlled by your hands and feet. It would be nothing without a street. What is it?

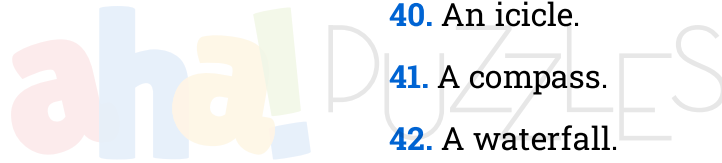


- 105.** It's shorter than the rest, but when you're happy, you raise it up like it's the best. What is it?
- 106.** You have to travel far before you turn it over. What is it?
- 107.** Grown in the ground, it's taller than you. Strip off the outside, the yellow pieces you chew. What is it?
- 108.** What moves across the land but never has to steer?
It has delivered our goods year after year.
What is it?
- 109.** It can be done to buttons and shopping carts. What is it?
- 110.** Through its wounds, water does run. It once held many but now has none. What is it?
- 111.** Poor people have it. Rich people need it. If you eat it you die. What is it?
- 112.** Whoever makes it, tells it not; whoever takes it, knows it not; and whoever knows it, wants it not. What is it?
- 113.** What is it something that you always have but you always leave behind?
- 114.** It keeps you on the ground and stops things from floating around.
What is it?
- 115.** It is everything to someone, and nothing to everyone else. What is it?
- 116.** A man walks out of a house that has four walls all facing north. A bird walks past him. What is it?



Answers

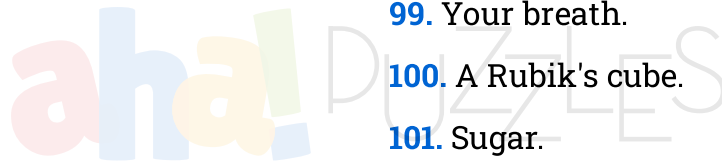
1. The Moon.
2. Milk.
3. Music.
4. The mist.
5. Buck.
6. Typewriter.
7. A bacteria.
8. A nest.
9. String.
10. A mirage.
11. A shampoo.
12. A cabbage.
13. A coffin.
14. Salad.
15. A stapler.
16. Space.
17. A cemetery.
18. Bat.
19. Moses' staff.
20. A lock.
21. The silence.
22. A toothbrush.
23. Lawsuit.
24. The shadow.
25. A turtle.
26. A guitar.
27. A gum.
28. The season.
29. Wallet.
30. Hay.
31. Sieve.
32. A secret.
33. A fence.
34. Jordan River.
35. Today.
36. A bridge.
37. A camera.
38. The grass.
39. A strainer.
40. An icicle.
41. A compass.
42. A waterfall.
43. A moth.
44. A piano.
45. Aging.
46. Ark of the Covenant.
47. A smile.
48. A coffin.
49. Smoke.
50. Samson's long hair.
51. The moon.
52. A pixel.
53. Your name.
54. Wisdom.
55. Blood.
56. Coffin.



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57. A lighthouse.
58. Soap.
59. Fire.
60. The Stonehenge.
61. Joseph's coat.
62. A shadow.
63. Clock.
64. Trust.
65. A pencil.
66. The horizon.
67. A sheep.
68. Iron.
69. Ball.
70. A watermelon.
71. Echo.
72. A bell.
73. A well.
74. A pineapple.
75. The moon.
76. A chalk.
77. A triangle.
78. A octopus.
79. Stage.
80. The space.
81. A code.
82. The Tower of Babel.
83. Currency.
84. A joke.
85. A lover.
86. Orange.
87. Drum.
88. Salt.
89. Heart.
90. A beard.
91. A lie.
92. The sea.
93. Props.
94. A tennis ball.
95. A tower.
96. A bird's shadow.
97. The grass.
98. The surname.
99. Your breath.
100. A Rubik's cube.
101. Sugar.
102. Park.
103. The sunflower.
104. A car.
105. Thumb.
106. Odometer.
107. Corn.
108. A Train.
109. Push.
110. A shipwreck.
111. Nothing.
112. Counterfeit money.
113. Fingerprints.
114. Gravity.



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115. The mind.



116. A penguin.

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