

Riddles—First Set

[Small Group Ice Breakers]

1. Why can't a man living in Miami, Florida, be buried west of the Mississippi?
2. One month has 28 days. Of the remaining eleven months, how many have 30 days?
3. Do they have a 4th of July in England?
4. If you had only one match and entered a room where there was a lamp, an oil heater and some kindling wood, which would you light first?
5. If a rooster lays an egg on the very top of a roof whose sides sloped North and South, which way would the egg roll?
6. Two men play five games of chess and each wins 5 games. How come?
7. Take two apples from three apples. What do you have?
8. A plane crashes on the U.S.-Canadian border. Where do they bury the survivors?
9. Say you're a bus driver. At the first stop, three people get on. At the second stop, five people get on and two get off. At the third stop, one gets on and two get off. How old is the bus driver?
10. A woman gave a beggar 50 cents. The woman is the beggar's sister, but the beggar is not the woman's brother. How come?
11. A man said he found a coin marked "46 B.C." Is he lying or telling the truth? How do you know?
12. There is a house with four walls, all facing South. A bear walks by the window. What color is the bear?
13. If you had two U.S. coins totaling 55¢ and one of them was not a nickel, what would the two coins be?
14. A man is in an accident and is rushed to the hospital. The doctor comes in, takes one look at the man and exclaims, "I can't operate on this man—he's my son!" The doctor is not the man's father. Who is the doctor?
15. What eight words appear on all U.S. coins?
16. How many outs in an inning of baseball?
17. A farmer had 17 sheep. All but nine died. How many did he have left?
18. How far can a dog run into the woods?

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Example:

= "upside down cake"

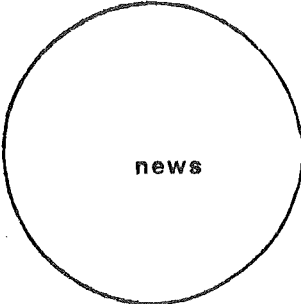
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7] in **OUT** si^DE

8] **ORDER**

9] **DEAL**²

10] **Side**

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12] Gr 8 2 B 1,
Gr 8 2 1/2 1=what a friend is

13] **TOGETHER**

14] **W D D S D T**

15]
PASS

16] **A HOUSE**

Answers to Riddles

Set #1

- 1] He's living.
- 2] All eleven do.
- 3] Yes. All countries have a 4th—it's just not their independence day.
- 4] The match.
- 5] Roosters don't lay eggs.
- 6] They each played different opponents.
- 7] Two apples.
- 8] One doesn't bury survivors.
- 9] How ever old the person answering the question is.
- 10] The beggar is a woman, too.
- 11] Lying. (In 46 B.C. they hadn't ever heard of Christ, so they would designate years according to his birth!)
- 12] White. (The house is at the North Pole)
- 13] One is not a nickel, it's a half dollar. The *other coin* is a nickel.
- 14] The man's mother.
- 15] "In God We Trust," and "United States of America."
- 16] Six.
- 17] Nine.
- 18] Half way, then it begins to run out again.

Set #2

- 1] "One on top of another."
- 2] Down draft.
- 3] Side by side.
- 4] Short stop.
- 5] Uplifting.
- 6] news center
- 7] inside out
- 8] tall order
- 9] square deal
- 10] dark side
- 11] head over heels in love with you
- 12] Great to be one, great to have one equals what a friend is.
- 13] close together
- 14] West Indies
- 15] underpass
- 16] a house divided