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Lateral Thinking
PUZZLES



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A collection of **12** of my favorite lateral thinking puzzles that I think you will enjoy. They are sure to give you the ultimate cerebral workout!

And don't forget to take the famous **WALLY TEST**

Good luck!

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ROMEO AND JULIET



Detective Smith finds Romeo and Juliet dead on the kitchen floor surrounded by broken glass. They were alone when they died. What killed them?

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RETURNED SOUP



A man returned his soup to the restaurant kitchen because there was a dead fly floating in it. When the waiter returned with a new bowl of soup, the diner was incensed to discover that it was exactly the same soup, simply with the fly removed. How did he know?

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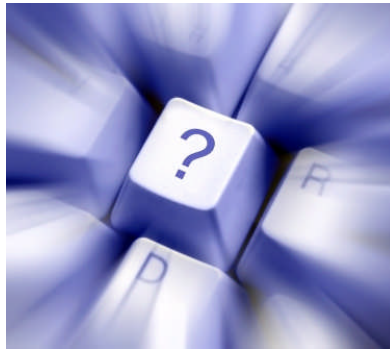
SIX EGGS



On the table is a carton containing six eggs. If six people each take one egg, how can it be that one egg is left in the carton?

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WHAT IS IT?



The maker does not need it, the buyer does not use it and the user uses it without knowing. What is it?

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THE LIGHT SWITCH



Three switches outside a windowless room are connected to three light bulbs inside the room. How can you determine which switch is connected to which bulb if you are only allowed to enter the room once?

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THE LOAN



A man buys an expensive item and then loans it to lots of people across the globe. They all use it before handing it back. Why would he be happy about this?

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THE RADIO



Fred is listening to the radio when it suddenly stops playing. Nobody is with Fred and nobody touches the radio. A few seconds later, the radio resumes playing. How can this be?

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THE BOOTS



Three men are walking across a green luscious field. Only two of them are wearing rubber boots and yet the feet of the third man remain dry. Why?

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THE LETTER



A Californian man with two hobbies decides after much thought to send a letter to a non-existent address. He's perfectly sane so why would he do this?

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THE RACE



Monica took part in a furiously competitive race, which she won due to her speed and agility. Despite this, she was not allowed to collect the winning trophy. Why?

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THE DENTIST



A woman had just moved to a new area and needed some dental work done. There were two dentists in the town and she visited them both. The first had a brand new office, he looked very well presented and good-tempered and had excellent teeth himself. The second had very bad teeth, a rather untidy office and was constantly in a bad mood caused by chronic toothache. So why did the woman decide to register with the second dentist?

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PRISONER'S ESCAPE



The guard of an open prison was given strict instructions not to allow any prisoner to leave the prison without release papers, or to allow any visitor into the prison without written permission from the governor. The guard watched over a strip of land which was the only way into or out of the prison. He knew it would take at least 9-10 minutes for anyone to cross the land, and so checked it every five minutes. How did a prisoner make a successful escape, despite having no release papers?

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THE WALLY TEST

Time limit 3 minutes. Write down your answers.

1. What is the last thing you take off before going to bed at night?
2. What gets longer when it is cut a both ends?
3. What was the first name of King George VI of England?
4. What do you call a fly without wings?
5. How many squares are there on a standard chessboard?
6. How many seconds are there in a year?
7. A man throws a ball three feet, it stops, and then returns to his hand without touching anything. How come?
8. What was the largest island in the world before Australia was discovered?
9. Why can a policeman never open the door in his pajamas?
10. If five dogs kill five rats in five minutes, how long does it take fifteen dogs to kill fifteen rats?

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THE ANSWER

1. Romeo and Juliet were goldfish whose bowl was knocked over by an intruding dog. They died from asphyxiation.

THE ANSWER

2. He had seasoned the soup with lots of pepper before seeing the dead fly.

THE ANSWER

3. The last person took the last egg, still in the carton!

THE ANSWER

4. A coffin.

THE ANSWER

5. Switch the first light on, leave for a minute, and then switch the second bulb on and enter the room. The recently turned-off light bulb will still be warm, the second one will be on, and the third one will be off and cold.

THE ANSWER

6. Because he has handed people his camera to take pictures of himself.

THE ANSWER

7. Fred was driving his car through a tunnel.

THE ANSWER

8. The ground was not wet.

THE ANSWER

9. The man is both a stamp collector and an Elvis Presley fan. The US Government issues an Elvis Presley commemorative stamp, which the man realizes will be much more valuable with a 'Return to Sender' stamp on the envelope.

THE ANSWER

10. Monica is the name of the horse that won the race.

THE ANSWER

11. If there are only two dentists in the town, the woman deduced that they must treat each other's teeth. Therefore the dentist with the bad teeth had treated and looked after the dentist with the good teeth.

THE ANSWER

12. When the guard was in his hut the prisoner began to walk away from the prison. He walked for nearly five minutes and then turned around and started to walk back towards the prison. When he reached the guard, he did not have any permission paper to enter, and so the guard sent him back – to his freedom!

Answers to the WALLY TEST

1. Your feet off the floor.
2. A ditch.
3. Albert. (he deferred to Queen Victoria's wish that no future king be called Albert.
4. A walk!
5. There are 2004 squares of varying sizes on a regular eight-by-eight chessboard.
6. Twelve – the second of January, the second of February, etc.
7. He throws it straight up.
8. Greenland. Australia is a continental landmass.
9. He does not have a door in his pajamas.
10. Five minutes.

RATE YOUR SCORE:

8 to 10	Wally is that you?
6 to 7	Smarty Pants!
3 to 5	Wow! Ok...
0 to 2	Try it again, Sam.

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