Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Riddle: What kind of ___ do you put on wet?
Answer: A ___ of paint!

A. sock  B. coat
C. hat  D. shoe

Riddle: What kind of tree has hands?
Answer: A palm tree!
What are the two meanings of palm in this riddle?

A. the fruit of a tree
B. the inside of the hand
C. a tree with fan-like leaves

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

What are you doing?  I'm taking a long ___.
I'm trying to ___ my old record of 108 minutes!

A. nap  B. snack  C. break
Riddle: What animal is good at hitting a ball?
Answer: A bat!

What are the two meanings of bat in this riddle?

- A. a small furry animal that flies
- B. a strong wooden stick
- C. an animal that runs fast

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Brian: Did you ___ the show about the girl who always sat on her ___?

Tonya: Yes, she wanted to be on time for school every day!

- A. see
- B. try
- C. clock
- D. watch

Riddle: What animals are always watching their weight?
Answer: Fish – they take their scales with them everywhere they go!

What are the two meanings of scales in this riddle?

- A. tools for weighing things
- B. musical notes
- C. thin, flat structures on a fish’s body
Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Is it __ learning to skate?
The skating isn't bad. It's the ice that's __!

A. easy  B. flat  C. hard

Riddle: Why are athletes so cool?
Answer: Because they have many fans!
What are the two meanings of fans in this riddle?

A. objects that are used to make air move
B. things that stay cold
C. people who admire someone

Choose the word that fits both blanks.
Riddle: How does a cow find great ____ on her clothes?
Answer: She ____ from cattle-logs!

A. sales  B. spots
C. buys  D. prices
Riddle: Where do fish keep their money?
Answer: In the river bank!
What are the two meanings of bank in this riddle?

- A. the land along a river
- B. a wallet or purse
- C. a place where money is kept

Choose the word that fits both blanks.
Riddle: Why did the firefly munch on a ___ bulb at midnight?
Answer: It wanted a ___ snack!

- A. flower
- B. glow
- C. light
- D. shine

Choose the word that fits both blanks.
Young Robin Hood is going to a birthday party.
Robin, put a pretty ___ on the gift.
Yes, Mother!
No, dear, I don’t mean that kind of ___.

- A. sign
- B. bow
- C. note
Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Farmer Mac built a ___ for his two pigs. Then one pig said to the other, “Hey, we’re ___ pals now!”

A. box  
B. fence  
C. table  
D. pen

Riddle: What did the pencil say just before it took a test?  
Answer: I feel sharp today!

What are the two meanings of sharp in this riddle?  

A. having a pointed end  
B. having a clear mind  
C. having a strong taste

Riddle: Why is it dangerous to walk on a lawn?  
Answer: Because it’s covered with blades of grass!

What are the two meanings of blades in this riddle?  

A. thick, hard coats  
B. leaves  
C. the sharp parts of things that cut
Choose the word that fits both blanks.
Boy Clown: Do you know why a shark doesn’t eat clowns?
Girl Clown: Why?
Boy Clown: They taste ____!
Girl Clown: That’s not very ____!

☐ A. funny   ☐ B. cold
☐ C. sweet   ☐ D. warm

A toy shop put out a sign.
What are the two meanings of stuffed in this sign?

☐ A. filled with material
☐ B. stitched together
☐ C. ate too much food

Choose the word that fits both blanks.
A grizzly went up north to visit his cousin, a polar ____.
He came home after just one day because he couldn’t ____ the cold! Brr!

☐ A. fox   ☐ B. ice
☐ C. animal   ☐ D. bear
Choose the word that fits both blanks.

**Riddle:** What ____ of berries did the ____ lady give the scarecrow?

**Answer:** Strawberries!

A. sort  
B. kind  
C. brand  
D. type

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Yolanda is so talented. She plays in a rubber-_____ ____!

A. rope  
B. school  
C. team  
D. band

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Two workers from the Tasty Bread Shop got married. At their wedding, the guests used ____ to ____ the couple!

