

Five Minutes to Go



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Funny Sentences

Here is a collection of strange signs that have been seen around the world that you may enjoy sharing with your students—with appropriate explanations! You can use them in various ways, for example asking just what is wrong or getting students to correct them.

Private school:

NO TRESPASSING WITHOUT PERMISSION.

Hotel bedroom, Japan:

GUESTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SMOKE OR DO OTHER DISGUSTING BEHAVIOURS IN BED.

Doctor's surgery, Rome:

SPECIALIST IN WOMEN AND OTHER DISEASES.

Cocktail lounge, Norway:

LADIES ARE REQUESTED NOT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN THE BAR.

Zoo, Hungary:

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUITABLE FOOD, GIVE IT TO THE GUARD ON DUTY.

River highway:

TAKE NOTICE: WHEN THIS SIGN IS UNDER WATER, THIS ROAD IS IMPASSABLE.

Poster:

ARE YOU AN ADULT THAT CANNOT READ? IF SO, WE CAN HELP.

Restaurant:

OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, AND WEEKENDS TOO.

Automatic hand dryer in public lavatory:

DO NOT ACTIVATE WITH WET HANDS.

Maternity ward:

NO CHILDREN ALLOWED.

Hotel brochure, Italy:

THIS HOTEL IS RENOWNED FOR ITS PEACE AND SOLITUDE. IN FACT, CROWDS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD FLOCK HERE TO ENJOY ITS SOLITUDE.

Hotel, Yugoslavia:

THE FLATTENING OF UNDERWEAR WITH PLEASURE IS THE JOB OF THE CHAMBERMAID.

Hotel, Moscow (opposite Russian Orthodox monastery):

YOU ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE CEMETERY WHERE FAMOUS RUSSIAN AND SOVIET COMPOSERS, ARTISTS, AND WRITERS ARE BURIED DAILY EXCEPT THURSDAY.

From the *Soviet Weekly*:

THERE WILL BE A MOSCOW EXHIBITION OF ARTS BY 15,000 SOVIET REPUBLIC PAINTERS AND SCULPTORS. THESE WERE EXECUTED OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.

Laundry, Rome:

LADIES, LEAVE YOUR CLOTHES HERE AND SPEND THE AFTERNOON HAVING A GOOD TIME.

Tourist agency, Czechoslovakia:

TAKE ONE OF OUR HORSE-DRIVEN CITY TOURS. WE GUARANTEE NO MISCARRIAGES.

Airline, Copenhagen:

WE TAKE YOUR BAGS AND SEND THEM IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

And for your teacher's eyes only :

Men's lavatory, Japan:

TO STOP LEAK TURN COCK TO THE RIGHT

Hotel bedroom, Japan:

YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAMBERMAID.

Hotel, Zurich:

BECAUSE OF THE IMPROPRIETY OF ENTERTAINING GUESTS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX IN THE BEDROOM, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE LOBBY BE USED

Distractors

Text to copy

Can you read this?

If you can read this, you have a strange mind. Only 55 people out of 100 can. I don't believe that I could actually understand what I was reading. The phonological power of the human mind, according to a research at Cambridge University, it doesn't matter in what order the letters in a word are, the only important thing is that the first and last letter be in the right place. The rest can be a total mess and you can still read it without a problem. This is because the human mind does not read every letter by itself, but the word as a whole. Amazing huh? Yeah and I always thought spelling was important! if you can read this forward it.

If you can read this, your brain is 50% faster than those who can't.

Controversial Statements

Here are some great controversial statements to get the conversation going. Use them in various ways. Give one or a few to students for pair/group discussion. Or casually toss one of these statements yourself into the conversation at an appropriate moment. Or organize a debate.

- A woman's place is in the home.
- Fare-dodging on a train or bus is ok if you can get away with it.
- Boys and girls should not have equal education.
- A foreign language cannot be taught. It must be learned.
- A country gets the government it deserves.
- A man should have a wife for the family and a mistress for pleasure.
- All property should be owned by the state.
- Murderers should be executed.
- Soft drugs like marijuana should be legalized.
- Beauty is only a matter of taste.
- Riches are for spending.
- We are all basically selfish.
- Punishment never has any good effect.
- Those who can do, those who can't teach.
- You will be happier if you stay unmarried.
- People work better if they are paid more.
- Committing suicide should be made legal.
- Royalty and democracy are incompatible.

