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Learning English with Riddles

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Hi, everybody! I am Georgiana, your English teacher and founder of SpeakEnglishPodcast.com. My mission is to help you speak English fluently.

Today we are going to **learn English** in a fun way. You will learn new **English vocabulary** through fun **riddles**.

I will introduce you to some **popular riddles** and ask you to guess the correct answer. If you don't know what a riddle is, don't worry because I'll explain it to you.

And with a point of view lesson, you will **learn grammar** without memorizing any boring rules.

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All right. In today's episode, you will improve your English in a fun way with some fun **riddles**. You'll have to guess the answer to each riddle. Are you up for it? Don't worry; they're not complicated.

Come on, it's gonna be fun :)

But first, what's a **riddle**?

A riddle is a type of poem that works like a puzzle.

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They describe something and sometimes use words with double meanings.

First, I'll tell you a riddle, and then I'll wait 10 seconds to give you time to answer. But don't worry. If you need more time, you can pause the audio.

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Let's start!

1. Riddle: What has one eye but can't see?

Answer: A needle

Of course, the needle has an eye, but it cannot see since it is an object. Besides, the eye is empty.

2. Riddle: What has legs but doesn't walk?

Answer: A table

The table can't walk, but not because it is lazy but because it has another function. Most people can walk, but some prefer to sit all day.

3. Riddle: What can you catch but not throw?

Answer: A cold

In English, we use the expression **to catch a cold**. And it's not that we are chasing a cold. It's just an English expression.

4. Riddle: What kind of band never plays music?

Answer: A rubber band

A rubber band is a thin rubber ring that is used to hold things in place. It has multiple uses.

5. Riddle: What has many teeth but can't bite?

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Answer: A comb

You use the comb to style your hair, so the bristles should not be too sharp.

6. Riddle: What has words but never speaks?

Answer: A book

A book cannot talk because it has no mouth, but the author does speak through the words written in the book.

7. Riddle: What has a thumb and four fingers but is not a hand?

Answer: A glove

A glove has all the fingers a person has and protects our hands. They help protect us from the cold and also from aggressive detergents.

8. Riddle: What building has the most stories?

Answer: The library

A library is a fascinating place full of books, both fiction and non-fiction. It must be wonderful to work in a library and read a new story every week.

9. Riddle: What kind of coat is best put on wet?

Answer: A coat of paint

In English, we use the expression a **coat of paint**. When we paint a room, the first coat of paint is mandatory, and a second is optional.

10. Riddle: It belongs to you, but other people use it more than you do. What is it?

Answer: Your name

It is true; we use our name less than others. That's why I believe it's a big responsibility how we name our children so that they don't have to constantly spell their name.

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Did you have fun? Let's continue with a point of view lesson.

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Point of View Story

(Improve your grammar)

I'll tell you a short story more than one time. Every time, I'll change a grammar point. I can change the tense or the person. This way, you'll intuitively notice the changes.

I'll tell you a riddle. Here you will have to solve a logic question. I'll give you the solution at the end.

Let's start!

First in the **past tense**.

The father of two sons died, leaving a large inheritance. In the will, the father put this condition: The two sons had to race their horses. The slower horse would get the whole inheritance. So the sons looked for a place to organize this unusual competition. The race began, but each son deliberately slowed down his horse. They barely made any progress, and so it was impossible to finish the race. Not knowing what to do, they visited a wise man to ask him how they could solve this problem. After hearing the answer, they started racing again. This time, as fast as they could.

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Okay, now the same story in the **present tense**:

The father of two sons dies, leaving a large inheritance. In the will, the father puts this condition: The two sons have to race their horses. The slower horse will get the whole inheritance. So the sons look for a place to organize this unusual competition. The race begins, but each son slows down his horse deliberately. They hardly make any progress and so it is impossible to finish the race. Not knowing what to do, they visit a wise man to ask him how they can solve this problem. After hearing the answer, they start racing again. This time, as fast as they can.

What did the wise man tell the sons?

Well, it's the end of this point of view lesson.

Do you have the answer?

It's easy. Right?

Well, it's not easy at all. It's a complex problem.

The answer is this: The wise man tells them to swap their horses. That way, the son who wins the race gets the inheritance because he doesn't win with his horse; he wins with his brother's horse.

Clever, right? I wouldn't have guessed the right answer in a hundred years. :)

Ok, it's the end of this short lesson. As you can see, just by changing a point of view of the story, you can learn grammar intuitively.

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Ok, this is the end of this episode. Remember to listen to it several times. It will help with your English.

See you soon!
Bye! Bye!



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