

Chapter 2

**We do not stop playing because we grow old,
we grow old because we stop playing!**

Riddles 1

Match the questions (1-10) with the answers (a-j).

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 7. What starts with the letter “t”, is filled with “t” and ends in “t”?
 8. Take away my first letter, and I still sound the same. Take away my last letter, I still sound the same. Even take away my letter in the middle, I will still sound the same. I am a five letter word. What am I?
 9. What has 4 eyes but can’t see?
 10. What starts with “P” and ends with “E” and has more than 1000 letters?
- a) A post office!
 - b) A teapot!
 - c) EMPTY
 - d) Mississippi
 - e) Short
 - f) Smiles, because there is a mile between each ‘s’
 - g) The letter E
 - h) The letter M
 - i) The letter V
 - j) The letter W

Anagrams

Can you work out the connection between the two columns?

Eskimos	some ski
Families	life's aim
Incompetents	inept men cost
Pirates	sea trip
Schoolmaster	the classroom
Shop lifter	has to pilfer

Vocabulary: inept = no skill at all, pilfer = steal

Funny Book Titles

Match the titles with the authors.

TITLES	AUTHORS
I Didn't Do It!	Alec Tricity
The Great	Freida
Escape	Convict
Under Arrest	Ivan Alibi
Unsolved	N. Iigma
Mysteries	
It's a Shocker	Watts E Dunn

Limericks

Practise reading the limericks aloud and hear/find the rhythm.

There was an old man of Madrid
Who ate sixty eggs - yes, he did!
When they asked 'Are you faint?'
He replied 'No, I ain't
But I don't feel as well as I did.'

There was a young man from Japan
Whose limericks never would scan.
When asked why that was,
He replied 'It's because
I always try to cram as many words into
the last line as I possibly can'.

Proverbs

Insert the words from the box into the spaces. The sentences in brackets are a brief explanation of the meaning of the proverb.

1. Don't _____ off your nose to spite your face. (don't overreact to a situation)
2. Don't _____ your dirty linen in public. (keep your private affairs private)
3. It's no use _____ over spilt milk. (what is done is done)
4. There's no point _____ a dead horse. (don't continue because the outcome has already been decided.)
5. Necessity _____ the mother of invention. (if you need something you will find a way)
6. Once _____ twice shy. (when you are scared to do something because you had a negative experience the first time you did it)
7. A rolling stone _____ no moss. (constantly changing thus never becoming attached to anything)
8. Some people can't _____ the wood for the trees. (unable to see the overall point)
9. A watched pot never _____. (a process appears to take longer if we only focus on that and do not engage in other activities)
10. You can't have your cake and _____ it. (you can't have the best of both worlds)

bitten, boils, crying, cut, eat, flogging, gathers, is, see, wash

Logic 1

Three boxes contain two coins each. One contains two nickels, one contains two dimes, and one contains a dime and a nickel. All three boxes are mislabeled.

If you are permitted to take out only one coin at a time, how many must you take out in order to be able to label all three boxes correctly?

Logic 2

Two barmen in London were looking at a barrel, which was partly filled with beer. One barman said to the other: "Look, it's more than half full." To which the other barman replied: "You're wrong, it's actually less than half full." How could they find out, without using any measuring devices or any equipment of any kind, if it was more or less than exactly half?

Word Combinations 1

Combine a word from the first column with a word from the second column.

arm	bag
back	brow
ear	chair
eye	lace
finger	line
hair	nail
hand	ring
head	stick
lip	style
neck	wards

Word Combinations 2

Combine a word from the first column with a word from the second column. The first part of the word combination may be in the second column.

back	brush
face	cap
hand	end
head	first
knee	flash
leg	in
spine	less
tooth	lift
voice	some
wrist	watch

Tense Challenge 1

Underline the correct form of the verbs in italics.

The Queen of Sheba was desperate - her best friend, Rowenna, *was captured/had been captured* by the terrible Bingoid tribe, and she *needed/had needed* someone to rescue her. She had three faithful knights, all of whom were equally courageous. But she *needed/had needed* to find a way of discovering which of these three knights was the the most intelligent and could rescue Rowenna.