Debate topic and/or long answers questions

1. What is better or more economical : taking a bath or a shower?
2. Where is life better : Québec or Vancouver?
3. Should you get married and have children before the age of 30?
4. Should you buy a house or rent an apartment?
5. Which sport is more interesting : hockey or basketball?
6. Which school subject will be more helpful : Math or English?
7. What is better : a strict teacher or a comprehensive teacher?
8. Is Elvis Presley really dead?
9. Should you paint a room the colour red?
10. Should hunting be abolished?
11. Are the school rules acceptable?
12. Should all schools have mandatory uniforms?
13. What is better : having a great personality or being very intelligent?
14. Who is more important in a family : the mother or the father?
15. Should abortions be illegal?
16. Is it better living in a big city or in the countryside?
17. Would the world be a better place if it was governed by women?
18. Should dancing be an Olympic sport?
19. What is more interesting : South America or Europe?
20. Should English classes be every day?

Invent a Story

Sentence Starters

Once in a while, I get really obsessed with a song...

I looked at her dancing in the mirror...

I pinched my lips – I did not want her to see that I was smiling...

I was so nervous, I was about to meet my idol...

I did not know what to answer when he asked me that question...

I loved to wear tank tops and flip flops...

Rudi has been cutting my hair for 10 years now...

The first time she kissed her...

I had prepared a red cake...

I did not want to open my suitcase. I wanted the smell of the ocean to stay there forever.

I know that happy people have interesting stories to tell...

Miko had been laughing all week...

The priest was tired after the ceremony...

After that event, everything changed...

I changed so much just by knowing this person...

Alfonso was the best pizza maker in Rome...

One morning, my clothes didn't fit anymore.

It was a bad idea to paint the room red...

When I saw my daughter for the first time...

Chocolate filled donuts are my favourite...

