

ENGLISH · Y2–Y6

# Word Puzzles & Riddles

25 English brain-teasers

## Classic riddles (all ages)

1. I speak without a mouth and hear without ears. I have no body but come alive with wind. What am I? (An echo)
2. What has hands but can't clap? (A clock)
3. What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, and never in a thousand years? (The letter M)
4. What weighs more: a tonne of feathers or a tonne of bricks? (The same — both are a tonne)
5. What word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it? (SHORT → SHORTER)

## Wordplay and anagrams (Y3–Y5)

1. Rearrange LISTEN to make another word. Find at least three. (SILENT, ENLIST, TINSEL, INLETS)
2. What word can follow SUN, TOOTH, HAIR, and NAIL? (BRUSH)
3. What 5-letter word reads the same upside down? (SWIMS)
4. I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What am I? (SEVEN — remove S to get EVEN)
5. How many letters are in 'the alphabet'? (11 — count the letters in THE ALPHABET)

## Harder wordplay (Y5–Y6)



1. The word CANDY can be spelled using just 2 letters. How? (C AND Y)
2. A rooster lays an egg on top of a pointed roof. Which way does it roll? (Roosters don't lay eggs)
3. How many words can you find hidden inside TRANSPORTATION? (ran, sport, port, nation, ration, iron, trans, station, spit, train...)
4. Add one letter to HEAT to make as many new words as you can. (CHEAT, WHEAT, HEATS, BEATS, FEAST, TREAD... accept any valid word)
5. What 3-letter word can go before HOUSE, YARD, WORM, and WORK? (EARTH)