A. toast  
B. flour  
C. loaf  
D. wheat
Riddle: What do you have when two elephants jump in the pool?
Answer: A pair of swimming trunks!
What are the two meanings of trunks in this riddle?

- A. large storage boxes
- B. elephants’ noses
- C. shorts worn for swimming

Mario: Did you hear about the candle who fell in love?
Jenna: Yes, I heard he met the perfect match!
What are the two meanings of match in this riddle?

- A. a game of skill
- B. people who are right for each other
- C. a small stick used for lighting a fire

Riddle: What do you get when you throw a pumpkin in the air?
Answer: Squash!
What are the two meanings of squash in this riddle?

- A. a vegetable related to the pumpkin
- B. to press into a flat mass
- C. loud sound
Choose the word that fits all blanks.
For the school ____ , I wanted to ____ the baker. I had to ____ dough instead!

- A. party
- B. see
- C. yard
- D. play

Riddle: What bird is with you at every meal?  
Answer: The swallow!  
What are the two meanings of swallow in this riddle?

- A. to eat and take in food
- B. a small bird
- C. a bird’s beak

Choose the word that fits both blanks.  
Michael: What do you call the ____ a crying camel makes?  
Stephanie: I give up!  
Michael: A humpback wail!  
Stephanie: Ugh! That ____ strange!

- A. noises
- B. seems
- C. sounds
- D. sobs
Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Riddle: What kind of ____ can’t you eat?
Answer: A traffic ____!

A. jam  
B. cookie  
C. fruit  
D. sandwich

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

King Wing-Ding is a ____ who loves to measure. He goes to bed each night with a ____ to see how long he sleeps!

A. ruler  
B. stick  
C. tape  
D. clock

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Rachel is an artist who likes to ____ at home. In fact, she will ____ her curtains every night!

A. create  
B. draw  
C. fold  
D. work
Customer: Waiter, will my pancake be long?
Waiter: No, it will be round.
What are the two meanings of long in this joke?

- A. to take a while
- B. far away
- C. lengthy in shape

Riddle: Where do cars get the most flat tires?
Answer: Where there is a fork in the road.
What are the two meanings of fork in this riddle?

- A. a deep hole
- B. a tool for picking up food
- C. a place where something divides

Tony the plumber quit his job. He said the work was draining.
What are the two meanings of draining in this joke?

- A. tiring
- B. exciting
- C. to empty water from something
**Riddle:** When is a car not a car?

**Answer:** When it *turns* into a driveway!

**What are the two meanings of *turns* in this riddle?**

- A. goes a certain way
- B. travels downhill
- C. moves quickly
- D. changes

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**Choose the word that fits both blanks.**

We learned that when the ____ Ronaldo sisters say they don’t like oatmeal, they ____ it! Splat!

- A. shy
- B. fast
- C. toss
- D. mean

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**Choose the word that fits both blanks.**

**Riddle:** What’s the difference between a truthful person and a liar?

**Answer:** A truthful person ____ only at night but a liar ____ all the time!

- A. rests
- B. tells
- C. thinks
- D. lies
Teacher: Didn’t you miss school yesterday?
Student: No, not too much.
What are the two meanings of miss in this joke?

- A. a title used for a woman
- B. to fail to go somewhere
- C. to feel sad that someone or something isn’t nearby

Choose the word that fits both blanks.
At the concert, Darcy stood on a ladder ____ above the ground. She wanted to make sure she could reach the ____ notes!

- A. up
- B. way
- C. tall
- D. high

Choose the word that fits both blanks.
The time was a ____ to two. The first ____ of the Slam Ducks’ basketball game ended. An owl cheerleader called, “Whoo-ray! Whoo-ray!”

- A. period
- B. score
- C. quarter
- D. hour
Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Riddle: What happens when one goose ____ into another?

Answer: They get goose ____!

A. marks
B. slides
C. shakes
D. bumps

Riddle: Why did the girl run outside with her purse open?

Answer: She heard there would be change in the weather!

What are the two meanings of change in this riddle?