Draw the picture

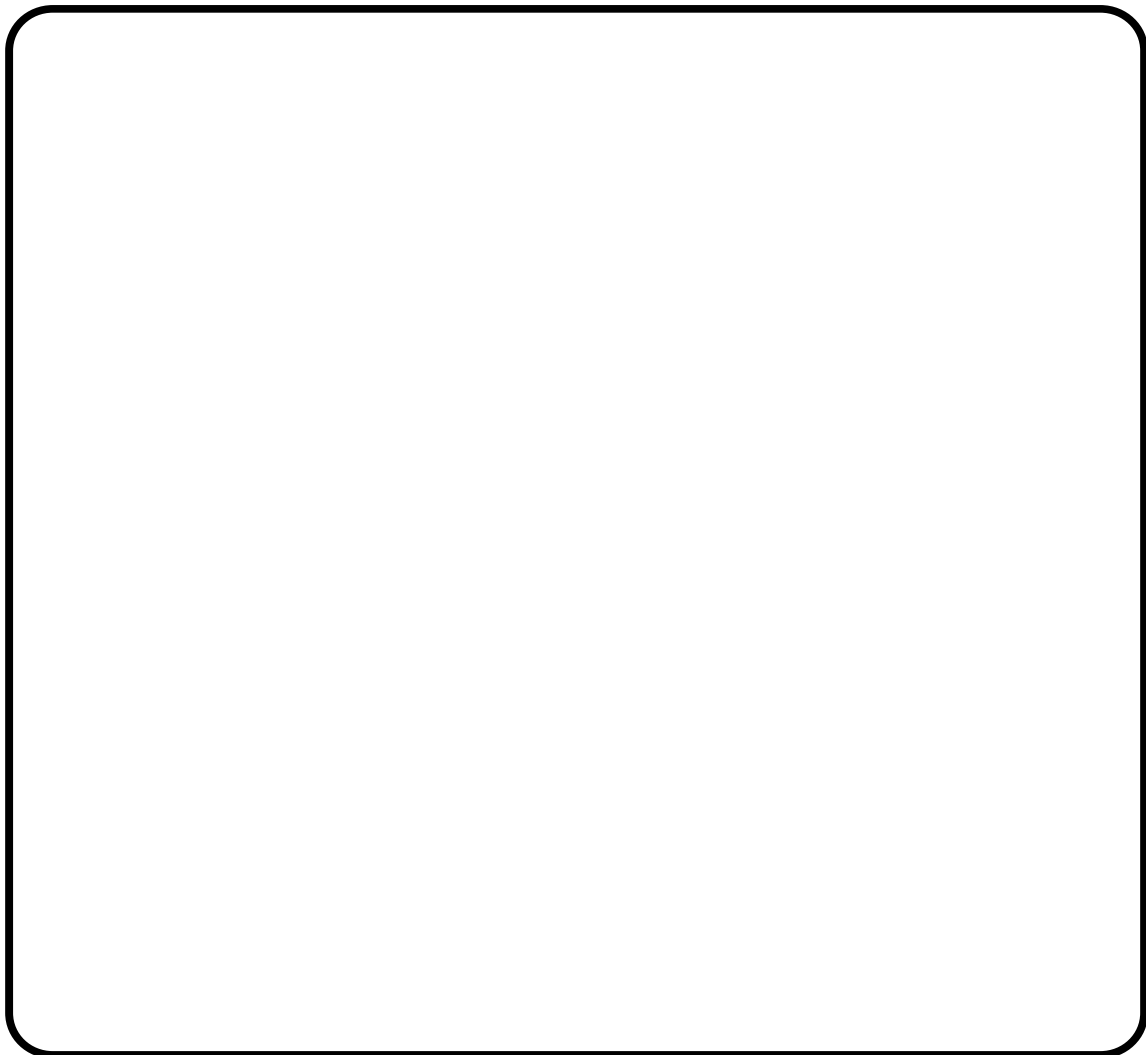
Read and Draw

STUDENT A

In a Small Village

Read the following text and illustrate it.

In a small village, there is a church. Next to the church is the school, separated by a school yard and across from the church is the general store. Three maple trees are between the school and the church. There is a flag on the roof of the school. In front of the school is a car. By the car is a woman. She is walking with her dog.



Draw the picture

Read and Draw

STUDENT B

In My Bedroom

Read the following text and illustrate it

My bedroom is a bit messy... My bed is located under the window. On the bed are 2 pillows and dirty clothes (a t-shirt and jeans). Next to my bed is my desk. Under my desk are at least 4 different socks, not matching. On the wall behind my desk is my favorite poster. My desk is loaded with school stuff (pencil case, a binder, 4 books) and my watch is there too. On the other side of my bed is a night table with a lamp and a radio on it. Between the night table and the bed is my school bag. My annoying brother is hiding under my bed sheets with his toy dinosaur (we can see its tail coming out of the sheets).



How to...

Have students describe to another student how to do these following things...

1. How to start a car.
2. How to put on make-up.
3. How to change a flat tire.
4. How to cook a Moussaka.
5. How to use a photocopier.
6. How to make a cup of tea.
7. How to make an omelette.
8. How to change a baby's diaper.
9. How to make a phone call.
10. How to play golf.
11. How to make Kraft dinner.
12. How to download a song.
13. How to start a barbecue.
14. How to record a TV show.
15. How to learn English.
16. How to draw a flower.
17. How to play hockey.
18. How to text messages on a cell phone.
19. How to ask a girl/boy on a date.
20. How to eat with chopsticks.

Improvisations

The Small Ad. For sale/To rent/Friendship. Student A has seen a classified ad in the paper. Student A decides for herself the subject of the ad. She then chooses any other student (Student B, who has placed the ad) and calls her about it. "I'm calling about your ad for a live-in nanny..."

The Hypochondriac. Student A is a hypochondriac determined to have as many pills as possible. He consults Student B who is a doctor strongly averse to giving out pills willy-nilly.

The Loan. Asking to borrow. Then asking for repayment.

