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Picture puzzles brain teasers

It's easier for children to develop imagination, mindfulness and diligence, short-term memory, creativity, and critical thinking skills with funny picture brain teasers. Adults are used to solving puzzles in books, magazines, and in mobile apps. The best thing about this is even if you are solving brain teasers to relax, you improve your memory, and make the brain sharp and active. Are you ready to challenge your skills and solve a couple of puzzles? We have something cool for you. You can start the Logiclike Brain Teaser Game right now, or scroll down to see some puzzle examples! Here you can enjoy the 25 Brain Teasers, Puzzles & Games that SharpBrains readers (primarily adults, but younger minds too) have enjoyed the most since 2010.It is always good to learn more about our brains and to exercise them!Fun teasers on how our brains and minds work:1. You think you know the colors? Try the Stroop Test2. You say you can count? Check out this brief attention experiment3. Test your stress level4. Guess: Are there more connections in one human brain or leaves in the whole Amazon?Challenge your cognitive abilities with these brain teaser games:5. Quick brain teasers to flex two key mental muscles6. Count the Fs in this sentence7. Can you identify Apple's logo?Visual ilusions:8. Ten classic optical illusions to trick your mind9. What do you see?10. Fun Mental Rotation challenge11. What is going on with these pictures?Language and logic mind teasers:12. Which way is the bus heading?13. Where do words go?14. Join this party for polyglots15. Fun & Brainy Haikus. Yours?A few visual workouts to challenge your mind:16. Is a circle a circle?17. Less obvious than it may appear18. How many...How's your pattern recognition?19. Proverbs to exercise your memory and reasoning20. Find the missing number in The Empty Triangle21. Good puzzle for the whole brain: The Blind Beggar22. Find the Really, Really, Really Big NumberFun brain teasers for the workplace:23. Please consider Linda's job prospects24. A few guesstimations often used in consulting and tech interviews25. How many golf balls can fit in a school bus? Before you explore our examples, you might be wondering what brain teasers actually are.Cambridge Dictionary defines a brain teaser as "a problem for which it is hard to find the answer, especially one which people enjoy trying to solve as a game."Brain teasers are a type of puzzle — and as the list below reveals, they come in many different forms. Often presented as a riddle, question or activity, brain teasers require a little extra brainpower to solve.Brain teasers for kids differ from other complex or abstract problems because they're usually done for fun. Although you can use them to analyze problem-solving and critical thinking skills, they're often used as an amusing activity to encourage logical and lateral thinking, or thinking "outside the box." We've compiled a list of language, math and visual brain teasers to get your students thinking. Get inspired by the examples below — including answers!Language brain teasers for kidsWhen you hear the term "brain teaser," a riddle is likely the first thing that comes to mind. Riddles are perplexing — sometimes misleading — questions or statements that require creative thought to solve.Riddles are usually fun, and plenty of them can add some humour to your classroom.Enjoy our list of riddles for kids below!Riddlea) Billy's mother had five children. The first was named Lala, the second was named Lele, the third was named Lili, the fourth was named Lolo. What was the fifth child named?b) Choose the correct sentence: "the yolk of the egg is white" or "the yolk of the egg is white." c) It's as light as a feather, but the strongest person can't hold it for more than five minutes. What is it?d) The more there is, the less you see. What is it?e) What gets more wet while it dries?f) You can find it in Mercury, Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, but not in Venus or Neptune. What is it?g) It likes food, but water kills it. What is it?h) What's full of holes but can still hold water?i) Which is heavier, a pound of feathers or a pound of rocks?j) How far can a dog run into the woods?k) You're driving a city bus. At the first stop, three women get on. At the second stop, one woman gets off and a man gets on. At the third stop, two children get on. The bus is blue and it's raining outside in December. What colour is the bus driver's hair?l) There are three houses. One is red, one is blue and one is white. If the red house is to the left of the house in the middle, and the blue house is to the right of the house in the middle, where's the white house?m) It's at the center of gravity and you can find it in Venus, but not Mars. What is it?n) What goes on four feet in the morning, two in the