A. coins
B. act of becoming different
C. replace with another

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

To be ____ the ____-haired boy cut the banana exactly in half and shared a piece with his friend. You could say the two shared a banana split!

A. smart
B. fair
C. fast
D. patient
Riddle: Why is it hard to play cards on a ship?
Answer: Because someone is always sitting on the deck!
What are the two meanings of deck in this joke?

- A. a chair
- B. a set of playing cards
- C. the floor of a ship

Riddle: What do mountain climbers use for cooking?
Answer: A mountain range!
What are the two meanings of range in this riddle?

- A. a large stove
- B. a row or line
- C. heat

Student 1: Wow, how do you get straight A’s?
Student 2: It’s easy! Just use a ruler!
What are the two meanings of straight in this joke?

- A. not bent or crooked
- B. continuous, all the same
- C. at once
Riddle: Why did the basketball player bring a rope to the game?

Answer: She wanted to tie the score.

What are the two meanings of tie in this joke?

- A. to equal the score
- B. to make a knot
- C. to put on a shoe

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

A spy wrote on two ___ of paper and hid them. Then he got into bed, pulled the cotton ___ over his head, and went to work. He was an undercover agent!

- A. scraps
- B. pads
- C. sheets
- D. pieces

Riddle: What did the board say to the termite?

Answer: Stop boring me!

What are the two meanings of boring in this joke?

- A. making flat
- B. making a hole in
- C. making another tired by being dull
Choose the word that fits both blanks.
Granny forgot to wear her ____ this morning. She poured our juice into the flower vases and put flowers in the drinking ____!

- A. glasses
- B. coat
- C. socks
- D. hat

Choose the word that fits both blanks.
Woman: I hope you got me a big ____ for my birthday.
Man: Yes, I did. This alarm clock has the biggest ____ I’ve ever heard!

- A. ring
- B. flower
- C. watch
- D. noise

Choose the word that fits both blanks.
Wow, where did you get that ____? He made a ____ decision and hid behind poison ivy instead of helping set up the tents.

- A. rash
- B. cold
- C. fever
Riddle: What season is it when you are on a trampoline?
Answer: Spring!
What are the two meanings of spring in this joke?

- A. the season after winter
- B. to appear suddenly
- C. to jump up

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Riddle: What did the bald man say when a friend gave him a comb for his birthday?
Answer: Thank you. I’ll never part with it.
What are the two meanings of part in this riddle?

- A. a role in a play
- B. to go away from
- C. to make a line in the hair with a comb

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Riddle: Why was the horse so happy?
Answer: Because he lived in a stable environment.
What are the two meanings of stable in this riddle?

- A. a building where horses are kept
- B. firm or steady
- C. fun and interesting

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Choose the word that fits both blanks.
Darrell: I once ____ a carpenter who cut the ocean in half!
Kerri: Really? How?
Darrell: He used a sea- ____!

A. met  B. knew  C. called  D. saw

Teacher: What do you call the outside of a tree?
Jake: I don’t know.
Teacher: Bark, Jake, bark.
Jake: Bow-wow! Bow-wow!
What are the two meanings of bark in this joke?
A. a dog’s mouth  B. a plant’s leaves  C. the sound a dog makes  D. the outer covering of a tree

Choose the word that fits both blanks.
Riddle: What’s the best thing to drink when you’re ____ in a marathon?
Answer: You should drink ____ water!
A. competing  B. working  C. running  D. helping
Choose the word that fits both blanks.
Little Skunk turned to ____ his dad.
With a smile on his ____ he said, “Dad, when I grow up, I want to be a big stinker like you!”

A. mouth
B. see
C. face
D. head

Riddle: How do you fix a broken pizza?
Answer: With tomato paste!
What are the two meanings of paste in this riddle?

A. a glue-like mixture for sticking things together
B. a type of soup
C. a soft, creamy mixture used in cooking

Riddle: Why did the farmer plant some coins?
Answer: He wanted to raise some cash.
What are the two meanings of raise in this riddle?