The Career Counselor. Student A has lost her job. She consults a career counselor about a suitable new profession. Lots of questions and advice (modals).

The Clairvoyant. Student A consults a clairvoyant. Asks questions about lover, money, health etc.

Parent(s) and Child. Child returns home late/doesn't want to go to bed/doesn't want to get up etc.

At the Pearly Gates. Individual interviews with St Peter to gain admission.

The Journalist and the Famous Actress. 1- Journalist tries to get interview. 2-Interview takes place. 3- Actress is not at all happy with what is printed and complains (to journalist or editor etc).

Directions. A young girl stops passers-by in the street and asks for help/directions in finding an address.

Telephone Chain. Student A calls any student (Student B) about anything. When conversation is finished, Student B calls any student (Student C) to retell what was said. Keep the chain going. Must be fast. Good for warm-up. The answering student must make the next call (to maintain the dynamic).

The Tourist. Student A goes to another country (or planet) and calls home to tell Student B all about it.

The Chance Meeting. Two people who have not met for 5 years meet in a café/at a cocktail party etc. Ex-girlfriend, ex-boss etc.

The Answering Machine. Student A calls B and gets answering machine (B's voice). Leaves message.

The Fire. Detective or journalist interviews witnesses (one of whom may be a suspect) about what they saw/heard/did. (The Fire can be changed to a Bizarre Noise, Disappearance, Murder, Theft etc). Lots of questions and past simple.

The Hold-up. Group of gangsters planning a hold-up. "Stop. Now it's two days after the hold-up and you're all in prison. Now discuss what actually happened, whose fault etc." Could be a Hi-jacking.

Socio-economic Inquiry/Comparison. Journalist interviews other students about their countries (hours, mentality, capital, pay, recreation etc). Suitable for mixed-nationality classes.

Television Interview. Filmstar, politician, sportsperson etc.

Television Program. Presenter interviews group of presidential candidates (or writers, film-makers etc).

The Amnesiac. Student A is in bed in hospital, having lost his memory. The other Students are medical staff, police officers, visitors (family, friends etc) who try to bring memory back. They must be careful. A shock could be fatal.

Press Conference. Group of journalists interview a politician (or sportsperson, filmstar etc).

The Extra-terrestrials. Two female aliens have come to Earth. Their appearance is totally human. Their mission is to procreate because they need to repeople their planet. They accost any unsuspecting male they can find, asking discreet questions to test them and so find suitable mates. They must be careful not to reveal the truth to the males because this will frighten them.

The Putsch. 1 Why: Guerrilla chief explains to followers. 2 Commitment: one or two outsiders want to join - therefore interview to test suitability. 3 Preparation: planning meeting. 4 Afterwards (in prison): interview with journalist about what went wrong.

The Neighbour. A neighbour who needs to sleep or revise etc knocks on door and complains about the noise from a party.

Dictations

Appointments

Read the times and dates any way you like. If you repeat them (as you should), you can vary the format (for example "two fifteen pm" and "quarter past two in the afternoon").

- a. 2.15pm Thursday June 25th
- b. 4.40pm January 12th
- c. noon Wednesday April 27th
- d. 2.05am Saturday August 19th
- e. 5.50pm 1/5/2004

Flight Schedule

The flight times should be read in the 24-hour format (for example "oh-seven-forty", "thirteen-thirty").

- a. Departure Paris Terminal 2a 12:25 May 3rd, flight AF157
- b. Arrive Hanoi 07:40 May 4th
- c. Wait in Transit Lounge C
- d. Departure Hanoi 11:45 February 25th, flight TH263
- e. Arrive Bangkok 13:30 December 23rd

Money

Change the currencies as you wish. You could also introduce the international currency abbreviations if appropriate.

- a. 97 pence
- b. 367 Swiss Francs
- c. \$200.50
- d. ¥5,630,000
- e. 250 Euro

Names

You'll need to spell these names. They are constructed with letters that give many native French-speakers problems. You may want to invent your own, depending on the language of your students.

