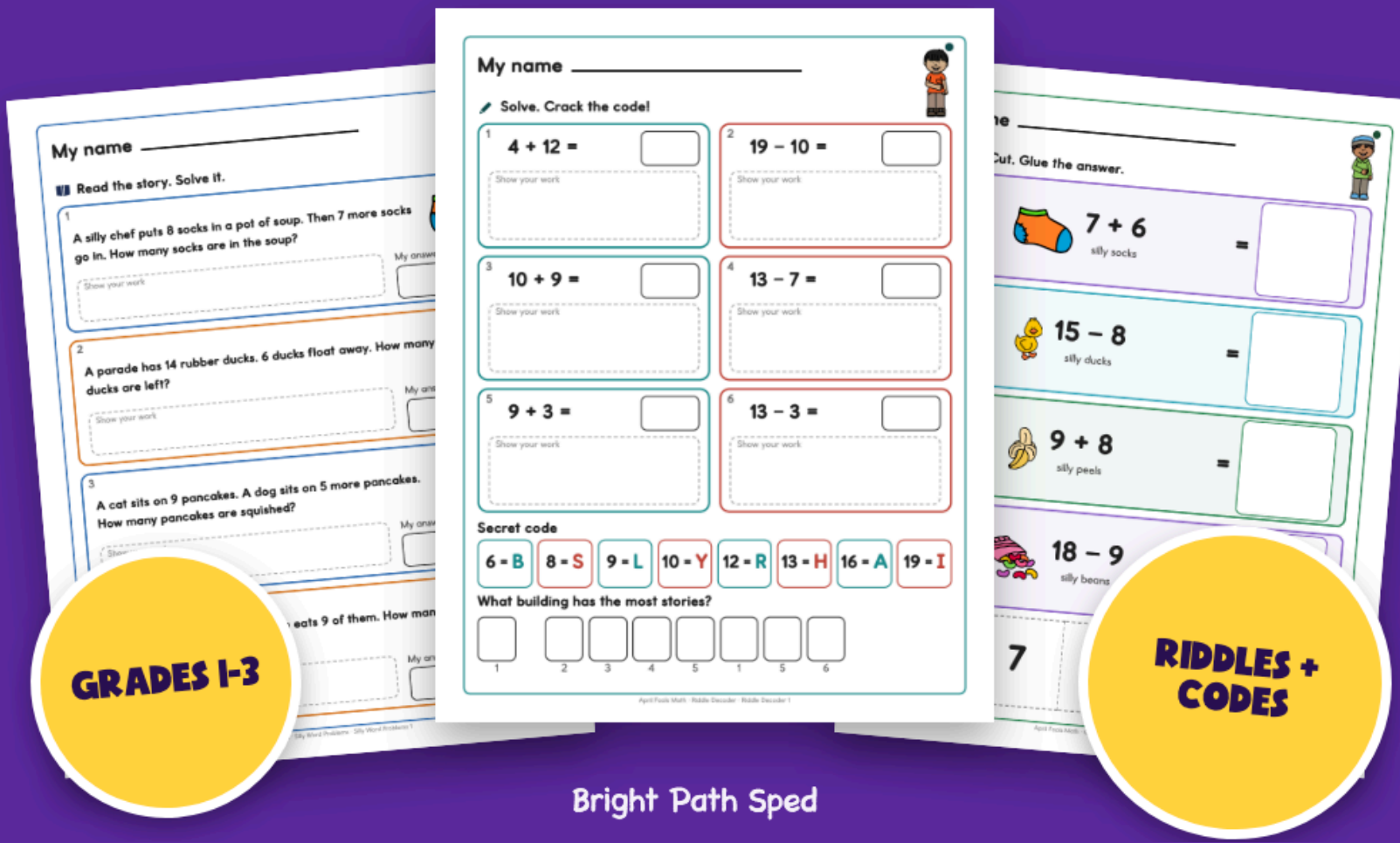
APRIL FOOLS MATH





Trick Questions, Riddles, Word Problems



GRADES 1-3

RIDDLES + CODES

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MY APRIL FOOLS MATH FOLDER

Tricks, riddles and silly stories



My name _____

My class _____

My teacher _____

Start date _____

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My name _____



Think hard. It is a trick!