A. collect
B. move up
C. cause to grow
Riddle: What's the tallest building in the world?
Answer: The library—it has the most stories!
What are the two meanings of stories in this riddle?

- A. tales
- B. stairs
- C. letters
- D. floors

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Riddle: What has stripes, four eyes, and ten legs?
Answer: Well, it's starting to toward your ___.

- A. creep
- B. head
- C. wave

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Riddle: What do you call a cow that's kneeling on the ___?
Answer: Why, ___ beef!

- A. soil
- B. grass
- C. steps
- D. ground
Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Your sister hurt her ____ and can’t write. Can you lend her a ____?

Sure! But can I have it back tomorrow?

A. foot   B. hand   C. neck

Riddle: Why is an eye doctor like a teacher?
Answer: They both test pupils.

What are the two meanings of pupils in this riddle?

A. students
B. openings that let light into the eyes
C. tools for checking eyes

Did you hear about the judge who went to a restaurant and tried the fish? He found it guilty!

What are the two meanings of tried in this joke?

A. tested by tasting
B. made a decision in a court case
C. made an effort
Riddle: Why is it hard for a cheetah to play hide-and-seek?
Answer: Because it’s always spotted!
What are the two meanings of spotted in this joke?

- A. looking for a place
- B. seen or found
- C. having dark patches

Riddle: What did one calculator say to the other calculator?
Answer: Don’t worry, you can count on me!
What are the two meanings of count in this riddle?

- A. to add up
- B. a rich man
- C. to depend or rely on

Riddle: Why is school like a kingdom?
Answer: Because they both have lots of subjects.
What are the two meanings of subjects in this riddle?

- A. written reports
- B. people ruled by a king or queen
- C. topics studied in school
Choose the word that fits both blanks.

When I went ice-fishing, I was hoping I would ___ some fish. I didn’t get any, but I did ___ a cold. Ah-choo!

A. see  B. catch
C. throw  D. pull

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Frankie forgot to ___ the box of frozen fish at his restaurant, and his pet ___ got to it. Now “Frankie’s Fish and Chips” is called “Frankie’s Chips.”

A. tape  B. cat
C. mark  D. seal

Riddle: Why was the patient surprised when the doctor gave her a bill?

Answer: She thought the doctor was going to treat her.

What are the two meanings of treat in this riddle?

A. to give medical care to
B. to pay for food or entertainment
C. to make an appointment
Riddle: How do you make a hot dog stand?
Answer: Take away its chair!
What are the two meanings of stand in this joke?

- A. to put up with
- B. to be upright on your feet
- C. a booth where things are sold

Riddle: Why is a losing sports team like a scrambled egg?
Answer: Because both are beaten!
What are the two meanings of beaten in this riddle?

- A. become tired
- B. lost a game or contest
- C. was stirred or mixed

Choose the word that fits both blanks.
After his song, the handsome singer took a ____ from the ____ of the ship. Oops, too far! Splash!

- A. seat
- B. bow
- C. ride
- D. step
Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Riddle: What did the left hand say to the ____ hand?
Answer: It must be nice to be always ____!

- A. other
- B. main
- C. pair
- D. right

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Knight 1: Why does the dragon have a ____ over his hands?
Knight 2: He burned them when he sneezed and tried to ____ his mouth!

- A. towel
- B. rag
- C. cover
- D. mat

Carla: Tennis is such a noisy game!
Tyrone: Why do you say that?
Carla: With tennis, there’s always a racket!
What are the two meanings of racket in this joke?

- A. a loud noise
- B. a frame with a net and handle used for hitting a ball
- C. a dishonest plan
Choose the word that fits both blanks.

**Dad:** Son, when I asked you to put a ____ on the envelope, I didn’t mean ____ it with your foot!

**Son:** Oops!

- A. stamp
- B. sticker
- C. note
- D. mail

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**Riddle:** What did one potato chip say to the other?

**Answer:** Shall we go for a dip?

What are the two meanings of dip in this riddle?