- a. Mr George Jeffrey Jnr
- b. Miss I.E. Weider
- c. Mrs S.R Haney-Gaspari
- d. Sir Athie Houghey
- e. Judge J.G. Haamer

Numbers & Symbols

Read each question as a calculation (for example, for (c) you would say "Sixty times two all divided by ten"). Ask students to calculate the answer. If they've heard you correctly, the calculation is very simple. Don't read out the answers (which are shown in square brackets []).

- a. $(17 \times 2) + 6 = 40$
- b. $1,000,601\text{FF} + 901,000\text{FF} [= 1,901,601\text{FF}]$
- c. $(60 \times 2) / 10 [= 12]$
- d. $\pounds 724,510 @ 10\% \text{ per year} [= \pounds 72,451]$
- e. $1,050 + 100.50 [= 1,150.50]$

Telephone Numbers

Students should be able to reproduce groups of numbers, not just the numbers individually.

The Odd One Out

Underline the word that does not belong in the category and identify the category of the rest of the words. Be ready to explain your choice.

Eg : guitar, violin, elbow, piano, flute

Music instruments

Category

1. jello, cake, soup, pie, fruit salad
2. banana, cake, pear, pineapple, kiwi
3. Fiat, Mercedes, BMW, Audi, Saab, Mini Cooper
4. Whale, salmon, trout, shark, rabbit
5. Lasagna, linguini, spaghetti, orzo, rice
6. Turnip, pea, spinach, peach, celery
7. Cookies, chips, nachos, salted peanuts, pretzels
8. Ankle, bone, wrist, thigh, shoulder
9. Dark, blue, yellow, black, orange
10. Lipstick, pencil, book, eraser, ruler
11. Cold, snow, ice, slippery, Acapulco
12. Pork, beef, chicken, tofu, rabbit
13. Necklace, watch, bracelet, ring, hair
14. Grapefruit, mango, grapes, potato, cherry
15. presents, clown, sad, happy, children
16. Andy, Trisha, Paul, Ian, Kevin
17. Porcupine, bear, fly, fox, squirrel
18. Icecream, milk, cheese, crackers, yoghurt
19. Wine, water, beer, scotch, gin
20. Big, tiny, huge, gigantic, enormous

Interview questions

Discuss these questions with one of your friends.

1. What is your last name ?
2. Can you spell it ?
3. What ingredients does your mom put in her spaghetti sauce ?
4. What did you do last night ?
5. Describe your room.
6. Describe your father.
7. What is your favourite subject in school and why ?
8. What are your hobbies ?
9. What is your favourite sport ? How often do you practice it ?
10. Where do you live ?
11. Do you like school ? Why ? Why not ?
12. Why is English difficult (or easy) for you ?
13. Which English tv shows do you watch ?
14. Did you ever visit an English province ? Where ? When ?
15. Do you speak another language ? Spanish ? Italian ? Arabic ?
16. Do you have a pet ? What's his/her name ?
17. What is your favourite meal ?
18. Describe your best friend.
19. What do you do every night ?
20. What are your plans for next weekend ?
21. What would you like to eat every day ?
22. What kind of car do your parents have ? What colour is it ?
23. What do you eat for breakfast on the weekend ?
24. Where do you study in your house ? Your room ? The living room ?
Why ?
25. Name a country that sounds interesting to you and why.
26. Describe the clothes you are wearing today.
27. What is your favourite clothes store ? Why ?
28. Do you watch movies ? Do you like horror ? Drama ? Science-fiction ?
29. What is your mom's last name ?
30. Where was your mother born?

Five Things in Common

Find 5 things in common with a partner of your choice. My partner is _____.

*E.g. Isabelle and I both visited Italy.
We both have a birthday in the fall.
We have no sisters.*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Find 5 things in common with a partner of your choice. My partner is _____.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Tongue Twisters

Denise sees the fleece, Denise sees the fleas.
At last Denise could sneeze and feed and freeze the fleas.

The thirty-three thieves thought that they thrilled the throne throughout
Thursday.

Clean clams crammed in clean cans.

I wish to wish the wish you wish to wish, but if you wish the wish the witch
wishes, I won't wish the wish you wish to wish.

