



Brain teasers

Questions

1. Bob bought a clock and some wrapping paper for a total of \$55. The clock cost \$54 more than the wrapping paper. Quick, how much did the wrapping paper cost?
2. Two brothers were talking. One said, "I am fed up with living in Birmingham because I have to drive all the time. Why don't we move to London?" His brother replied, "But that would mean that I would have to drive all the time." Why was this true?
3. How many states lie adjacent to Tennessee, and can you name them?
4. We all know that there's a way to get a ship into a bottle. How would you get a full-sized pear into a bottle without damaging the pear, or breaking or cutting the bottle?

Answers

1. The wrapping paper costs \$.50 and the clock costs \$54.50. (If the wrapping paper cost \$1, then the clock would cost \$53 more than the clock.)
2. The brothers were Siamese twins, joined at the side. They lived in Birmingham, Alabama. Because they drove on the right side of the road, the steering wheel was on the left-hand side of the car. The brother who sat on the left always drove. When they were in London, England, the other drove because the steering wheel was on the right-hand side of the car.
3. There are 8. Starting with Kentucky to the north and moving clockwise, you have Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Missouri.
4. The fruit is grown in the bottle. The bottle is tied onto the branch shortly after the fruit starts to form.