- A. to go in and out of water quickly
- B. a creamy food mixture
- C. a car ride

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**Riddle:** Why did the green tomato turn red in the refrigerator?

**Answer:** It saw the salad dressing!

What are the two meanings of dressing in this riddle?

- A. bread mixture
- B. a sauce for salad
- C. putting on clothes
Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Riddle: What do hens do after they drive to a _____ and _____ the car?

Answer: They have a peck-nic!

A. farm  B. lake
C. school  D. park

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

The brainy kid sat at home by a potted _____ and built a power ____ with his blocks. He stopped when he ran out of energy.

A. tree  B. plant
C. dirt  D. flower

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Riddle: What's the difference between teachers and conductors?

Answer: Teachers ____ the mind and conductors mind the ____.

A. teach  B. rail
C. grow  D. train
Did you hear about the teacher and students who tied their shoelaces together? They had a class trip!

What are the two meanings of trip in this joke?

- A. to fall or stumble
- B. to make a mistake
- C. to travel to a place

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

You’re never sick! What’s your secret for staying ____?
My family only drinks ____ water!

- A. well
- B. fit
- C. lucky

Riddle: What bird can lift heavy loads?
Answer: A crane.
What are the two meanings of crane in this riddle?

- A. a large water bird
- B. to stretch one’s neck to see better
- C. a machine with long arms for lifting
Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Riddle: When did the _____?
Answer: When the spider spied her.

☐ A. bug  ☐ B. moth
☐ C. toad  ☐ D. fly

Riddle: Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?
Answer: Because his students were so bright!

What are the two meanings of bright in this riddle?

☐ A. intelligent
☐ B. hard to see
☐ C. strong
☐ D. giving much light

Choose the word that fits both blanks.

Draw a _____ of a cat using only three letters.

Hmm. Let me this out.

I got it!

☐ A. shape  ☐ B. figure  ☐ C. drawing
Riddle: How did the carpenter break all of his teeth?
Answer: He kept biting his nails.
What are the two meanings of nails in this riddle?

- A. small, pointed pieces of metal
- B. thin, hard layers at the ends of fingers or toes
- C. thin strips of wood

Choose the word that fits both blanks.
At Happy Time Clown School, the teacher shows the class how to ____ on a mat and eat a ____ at the same time. She’s a good "____" model!

- A. sit
- B. roll
- C. turn
- D. stretch

Riddle: What is the poorest plant?
Answer: A vine, because it can’t support itself.
What are the two meanings of support in this riddle?

- A. to provide for by making money
- B. to grow tall
- C. to hold up
Choose the word that fits both blanks.
The two-headed monster ____ out of bed. He gave his wife a ____ and a kiss. As he left for work, he said, “Bye! Bye!”

- A. ran
- B. crept
- C. rose
- D. jumped

Riddle: Why did Humpty Dumpty have a great fall?
Answer: He wanted to make up for a terrible summer!

What are the two meanings of fall in this riddle?

- A. the season after summer
- B. to become less
- C. to drop from a higher place

Did you hear about the orchestra that had bad manners?
It didn’t know how to conduct itself!

What are the two meanings of conduct in this joke?

- A. to move
- B. to behave
- C. to lead or direct
Riddle: Who earns a living by driving their customers away?
Answer: Taxi drivers.
What are the two meanings of driving in this riddle?

- A. carrying in a car or other vehicle
- B. forcing to go away
- C. steering a car

Choose the word that fits both blanks.
After going to the art ___, the aliens will ___ their supplies on their flying saucers. They plan on doing space crafts!

- A. shop
- B. blast
- C. museum
- D. store
Choose the word that fits both blanks.
The turkey ____ the fox in a drumming contest. He could ____ fast and hard. Plus, he had his own drumsticks!

A. beat  
B. played  
C. tapped  
D. met

Riddle: How do you fix a broken pumpkin?
Answer: With a pumpkin patch!

What are the two meanings of patch in this riddle?

A. small piece of fabric  
B. small area where plants grow  
C. tool for fixing things