Santa's Short Suit Shrunk

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice-cream!

Wayne went to Wales to watch walruses.

What a terrible tongue twister, what a terrible tongue twister, what a
terrible tongue twister...

A big black bug bit a big black dog on his big black nose!

How many cookies could a good cook cook if a good cook could cook
cookies? A good cook could cook as much cookies as a good cook
who could cook cookies.

Green glass globes glow greenly.

The queen in green screamed

Bulbs - This is one of my favourite logic puzzles with a real life solution. Imagine you are in a room with 3 switches. In an adjacent room there are 3 bulbs (let's say in lamps which are on a regular table), each switch belongs to one bulb. All are off at the moment. It is impossible to see from one room to another. No help from anybody else is allowed.

How can you find out which switch belongs to which bulb, if you may enter the room with the bulbs only once?

Ball in a Hole - A table tennis ball (= a ping pong ball) fell into a tight deep pipe - it is about 30 cm long, buried in concrete pavement, having firm metal bottom, only 1 cm of the pipe is above the ground so it can not be moved. The pipe was only a bit wider than the ball, so you can not use your hand.

How would you take it out, with no damage?

The Man in the Elevator - A man lives on the tenth floor of a building. Every morning he takes the elevator down to the lobby and leaves the building. In the evening, he gets into the elevator, and, if there is someone else in the elevator - or if it was raining that day - he goes back to his floor directly. Otherwise, he goes to the seventh floor and walks up three flights of stairs to his apartment. How come?

(This is probably the best known and most celebrated of all lateral thinking logic puzzles. It is a true classic. Although there are many possible solutions which fit the initial conditions, only the canonical answer is truly satisfying.)

Ball - How can you throw a ball as hard as you can and have it come back to you, even if it doesn't hit anything, there is nothing attached to it, and no one else catches or throws it?

Sheikh's Heritage - An Arab sheikh tells his two sons to race their camels to a distant city to see who will inherit his fortune. The one whose camel is slower will win. The brothers, after wandering aimlessly for days, ask a wise man for advice. After hearing the advice they jump on the camels and race as fast as they can to the city.

What does the wise man say?

Philosopher's Clock - This is an old logic puzzle. One philosopher had a clock, which he had forgotten to wind up. He had no other clock, watch, radio, TV, phone or any other device telling the time. So when his clock stopped he went to a friend (road from one house to another is flat plane only), stayed there the whole night and when he came home, he knew the right time.

How could he know?

Head Bands - Three white men were taken captive by a hostile Indian tribe. The chieftain was willing to let them go so he took them to a tepee, where there was no light. He put one head band on each of their heads (he had 3 white and 2 red - so 2 head bands were not used). Then they went out in a queue so that each man saw the head-band of those standing in front of himself (the first one did not see any head band, the second one saw the first one's head band, and the third one saw the head bands of the two others). If somebody said the colour of his head-band, they all would be free. After a quiet while one of them said: "My head-band is ...".

What colour was his head band? And how would you reason it?

Further conditions:

You have to assume that all the prisoners are fairly intelligent and have confidence in the

intelligence of their fellow prisoners.
An incorrect guess deems them to imprisonment.
Only one guess can be made by the group.

Brick - An old riddle is as follows: One brick is one kilogram and half a brick heavy.
What is the weight of one brick?
(This is a typical elementary **math brain teaser**.)

Strange Coins - I have two US coins totaling 55 cents. One is not a nickel.
What are the coins?

What is Correct - Is it correct that seven and five is thirteen or seven and five are thirteen?

Trains - A train leaves New York for Boston. Five minutes later another train leaves Boston for New York, at double the speed. Which train will be closer to New York when they encounter?

Fly - Two trains 200 km from each other are moving at the speed of 50 km/hour towards each other. From one train a fly takes off (at the moment the trains are 200 km from each other), flying straight (upon the rails) to the other train at the speed of 75 km/hour, bounces away from it and flies back to the first train. This is repeated till the trains crash into each other and the fly is smashed.
What distance is the fly able to fly until its death?
(There is a complicated and an easy way to solve this math brain teaser.)