1

A farm has 14 sheep. All but 6 run away. How many sheep are still on the farm?

Show it or draw it

My answer

2

There are 6 apples on a table. You take away 4. How many apples do YOU have?

Show it or draw it

My answer

3

How many months of the year have 28 days?

Show it or draw it

My answer

4

Which is heavier: a pound of feathers or a pound of rocks?

Show it or draw it

My answer

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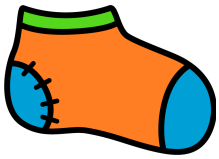
My name _____



Read the story. Solve it.

1

A silly chef puts 8 socks in a pot of soup. Then 7 more socks go in. How many socks are in the soup?



Show your work

My answer _____ socks

2

A parade has 14 rubber ducks. 6 ducks float away. How many ducks are left?



Show your work

My answer _____ ducks

3

A cat sits on 9 pancakes. A dog sits on 5 more pancakes. How many pancakes are squished?



Show your work

My answer _____ pancakes

4

A jar has 16 jelly beans. A clown eats 9 of them. How many jelly beans are left?



Show your work

My answer _____ jelly beans

PREVIEW

My name _____



Read the story. Solve it.

1

A silly cook puts 4 pancakes on each plate. There are 6 plates. How many pancakes are there in all?



Show your work

My answer _____ pancakes

2

A giant has 35 jelly beans to share equally in 5 jars. How many jelly beans go in each jar?



Show your work

My answer _____ jelly beans

3

A parade of rubber ducks lines up in 7 rows. There are 6 ducks in each row. How many ducks are in the parade?



Show your work

My answer _____ ducks

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My name _____



Solve. Crack the code!

1 **4 + 12 =** ☐

Show your work

2 **19 − 10 =** ☐

Show your work

3 **10 + 9 =** ☐

Show your work

4 **13 − 7 =** ☐

Show your work

5 **9 + 3 =** ☐

Show your work

6 **13 − 3 =** ☐

Show your work

PREVIEW

Secret code

6 = B	8 = S	9 = L	10 = Y	12 = R	13 = H	16 = A	19 = I

What building has the most stories?

☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
1	2	3	4	5	1	5	6

My name _____



Solve. Crack the code!

1 **9 × 4 =** ☐

Show your work

2 **4 × 8 =** ☐

Show your work

3 **4 × 7 =** ☐

Show your work

4 **7 × 5 =** ☐

Show your work

5 **81 ÷ 9 =** ☐

Show your work

6 **30 ÷ 5 =** ☐

Show your work

PREVIEW

Secret code

6 = E	9 = L	18 = X	19 = H	28 = O	32 = B	35 = T	36 = A

What has a neck but no head?

☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
1	2	3	4	4	5	6

My name _____



Is it true or a trick? Circle it.

1

9 + 6 = 15

TRUE TRICK

right answer

2

14 − 5 = 10

TRUE TRICK

right answer

3

8 + 7 = 16

TRUE TRICK

right answer

4

17 − 9 = 8

TRUE TRICK

right answer

5

15 − 7 = 22

TRUE TRICK

right answer

6

11 + 5 = 16

TRUE TRICK

right answer

PREVIEW

My name _____



Find the mistake. Fix it.

1

A shelf has 6 rows of 4 books. How many books are on the shelf? Sam says: 10.

What went wrong? Circle one.

- ◯ added instead of multiplying
- ◯ took away instead of sharing
- ◯ stopped before the last step

right answer

2

24 stickers are shared equally in 4 jars. How many stickers are in each jar? Sam says: 20.

What went wrong? Circle one.

- ◯ took away instead of sharing
- ◯ added instead of multiplying
- ◯ stopped before the last step

right answer

3

A bag has 30 marbles. 4 goats each take 6 marbles. How many marbles are left in the bag? Sam says: 24.

What went wrong? Circle one.

- ◯ added instead of multiplying
- ◯ took away instead of sharing
- ◯ stopped before the last step

right answer

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My name _____



Solve. Cut. Glue the answer.



