

Riddles

1. In a single-story house, the bedrooms are green, the dining room white, the sitting room is blue, and the bathrooms are pink. What colour are the stairs?
2. I offer lots of food, but I can also kill. Mostly I look beautiful, but sometimes I can look frightening. Everybody needs me, but nobody can possess me. Usually I look flat, but people know that is false; because I am deep.
3. I was travelling in a ship. The Captain of the ship liked to ask riddles. One day he asked the passengers, "A man was standing at one end of my ship, and another was standing at its other end. Both were looking at the sky. Yet they could see each other. How was that possible?"
4. What disappears as soon as you say its name?
5. How many letters are there in the alphabet?
6. I have cities but no houses. I have mountains but no trees. I have rivers but no fish. What am I?
7. This belongs to you, but everyone else uses it. What is it?
8. What comes once in a minute; once in a moment; but never in a thousand years?
9. What is the word that is always spelt wrong?
10. How can you stand behind your sister when she is standing behind you?
11. What can run but is not a river? (It is a part of your face).
12. My neighbor has 4 daughters. Each daughter has one brother. How many children does my neighbor have?

Answers

12: She has 5 children; 4 daughters and 1 son.

11: Your nose.

10: When you and she are standing back to back.

9: Wrong.

8: The letter M.

7: Your name.

6: A map.

5: 4 children take one apple each. The fifth child takes the basket with the 1 remaining apple inside.

4: Silence.

3: One was facing east and the other was facing west. So they were looking at each other.

2: The Ocean.

1: There are no stairs because the house is single storied.

Most of the riddles have been taken from Readers' Digest.