Midnight - If it were two hours later, it would be half as long until midnight as it would be if it were an hour later. What time is it now?

Reservoir - One reservoir has four taps. Using the first takes two days to saturate the reservoir, the second tap three days, the third four days and the last one 6 hours.
How long will it take to fill the reservoir using all 4 taps at once?

Car - A military car carrying an important letter must cross a desert. There is no petrol station on the desert and the car has space only for petrol that lasts to the middle of the desert. There are also other cars that can transfer their petrol to one another.
How can the letter be delivered?

Belt - A magic rectangular belt always shrinks its length to $1/2$ and width to $1/3$ whenever its owner wishes something. After three such wishes, its surface was 4 cm^2 .
What was the original length, if the original width was 9 cm ?

Enigmas Solutions

Bulbs - Keep the first bulb switched on for a few minutes. It gets warm, right? So all you have to do then is ... switch it off, switch another one on, walk into the room with bulbs, touch them and tell which one was switched on as the first one (the warm one) and the others can be easily identified ...

Ball in a Hole - All you have to do is pour some water into the pipe so that the ball swims up on the surface.

The Man in the Elevator - The man is a midget. He can't reach the upper elevator buttons, but he can ask people to push them for him. He can also push them with his umbrella.

Ball - Throw the ball straight up in the air.

Sheikh's Heritage - The wise man told them to switch camels.

Philosopher's Clock - Clocks can measure time even when they do not show the right time. You just have to wind the clock up and...
We have to suppose that the journey to the friend and back lasts exactly the same time and the friend has a clock (showing the correct time) - it would be too easy if mentioned in the riddle.

Now there is no problem to figure out the solution, is there?

Head Bands - The first one (he did not see any head bands) thought this way:
The last one is silent, which means, he does not know, ergo at least one of head bands he sees is white. The one in the middle is silent too even though he knows what I already mentioned. If I had a red head band, the second one would have known that he had a white head band. However, nobody says anything, so my head band is not red – my head band is white.

Brick - There is an easy equation which can help:

$1 \text{ brick} = 1 \text{ kg} + 1/2 \text{ brick}$

And so 1 brick is 2 kg heavy.

Strange Coins - This was just a catch question. One of the coins is really not a nickel because nickel is the other coin.

What is Correct - Of course, adding seven to five makes twelve and not thirteen.

Trains - Of course, when the trains encounter, they will be *approximately* the same distance away from New York. The New York train will be closer to New York by *approximately* one train length because they're coming from different directions. That is, unless you take "meet" to mean "perfectly overlap".

Fly - There is a complicated way counting a sequence. Or simply knowing that if the fly is flying the 2 hours still at the same speed of 75 km/h then it flies a distance of 150 km.

Midnight - 9 p.m.

Reservoir - Because there are 24 hours in one day, in one hour fills the first tap $1/48$, the second tap $1/72$, the third tap $1/96$ and the fourth tap fills $1/6$ of the reservoir. That is all together $(6+4+3+48) / 288 = 61/288$. The reservoir will be full in $288/61$ hours, which is 4 hours 43 minutes and about 17 seconds.

Car - There are 4 cars needed, including the car with the important letter (which travels to the middle of the desert). Its empty tank must be filled to the top to get to the end of desert. The way between the military base (where the cars and petrol is) and the middle of the desert can be divided into 3 thirds. 3 cars will go in their thirds back and forth and overspilling $1/3$ of their tanks. This way the tank of the important car will be filled and the letter will be delivered.

Belt - The original length of belt was 96 cm.

Mimes

- cut on lines and make students come up to the front of the class and pick a slip of paper.
- The student must first understand what it is written on the paper and then students must guess what he/she is doing.