afternoon and three in the evening? (This is from the classic myth, Oedipus and the Riddle of the Sphinx)o) What travels faster: heat or cold?p) A man was walking in the rain in the middle of nowhere without a coat or an umbrella. He got soaked, but not a single hair on his head was wet. How can this be?q) A cowboy rode into town on Friday. He stayed in town for three days and rode back out on Friday. How is this possible?Answersa) Billyb) Neither. Egg yolks are yellow, not white!c) Breathd) Foge) A towelf) The letter "R"g) Fireh) A spongei) Neither. Both weigh a pound!j) Halfway. Once it reaches halfway, it's running out of the woods.k) Whatever colour your hair is. Remember, you're driving the bus!l) In Washington, D.C.m) The letter "V"n) A human. The times of day represent stages of human life. At the beginning of life, a baby crawls on four "feet." As a person gets older, they walk on two feet. Later in life, a person will walk on three "feet" (two feet, plus a cane to help them walk).o) Heat travels faster because you can catch a cold!p) He was bald.q) The horse's name was Friday.As a bonus, use these riddles to challenge preconceived notions and get students thinking about natural bias.a) Two boxers are in a match scheduled for 12 rounds. (Pure boxing only - no kicking, UFC takedowns, or anything else). One of the boxers gets knocked out after only six rounds, yet no man throws a punch. How is this possible?b) A father and son have a car accident and both are very injured. They are taken to separate hospitals for treatment. When the boy is taken in for an operation, the surgeon says, "I can't do this surgery.... this boy is my son!" How is this possible?Answers: a) The two boxers are women.b) The surgeon is the boy's mother.These brain teasers for kids explore the complexities of the English language. Use them to boost student knowledge of sounds, words, spelling, categorization and more.a) Word association: find a word that associates with the following sets of words.Cake, swiss, cottageClasses, screen, dayCream, cube, capKnife, fly, cupb) Find the mystery word. Replace the third letter of each word with a new letter to create a different word. When read vertically, the new letters will reveal the mystery word.For example, the word MAKE could become MARE, MALE, MATE and so on. It's your job to figure out which one works to create the mystery word. SAMEPOKEBOATNEATSTOP BAKEHint: It's something you'll find outside.c) Findrhyming pairs. Unscramble the words below so that each pair of words rhymes.RBAE & HREASWNROED & UTRHNDETUGHAT & HBTUGOODULC & ODOGAnswers:a)b)SAFEPOLEBOOTNEWTSTEPBAREMystery word: FLOWERc)BEAR (or BARE) & SHAREWONDER & THUNDERTAUGHT & BOUGHTCOULD & GOODYYou can also use printable brain teasers for kids like this one:Image source: Spelling Words WellAnswer: The "happy word" is SMILE.Lateral thinking problems require creative thinking with an indirect approach.These questions require logic and careful thought to solve. The most notable example of a lateral thinking problem is the classic Monty Hall problem.Here are two examples of lateral thinking problems kids can try to solve.a) The river crossing problemImage source: Popular MechanicsA farmer is travelling with a fox, a goose, and a bag of beans. During his journey, he comes across a river with a boat to cross it.The farmer can only fit one thing in the boat with him at a time. If left alone together, the fox will eat the goose or the goose will eat the beans. How does the farmer get everything across the river safely?b) The light bulb problemThere are three light switches outside of a room- labeled number one, number two, and number three. The door to the room is closed and you can't see in. All three switches are off. You need to figure out which switch belongs to which bulb. You can use the switches however you want to, but can only enter the room once. How do you do it?Answers:a) Here's the step-by-step solution:The farmer brings the goose across the river first (if he leaves the goose alone, it will either eat the beans or be eaten by the fox).The farmer brings either the fox or the beans across and leaves the other one alone.Now the farmer has two items on the other side of the river, including the goose. If he leaves the goose again, half the garden would be full the day before, on the 51st day.f) 888 + 88 + 8 + 8 + 8g) Ashley is 22. Her mother is 22 years older, so when Ashley is 22, she's now half her mother's age.These questions require students to identify a pattern before they can answer a particular question. Kids must use creative and logical thinking to find the answers.a) If:2 + 2 = 443 + 3 = 964 + 4 = 1685 + 5 = 2510Then:6 + 6 = ?b) What makes this number unique: 8,549,176,320?c) Solve the pattern puzzle below. Find the missing number to replace the question mark.Image source: Genius Puzzlesd) Solve the following:Image source: