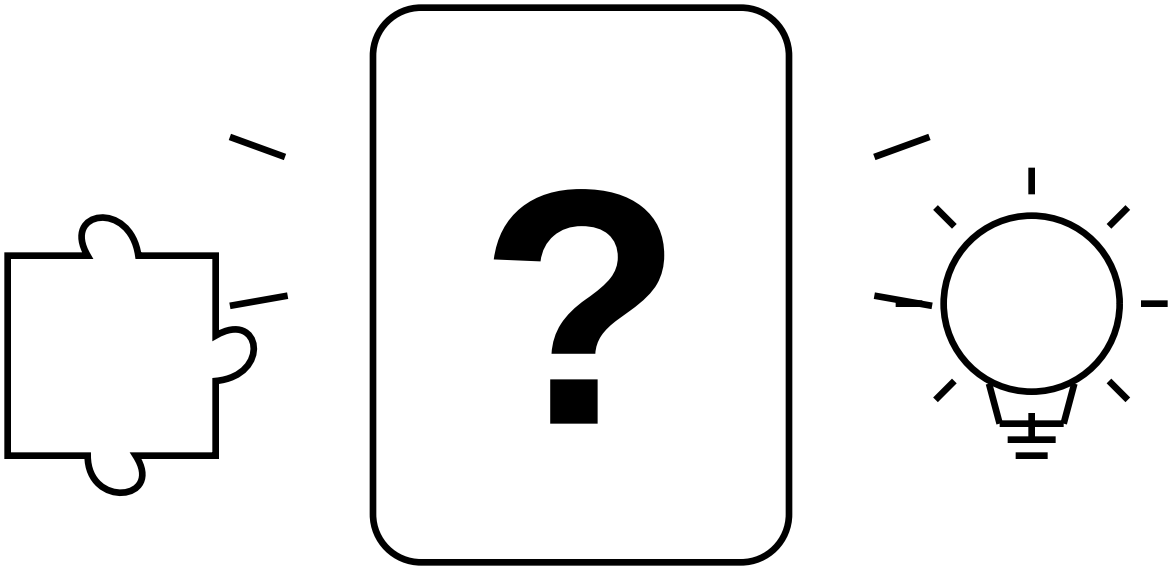
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Easy & Everyday Riddles

1. The Colorful Box

I have many colors inside me, but I am not a rainbow. Children use me to draw pictures on paper. What am I?

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I have two handles and two shiny blades. Open and close me carefully, and I can cut paper into different shapes. What am I?

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Math & Logic Riddles

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I am twice as old as my son. Ten years ago, I was three times his age. How old am I now?

17. The Library Return

A library cart holds 18 books. Six are returned to shelves, and then four new books are added to the cart. How many books are on the cart now?

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I start with 5. Double me, add 6, and divide the result by 2. What number do you get?

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I am a number between 20 and 40. One-third of me is the same as one-fourth of 36. What number am I?

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I am a two-digit number. My digits add up to 9, and my tens digit is twice my ones digit. What number am I?

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A 60-foot rope is cut into 60 pieces, each 1 foot long. What is the fewest number of cuts needed if you cut only one piece of rope at a time?

22. The Consecutive Numbers

Three consecutive odd numbers add up to 81. What are the three numbers?

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A train travels at 60 miles per hour. How far does it travel in 45 minutes?

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Three bags contain 18 puzzle tokens altogether. The second bag holds twice as many tokens as the first, and the third holds three times as many as the first. How many tokens are in the third bag?

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I am a two-digit number. My digits add up to 11. When my digits are reversed, the new number is 27 less than the original number. What number am I?

26. Street Numbers

House numbers on a street start at 1 and continue consecutively. If all the house numbers from 1 through the last house add up to 990, what is the number of the last house?

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What number comes next in this sequence: 2, 6, 12, 20, 30, ___?

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There are chickens and cows in a barn. Altogether there are 10 heads and 28 legs. How many cows are there?

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