

MIND TEASERS

1. What is the beginning of eternity,
the end of time and space,
the beginning of every end,
and the end of every race?
2. A big Indian and a little Indian went hunting. The little Indian was the big Indian's son. But the big Indian was not the little Indian's father. How was this possible?
3. Train A leaves San Francisco and train B leaves New York at the same time. Train A averages 50 miles per hour and train B averages 75 miles per hour. Assuming it is 3000 miles by rail from San Francisco to New York, which train is nearer to New York when they pass?
4. How long would it take a train 1 mile long to pass through a tunnel 1 mile long, if the train travels at the rate of 1 mile per minute?
5. Rearrange NEW DOOR to make one word.
6. Where will you find the center of gravity?
7. How many peas in a pint?
8. There are three mistakes in this sentence. Can you spot them?
9. How many three-cent stamps are there in four dozen?
10. What word is spelled wrong in every dictionary?
11. Two people were standing facing opposite directions, yet each could see the other without turning around. Why was that?
12. "As I was going to St. Ives
I met a man with seven wives.
Each wife had seven bags;
Each bag had seven cats.
How many were going to St. Ives?"
13. A man in uniform was running home. Suddenly he saw a second man wearing a mask and holding a dread object. He quickly turned around and ran back to where he had come from. What familiar event was occurring?
14. If a doctor gave you five pills and told you to take one every half hour, how long would they last?
15. Thirteen per cent of the people in a certain town have unlisted phone numbers. You select three hundred names at random from the phone book. What is the expected number of people who will have unlisted numbers?
16. A farmer had seventeen sheep. All but nine broke through a hole in the fence and wandered away. How many were left?

17. Some girls were walking to school. There was one girl in front of two girls, one girl behind two girls, and one girl between two girls. How many girls were going to school?

Substitute one letter for the _ to make a new word.

18. ___reason= betrayal of one's country.
19. ___camper= hurry away in fright.
20. ___rigid= cold
21. ___log= block up, obstruct
22. ___listen= shine
23. ___ever= cut off
24. ___bony= hard black wood
25. ___ounce= suddenly leap upon
26. ___link= to move along stealthily
27. ___rate= angry
28. "How much will one cost?"
"One dollar," replied the clerk in the hardware store.
- "How much will twelve cost?"
"Two dollars."
- "Okay, I'll take nine hundred and twelve."
"That will be three dollars."
- What was the customer buying?????
29. If it takes one minute to make a cut, how long will it take to cut a 10-foot pole into 10 equal pieces?

Facts

30. What is the name of the first satellite to go around the earth?
31. Where does Thursday come before Wednesday?
32. What has a mouth bigger than its head?
33. To celebrate her tenth birthday, Shannon drove a nail into the trunk of an oak tree. When Shannon returned to the tree 15 years later, how much higher was the nail if we assume that the tree grew at the rate of three inches per year?