AOLAnswers:a) The missing number is 3612. The answer is the number multiplied by itself and then the number added to itself. Six multiplied by six is 36, and six plus six is 12.b) It contains each one-digit number, zero through nine, listed in alphabetical order.c) The missing number is 17. Each number in the circle is the sum of the numbers in the opposite quadrant. In this case, the numbers are eight and nine — added together makes 17.d) The answer is 14 (or 16, if you're on the other side of the debate.This math activity is a bit different from others on the list. It's not a traditional brain teaser, but it can also be used as a fun, skill-building alternative to traditional math class. Prodigy is a free game-based learning platform that takes kids on an online fantasy adventure while they answer math questions. It's engaging and effective at teaching necessary skills. Since Prodigy is curriculum-aligned, you can use it to supplement your regular math lessons.Visual brain teasers for kidsThis ever-popular activity might remind you of your own childhood — and kids still love it! Spot the difference puzzles require lots of deduction and attention to detail.Here's an example of a printable spot the difference activity.Image source: Tim's PrintablesAnswer:A rebus is a visual puzzle that uses lateral thinking to find its intended meaning. The word or phrase is depicted with a visual illustration, including letters and words. Students must think creatively to figure out the meaning from the clues they're given. a)Image source: Wikipediab)Image source: Stack ExchangeAnswers:a) Top secretb) Think outside the box Visit the link below if you want more fun rebus puzzles for your students:Get tricky with your students! Optical illusions use visual tricks that alter the perception of what you're really seeing. Students will love trying to figure out what's really going on in these examples.a) How many legs does the elephant have?Image source: Optics For Kidsb) Are the two squares different colours?Image source: Brain DenAnswers:a) Fourb) They're exactly the same colour. If you place your finger over the spot where the squares meet, you can see they're the same.Try this impossible paper puzzle if you want a more hands-on optical illusion. You can make one to show your class, then have students make their own as a fun brain teaser to show friends and family.The Stroop effect was discovered in the 1930s by John Ridley Stroop. During the test, you're given a list of colour names, with each word being a different colour than what they describe.The test involves saying the colour of a word, rather than reading the word itself. Your mind must process the two conflicting pieces of information, which slows down reaction speed and requires careful thought to get through.Image source: The Crafty ClassroomYou know your students enjoy them, but did you know there are plenty of additional reasons to make brain teasers a regular activity in the classroom?A study on the attention spans of six-year-olds found children who were given brain teasers were more attentive than those who received a regular school curriculum — showing brain teasers were effective at boosting children's attention spans. Brain teasers for kids can also:Strengthen problem solving and critical thinking skillsEncourage lateral thinking and build new perspectivesImprove cognitive abilities like memory and processing speedInspire teamwork and communicationEngage students and motivate them to learnProvide necessary breaks from traditional class workIn addition to their many learning advantages, brain teasers are a great way to break up the day and engage your students.Here are just a few ways you can use brain teasers for kids as a teaching strategy and maximize the benefits in your classroom:Engagement-boosting activity before or after lessonsBonus questions in assignments and testsOptional "free time" activityEncourage team building — split students into groups to solve them togetherSupplement lessons — choose brain teasers about the subject you're teachingNo matter what subject or skill you want to focus on, a brain teaser is a great addition to traditional teaching methods. Plus, it's something students will actually be excited to do.Remember that brain teaser are designed to be fun for kids. it's not about finding the right answer, but the mental exercise they get from trying to find the solution.Use any of the brain teasers in this list whenever you need a boost of energy in your classroom. Bonus points if you can stump any adults!Create or log in to your teacher account on Prodigy - a free, game-based learning platform for math that's easy to use for educators and students alike. Aligned with curricula across the English-speaking world, it's loved by more than a million teachers and 50 million students.Sign up now!

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