Hop on one foot while holding the other	Change the baby's diaper	Drink a cup of coffee	Drive a car during rush-hour	Pick up trash
Do sit-ups	Lock a door	Eat spaghetti	Wash a car's windshield	Meet a friend unexpectedly
Put on make-up	Play with a kitten	Mow the lawn	Eat with chopsticks	Scrub a dirty pan
Take a dog for a walk	Use a computer	Sing an opera song	Dance the waltz	Wash the windows

Vocabulary Games

9 ways to review vocabulary

1. Write definitions

- Hand out slips of paper or 3X5 cards with a vocabulary word. Individually, students write a definition for the word on their slip of paper and pass it back to the teacher.
- Silently reads through definitions to check for grammar mistakes and to make sure definitions are clear.
- Once all the definitions are handed in, read each definition aloud for the students and they have to guess which word is being described.

2. Guess as quick as you can

- Divide your students into two or three groups.
- One volunteer from each group sits in a chair with their backs to the board, facing their group.
- Write a word on the board so that the volunteer can't see the word.
- Each group must give hints to their volunteer so that their volunteer guesses the word first. The first one to guess the word gets a point for their team.

3. Write a sentence with two cards

- Prepare 2 stacks of cards. First stack: Write a different vocabulary word on each card.. Second stack: Write a different topic on each card: food, furniture, pets, sports, body parts, summer, school, colours, etc.
- Give each student one of the vocabulary words under review and ask them to use that word in a sentence that relates somehow to the topic card (that you draw at random from the stack and show to students). Ask a few students randomly what they wrote.

4. Write, spell and draw

- First, divide the class into 2 teams.
- With one student from each team at the chalkboard, ask them to write a number, then spell the word you give them, then draw a picture. After each task, a point is awarded to the team that gets it right and that finishes first: Example: "235 highways+ illustration". It makes students listen very closely to your instructions.

5. Words On the walls

- Write down words from past lessons and put them on small strips of paper.
- Put these strips of paper up on the walls and students have to walk around the class and make up a sentence for each word.

6. Bingo

- Ask the students to use a dictionary to find the definitions for the words you want to review.
- Then, have students put the words into a BINGO board.
- Read the definitions written by the students and allow students to review their lists in order to review important terms and find the words on their board.

7. Race to the board

- List all new words and cut them into cards or strips and stick them to the board.
- Students are split into two teams and as you read out the definition of a word, both students run to the board and the first one to find the correct word grabs it and takes it back to their team.
- Then the next two students repeat the activity followed by the next two students. The team with the most words at the end of the game wins.

8. Mime, Speak or Draw

- Next to each word you want to review write M for mime or S for speak or D for draw.
- Divide the class in two groups.
- One student from each group comes forward, you show the card and he/she goes quickly back to his/her group to mime, draw or speak (depending on what was written on the card) so that the others can guess the word. You keep the score.

9. Categories

- Ask your students to classify words to review into 3 categories:

Words I definitely know

Words I know but need to revise

Words I don't know

Ideas taken from Cranium Game – Drawing guessing game and Sculpting Game

Using paper and pencil or play-dough, here is a list of words to play the game

Draw dough)	Draw with eyes closed	Sculpt (with play
Beaver	third eye	igloo
Computer	bikini	pumpkin
Mouse	bird's nest	toothbrush
Chicken fingers	bottle	Olympic Stadium<
Prisoner	apple	rabbit
King size bed	baseball field	straw (drink)
Man	tattoo	shoes
Bungee jump	skyscraper	spaghetti
Ant	star	knife
Crocodile	lamp post	cookie sheet
After shave	octopus	wallet
Answering Machine	eyelashes	phone
Police	piano	computer
Salad	tricycle	poutine
Picasso	volcano	two eggs and bacon
Shrimp	school bus	acupuncture
Banana	snake	corn-on-the-cob
Beatle (car)	alarm clock	Jesus
Teacher	helicopter	bra
Pencil	zipper	contact lenses
Lawn-mower	Québec	cowboy boots

SCATTERGORIES

	Letter _____	Letter _____
1. Body part		
2. flower		
3. colour		
4. car		
5. music group		
6. dessert		
7. sport		
8. furniture		
9. school supply		
10. job		

	Letter _____	Letter _____
1. junk food		
2. clothes		
3. alcohol		
4. animal		
5. singer		
6. country		
7. fruit		
8. store name		
9. actress		
10. school subject		