So she *decided/had decided* to set the knights a test. She blindfolded each man and put a cap on each of their heads.

“Knights listen to your queen,” she said, “each of you is now wearing a red or a blue cap. When I take off your blindfolds, you are to raise your hand as soon as you see a black cap. But as soon as you know what color cap you yourself are wearing, put your hand down.”

She took off their blindfolds and straightaway all the knights put up their hands, because in fact the Queen *put/had put* a black cap on all of them. After a few minutes, one of the knights, Sir Galawas, *dropped/had dropped* his hand and proclaimed: “My cap is black”.

Question: How did Sir Galawas know that his cap *was/had been* black?

Ambiguous Headlines

Try to understand what makes the headlines ambiguous.

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Juvenile court to try shooting defendant

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Local high school dropouts cut in half

Sex education delayed, teachers request training

Riddles 2

Insert the words in the box into the blank spaces.

1. If you were in a _____ and passed the person in second place, what place would you be in?
Second place!
2. What goes up, but never comes down?
Your _____ !
3. What gets bigger and bigger the more you _____ away from it?
A hole!
4. How many _____ have 28 days?
All of them!
5. Which weighs more, a ton of _____ or a ton of bricks?
Neither, they both weigh a ton!
6. What is full of _____ but can still hold water?
A sponge!
7. What has two hands, a _____ face, always runs, but stays in place?
A clock!
8. Where does _____ come before work?
In the dictionary!
9. If a man is born in Turkey, grows up in Italy, comes to England and dies in Manchester what is he?
_____. .
10. What is it that no one wishes to have, yet no one wishes to _____ ?
A bald head.

age, dead, feathers , holes , lose, months, race, round, success, take

Tongue Twisters

Practise reading the tongue twister aloud. Then see if you can memorize and say it quickly without getting your tongue tied!

A tutor who tooted the flute
 Tried to tutor two tooters to toot.
 Said the two to their tutor:
 "Is it harder to toot,
 Or to tutor two tooters to toot?"

Logic 3

An Englishman was up in Edinburgh on business. One night he decided to go into the local pub for a pint of beer. The publican, a canny old man, said that if the Englishman could drink four pints of the local beer, he would give him another pint free. Otherwise, the Englishman would have to buy all the people in the pub a free round. The Englishman's eyes lit up and he agreed. The publican then produced a full eight pint jug of beer and two smaller empty ones - one five pint and one three pint. He then told the Englishman that if he wanted to get his free pint he would have to measure out exactly four pints using the three different jugs.

How did the Englishman win his fifth pint and avoid buying a round for the rest of the pub?

Anagrams

Create an anagram from the letters of the words in the first column. The anagram should correspond to the definition.

	ANAGRAM	DEFINITION
cures		profane or obscene expression usually of surprise or anger
diary		a farm where milk products are produced
deals		electric wires, cables
early		single thickness of usually some homogeneous substance
earth		the most important human organ
there		the number after two
field		archived
gates		section or portion of a journey or course
grown		based on or acting or judging in error
sweat		any materials unused and rejected as worthless or unwanted

Tense Challenge 2

An American scientist wanted to prove that the Loch Ness monster exists so he *decided/was decided* to prove it. All his photographic equipment *sent/was sent* from the USA to Loch Ness in Scotland where the scientist and his team *put/was put* it on a large boat. The scientist then *spent/was spent* a week on the Loch waiting for the monster to appear. Suddenly one night there was a terrible crash and the scientist *found/was found* himself face to face with the monster under the water. His boat *smashed/was smashed* to pieces by the monster, and the oil, which powered the boat, leaked onto the Loch. Every day the oil slick *doubled/was doubled* in size and Scottish environmental groups *became/were become* very worried. After 13 days half the Loch *covered/was covered* by the oil slick.

How many more days did it take to cover the entire Loch?