46 + 28

silly pancakes

=



91 – 35

silly hats

=



53 + 39

silly balloons

=



80 – 47

silly balls

=

66	33	74	56	92

PREVIEW

My name _____



Pick words for your story.

Silly things

socks	pancakes	rubber ducks	jelly beans
sneakers	balloons	bananas	marbles

Who or where

a silly chef	a giant	a clown	a goat
a robot	a silly zoo	a parade	a bakery

Story starters

A silly ____ has ____ ____.

Each box holds ____ ____.

How many ____ are left?

Then ____ more ____ come.

Some ____ go away.

How many ____ in all?

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My name _____



Write a trick question.

My trick question

The sneaky answer:

Why it tricks you

My picture

Draw it here

My friend's answer:

Did it trick them? YES NO

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Answer Key 2

Each number is the item number on its page.

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1) 4 + 12 = 16, letter A
2) 19 − 10 = 9, letter L
3) 10 + 9 = 19, letter I
4) 13 − 7 = 6, letter B
5) 9 + 3 = 12, letter R
6) 13 − 3 = 10, letter Y

Riddle: What building has the most stories? A LIBRARY

Page 12 · Riddle Decoder 2

1) 39 + 29 = 68, letter A
2) 90 − 26 = 64, letter T
3) 57 + 19 = 76, letter O
4) 82 − 15 = 67, letter W
5) 28 + 15 = 43, letter E
6) 53 − 29 = 24, letter L

Riddle: What gets wetter the more it dries? A TOWEL

Page 13 · Riddle Decoder 3

1) 9 × 4 = 36, letter A
2) 4 × 8 = 32, letter B
3) 4 × 7 = 28, letter O
4) 7 × 5 = 35, letter T
5) 81 ÷ 9 = 9, letter L
6) 30 ÷ 5 = 6, letter E

Riddle: What has a neck but no head? A BOTTLE

Page 14 · Riddle Decoder 4

1) 7 × 6 = 42; 42 − 8 = 34, letter A
2) 5 × 3 = 15; 15 − 9 = 6, letter G
3) 5 × 8 = 40; 40 − 3 = 37, letter L
4) 4 × 4 = 16; 16 − 5 = 11, letter O
5) 5 × 7 = 35; 35 − 2 = 33, letter V
6) 7 × 4 = 28; 28 − 5 = 23, letter E

Riddle: What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive? A GLOVE

How the decoder works

Each problem has one answer. The code at the bottom of the page turns that answer into a letter. The small number under each blank says which problem gives the letter. Two pairs in each code are not used: they are there so a student cannot just count down the list.

If a letter looks wrong

The riddle is a real word, so a letter that spells nonsense means one answer is off. Have the student recheck the problem that gives that letter.

A way to use them

Read the riddle aloud before anyone solves a problem. Some students like to guess the answer first, then solve to see if they were right.

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Tracker

For each page, write the date and how many were right. A blank row means not done yet, never wrong.

Student _____ Teacher _____ School year _____

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10	Silly Word Problems 4			3	
11	Riddle Decoder 1			6	
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14	Riddle Decoder 4			6	
15	True or Trick?			6	
16	Find the Mistake 1			4	
17	Find the Mistake 2			3	
18	Cut and Glue 1			4	
19	Cut and Glue 2			4	
20	Cut and Glue 3			4	

PREVIEW

April Fools Math at Home

Send this page home with a child. Three tricks to try at the table.

Student _____ Week of _____

How to play at home, in three steps

- Read one trick question out loud, slowly. Do not hint.
- Let your child answer, then ask: "How do you know?"
- Read the answer at the bottom of the page together, and talk about why it works.

1. There are 9 apples on a table. You take away 3. How many apples do YOU have?

My answer ☐

2. A farm has 10 sheep. All but 3 run away. How many sheep are still on the farm?

My answer ☐

3. You are in a race. You pass the runner in 3rd place. What place are you in now?

My answer ☐

Make up your own trick

Think of a question that sounds hard but has a sneaky answer. Write it here.

_____

_____

Answers (grown-ups): 1) 3. You took 3, so you have 3. The table has 6 left.; 2) 3. All but 3 means 3 stay. The other 7 ran away.; 3) 3rd. You took that runner's spot, so you are in 3rd place.

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