

Riddle Me This:

Earth Day

Edition



Celebrate Earth Day with riddles!

This activity can be done in a variety of ways: individually having students write their answers and their names on a piece of paper, as a whole class raising hands or writing answers on whiteboards and holding them up, or as individual groups writing answers on whiteboards and holding them up or running to the chalkboard to write the answers the fastest (even buzzers could be incorporated!) Plus, you can really turn up the activity by offering an incentive (say extra time enjoying the Earth outside for recess!)

There are so many benefits to riddles: critical thinking and problem-solving skills, team building, active engagement, cognitive stimulation, icebreaker or energizer, learning new information, and of course having fun—trust us, your students are sure to be begging for more.

The Riddles

I have roots nobody sees, taller than trees. Up, up I go, yet I never grow. What am I?

Answer: *A mountain*

I am always hungry, I must always be fed. The finger I touch will soon turn red. What am I?

Answer: *Fire*

I am taken from a mine and shut in a wooden case. From far away, I'm viewed with awe, but closer, I'm just an ordinary rock. What am I?

Answer: *A diamond*

I have forests but no trees, rivers but no water. I have cities but no buildings. What am I?

Answer: *A map*

I'm alive, but without breath. I'm never thirsty, but always drinking. What am I?

Answer: *A fish*

I am light as a feather, yet the strongest person can't hold me for much longer than a minute. What am I?

Answer: *Breath*

I am a seed with three letters in my name. Take away the last two, and I still sound the same. What am I?

Answer: *Pea*

I can fly without wings, cry without eyes. Wherever I go, darkness follows me. What am I?

Answer: *Cloud*

I'm a home for birds and a spot for picnics. I have branches and leaves, but no trunk. What am I?

Answer: *A treehouse*

I can be found in the desert and the jungle alike. I have no lungs or legs, but I can travel for miles. What am I?

Answer: *Sand*

I have no eyes, no legs, or ears, and I help move the Earth. What am I?

Answer: *The wind*

I'm green and small, but I can turn a whole field white. What am I?

Answer: *Dandelion*

I weigh almost nothing. I am lighter than air. But even the strongest man in the world cannot lift me. What Am I?

Answer: *A bubble*

What has roots that nobody sees, is taller than trees, goes up and up, but never grows?

Answer: *A mountain*

What breaks but never falls?

Answer: *Dawn*

What kind of bank needs no money?
Answer: *A riverbank*

You can see me in water, but I never get wet. What am I?
Answer: *Reflection*

You can swallow me, but I can also swallow you.
Answer: *Water*

I have a heart that doesn't beat and a bed but never sleep. I can run, but I never walk. What am I?
Answer: *A river*

What never gets any wetter no matter how much it rains?
Answer: *Ocean*

I have no eyes, legs, or ears but I can move the earth if you give me time. Who am I?
Answer: *A worm*

What grows when it eats, but dies when it drinks?
Answer: *Fire*

I fall, but I don't get hurt. I pour, but I'm not a jug. I help plants grow, but I'm not the sun. What am I?

Answer: *Rain*

I am a bow that can't be tied.
Answer: *A rainbow*

Racoons are racing around the tree. Can you spell that without any "r's"?
Answer: *T-H-A-T*

A mama robin has two daughters. Each of her daughters has a brother. How many children does the mama robin have?
Answer: *She has 3, both of the daughters have the same 1 brother*

What has to be broken before you can use it?
Answer: *An egg*

What can run but can't walk?
Answer: *Water*