Word Ladder

Lewis Carroll, the author of *Alice in Wonderland*, enjoyed converting one word into another by changing one letter at a time. For example: H A T E > h a v e > h o v e > L O V E

See if you can convert BREAD into WHEET. You can use the clues in brackets to help you.

BREAD

_____ (have/raise young animals)

_____ (someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric)

CHEEP (sound a small bird makes)

_____ (not expensive)

_____ (copy during an exam)

WHEAT

Keys to Chapter 2

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The Great Escape by Freida Convict = freed a convict (i.e. a convict was freed)

Under Arrest by Watts E Dunn = What has he done?

Unsolved Mysteries by N. Igma = Enigma (mystery)

It's a Shocker by Alec Tricity = Electricity

Logic 1

Only one. Take it from the box labeled “Dime and Nickel”. Since you know all three boxes are mislabeled, the box contains two coins of the denomination you withdrew. Put the proper label on that box. Then simply switch the two remaining labels.

Logic 2

All they need to do is tilt the barrel at 45 degrees. If the edge of the surface of the beer touches the lip of the barrel at the same time as it touches the bottom of the barrel, then it must be half full/empty.

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Word Combinations 1

armchair, backwards, earring, fingernail, hairstyle, headline, lipstick, necklace

Word Combinations 2

flashback, facelift, handsome, headfirst, kneecap, legend, spineless, toothbrush, voiceless/invoice, wristwatch

Tense Challenge 1 (Simple Past vs Past Perfect)

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How did Sir Galawas know that his cap *was* black?

If Sir Galawas’s cap had been white, either one of his rivals would have known that his own was black, for the remaining man’s raised hand showed that he saw a black cap, and that couldn’t be Sir Galawas’s if his were white. Neither of the other two knights put their hands down to show they knew the color of their own cap, so Sir Galawas’s couldn’t have been white.

Ambiguous Headlines

Panda mating fails; vet takes over = It seems like the vet decided to mate with the panda.

Miners refuse to work after death = The ‘death’ in reality refers to a fellow miner. But here it seems like the miners have voted not to work after they have died.

Juvenile court to try shooting defendant = The ‘shooting defendant’ is someone who has been accused of shooting someone. To ‘try’ means to decide if someone is guilty or innocent. But here it seems that the members of the court are going to attempt to shoot the defendant.

Killer sentenced to die for second time in 10 years. = It seems like this is the second time the killer is going to die.

Red tape holds up new bridge = 'red tape' is a metaphor for bureaucracy. The real meaning is that bureaucracy is delaying the construction or opening of a bridge. But it seems that the new bridge is being held together by red tape (i.e. a narrow strip of material).

Astronaut takes blame for gas in spacecraft = *Gas* also means the gas produced by the human body.

Plane too close to the ground, crash probe told = This is not really ambiguous but simply ridiculous: if it crashed, it was obviously too close to the ground.

Local high school dropouts cut in half = A 'dropout' is someone who drops out of school, i.e. stops going to school. The real meaning is that the number of dropouts has fallen by 50%, but it seems that the poor students have had the top half of their body removed from the bottom half.

Sex education delayed, teachers request training = The training should refer to the teacher's skills in teaching sex education, but it seems like the teachers want to learn how to have sex themselves.

Riddles 2

1. race
2. age
3. take
4. months
5. feathers
6. holes
7. round
8. success
9. dead
10. lose

Logic 3

A = the 8-pint jug, B = 5, C = 3

The English starts with the following situation:

A B C

8 0 0

He then continues as follows

A B C

3 5 0 (5 from A to B)

3 2 3 (3 from B to C)

6 2 0 (3 from C to A)

6 0 2 (2 from B to C)

1 5 2 (5 from A to B)

1 4 3 (1 from B to C)

4 4 0 (3 from C to A)

Anagrams 2

curse

dairy

leads

layer

heart

three

filed

stage

wrong

waste

Tense Challenge 2 (Active vs Passive)

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Answer: One more day.

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