



Brain teasers

Questions

1) Letter Juggle

Take the given words, and by moving a single letter from one word to the other, make a pair of synonyms, or near synonyms. For example, given: Boast - Hip, move the 's' from 'Boast' to 'Hip' creating two synonyms: "Boat - Ship."

1. Our - Start
2. Strip - Tumble
3. Clause - Idea
4. Cash - Broom
5. Plight - Lam

2) Solve the two riddles. The answers should be anagrams of each other (e.g. "leaf" and flea").

(Word 1)

You use me when you want to cook
For friends or family.
But, whether written down or not,
It's best you stick to me.

(Word 2)

I like to think that I'm a skill,
Not just some old technique.

People do me to their ears,
Or nose, or tongue, or cheek.

3) Ghostly

I creep in with feline grace -
Stealthy, silent, gliding -
Adding beauty, mystery, and stillness to all in my path.

My shape is ever-changing:
Pausing and moving, here and there,
A cool caress across your cheek as I slip quietly by.

But my looks are deceiving -
Peril may lurk behind my misty veil.
Slow down, be cautious, or you may abruptly meet with danger there.

What am I?

4) The Captive Assassin

Listo, the leader of a band of assassins, was taken captive by an opposing kingdom.

"Give us your daggers," said the king, "Or you are to be executed. But since you so valiantly killed some of our knights, we shall give you a small test. You must say a statement. If the statement is true, we burn you on a stake. If the sentence is false, we stab you through the heart. If you do not say anything, you are thrown to the lions. If you say something we can't verify, you will be forced to drink a cup of hemlock. If it is not a statement or if it is a paradox, we simply toss you into the nearby volcano. We shall give you one hour to ponder."

What should Listo say?

5. There is a word in the English language in which the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four signify a great man, and the whole word, a great woman. What is the word?

6. In my hand I have two coins that are newly minted. Together, they total 30 cents. One isn't a nickel. What are the coins?

Answers

1) Letter Juggle

1. Sour - Tart
2. Trip - Stumble
3. Cause - Ideal
4. Crash - Boom
5. Light - Lamp

2) Solve the two riddles. The answers should be anagrams of each other.

Word 1 is RECIPE.

Word 2 is PIERCE.

3) Ghostly

Fog.

4) The Captive Assassin

"Here are my daggers!"

5) Heroine

6) A quarter and a nickel