

What to do today

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Solve some riddles

- Read *Riddles*. Try to work out what the answers could be.
- Look at *Riddle Cards*. Match them to the Riddles. You can check your answers at the end of the pack.
- Which is your favourite riddle? Are there any that you can't understand?
- Try to learn 2 or 3 and try them out on other people.

2. Explore palindromes

- Read *Palindromes*. Can you work out any of the words from the clues?
- Look at *Palindrome Cards*. Match them to the clues. You can check your answers at the end of the pack.
- Read *Palindromic Sentences*. Write them out from back to front to check that they work.
- Pick your favourite sentence and make an illustration to go with it.

3. Imagine some solutions

- Read *Solve the Problem*. Imagine how you could solve each problem using the equipment that you have been given. Be imaginative!
- Write to explain the solutions that you have imagined.

Riddles

What becomes wetter the more it dries?

What has hands but does not clap?

What has to be broken before you can use it?

What goes up but never comes back down?

What five letter word becomes shorter when you add 2 letters to it?

What travels around the world but stays in one spot?

What is full of holes but still holds water?

What is easy to get into but hard to get out of?

What begins with t, finishes with t and has t in it?

I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old, what am I?

What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?

What is always in front of you but cannot be seen?

Riddle Cards

your age	a stamp	a sponge
a towel	a candle	silence
an egg	teapot	the future
a clock	trouble	short

Palindromes

Here are some clues to palindromes. The answers are all words that can be spelled the same forwards as backwards.

- 1. You see with it.**
- 2. A female sheep.**
- 3. Twelve o'clock midday.**
- 4. A method of tracking aeroplanes.**
- 5. A formal way to address a woman.**
- 6. Quite flat.**
- 7. A baby wears it at feeding time.**
- 8. Comes before Christmas Day.**
- 9. Another word for a joke.**
- 10. A small rowing boat or a concert.**
- 11. Mother.**
- 12. Female member of religious order.**
- 13. Pop group from Sweden (think Mama Mia.)**

Palindrome cards

Abba	radar	eve
madam	Mum	gig
eye	level	gag
ewe	noon	nun
bib		

Palindromic Sentences

These sentences are spelt the same forwards and backwards.

Was it a car or a cat I saw?

Rats live on no evil star.

Mr. Owl ate my metal worm

Eva, can I stab bats in a cave?

Do geese see God?

Solve the problem

The problem	The equipment	Your solution
Children running in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A ball• A tambourine• A pair of sunglasses	
Litter in the playground	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A packet of mints• A rubber-band• A pencil	
An argument between two friends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A pencil sharpener• A chair	
Noisy neighbours	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A red nose• A broomstick	

Riddles - Answers

What becomes wetter the more it dries?

A towel

What has hands but does not clap?

A clock

What has to be broken before you can use it?

An egg

What goes up but never comes back down?

Your age

What five letter word becomes shorter when you add 2 letters to it?

Short

What travels around the world but stays in one spot?

A stamp

What is full of holes but still holds water?

A sponge

What is easy to get into but hard to get out of?

Trouble

What begins with t, finishes with t and has t in it?

Teapot

I'm tall when I'm young and I'm short when I'm old, what am I?

A candle

What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?

Silence

What is always in front of you but cannot be seen?

The future

Palindrome Answers

1. You see with it. **Eye**
2. A female sheep. **Ewe**
3. Twelve o'clock midday. **Noon**
4. A method of tracking aeroplanes. **Radar**
5. A formal way to address a woman. **Madam**
6. Quite flat. **Level**
7. A baby wears it at feeding time. **Bib**
8. Comes before Christmas Day. **Eve**
9. Another word for a joke. **Gag**
10. A small rowing boat or a concert. **Gig**
11. Mother. **Mum**
12. Female member of religious order. **Nun**
13. Pop group from Sweden (think Mama Mia.) **Abba**