

WET BREAK · GRADES 2–5

Wet Break Paper Puzzles

One sheet per child — minimum prep

Puzzle 1 — Number triangle

Place the numbers 1 to 6 in the circles of a triangle (one at each corner, one on each side) so that each side adds to the same total. There are several solutions — see how many you can find. CHALLENGE: What totals are possible? What totals are impossible?

Puzzle 2 — Word ladder

Change WARM to COLD by changing one letter at a time. Each step must be a real word. WARM ____ COLD HINT: Try WARM → WARD → WORD → CORD → COLD.

Puzzle 3 — Letter logic

Three children sit in a row. Their first names start with A, B and C — but not in that order. • A is not at the end. • B is to the left of A. • C is not next to B. Who sits where? (Answer: B, A, C from left to right.)

Puzzle 4 — Hidden words

How many smaller words (3+ letters) can you find hidden inside the word ELEPHANT? For example: HEAT, PEN, LEAN, ANT. Find 15 to be a champion. Find 25 to be amazing.

Puzzle 5 — The river crossing

A farmer needs to cross a river with a fox, a chicken and a sack of grain. The boat is small — only one item plus the farmer at a time. IF the fox and chicken are alone, the fox eats the chicken. IF the chicken and grain are alone, the chicken eats the grain. How does the farmer get all three across safely? (SOLUTION: Take chicken first. Return alone. Take fox across. Bring chicken back. Take grain across. Return alone. Take chicken across.)



