

Brain Teasers and Lateral Thinking Puzzles

1. What starts with an E, ends with an E and usually contains only one letter? ENVELOPE.
2. Which word, if pronounced right, is wrong, but if pronounced wrong is right? Wrong!
3. What belongs to you but other people use it more than you? Your name!
4. What kind of cheese is made backwards? EDAM cheese (made backwards is edam)
5. Can you find a five letter word, which, when typed in upper-case, reads the same upside down? SWIMS.
6. What happens only in the middle of each month, in all of the seasons, except summer and happens only in the night, never in the day? The letter N.
7. If there are forty cups on the table and one cup breaks, how many tea cups are left?
3! We started with 4 tea cups (forty cups) and one broke.
8. "This is an unusual paragraph. I'm curious how quickly you can find out what is so unusual about it? looks so plain you would think nothing was wrong with it! In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is unusual though. Study it, and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out! Try to do so without any coaching!"
Answer: There is no letter E anywhere in it!
9. In which sport do winners move backwards and losers move forwards? Tug-of-war.
10. What common word has 4 vowels, one after the other? Queue!
11. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday? Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!
12. Why are 1998 dollar coins worth more than 1997 dollar coins? Because there are more of them!
13. Kevin's mother has three children. The first was called Alpha, the second was called Beta. What was the name of the third? Kevin, since it was Kevin's mother and Kevin's brothers were Alpha and Beta.
14. What word is the same backwards and upside down? NOON.
15. What can go up a chimney down, but can't go down a chimney up? An umbrella.