
What Am I? Riddle Deck

60 Progressive 3-Clue Puzzles

Ages 7–9 • 9 Themed Categories • 5 Game Modes

Print, cut, shuffle. Each card has a different theme and three progressive clues that move from hardest to easiest. Perfect for birthday parties, scavenger hunts, classroom warm-ups, and rainy afternoons. Free download from [Riddlelicious.com](https://www.Riddlelicious.com).

How to Play

Setup (5 min): Print all 16 card pages and the answer key. Cut along the gridlines — you have 60 cards.

Pick a game mode:

- **Classic** — Read clue 1, pause, then clue 2, then 3. 3 pts for clue-1 solve, 2 pts clue-2, 1 pt clue-3.
- **Team vs. Team** — Two teams buzz in; wrong answer passes next clue to the other team.
- **Riddle Relay** — Hide cards around the room. Solving each reveals the location of the next.
- **Reverse Riddler** — Give kids the answer; they write their own 3-clue riddle following the pattern.
- **Detective Brief** — Use 8 riddles as case evidence; solutions reveal the final treasure location.

Difficulty Tier Guide

Level	Best riddle numbers
Just-starting (7)	1–8, 17–24, 37–42
Confident (8)	9–16, 31–36, 55–60
Advanced (9+)	25–30, 43–48, 49–54

#1 — Animals

Clue 1: My eyes can look in two different directions at the same time.

Clue 2: I catch my food by shooting out my tongue at lightning speed.

Clue 3: I'm a lizard famous for changing the color of its skin.

Answer: Chameleon

#2 — Animals

Clue 1: I have three hearts and blue blood.

Clue 2: When threatened I squirt a cloud of dark ink and escape.

Clue 3: I live in the ocean and have eight long arms covered in suckers.

Answer: Octopus

#3 — Animals

Clue 1: I use sound waves to find my way in darkness.

Clue 2: I sleep upside down hanging from my feet.

Clue 3: I'm the only mammal that can truly fly.

Answer: Bat

#4 — Animals

Clue 1: I sleep with half my brain awake so I remember to breathe.

Clue 2: I communicate with clicks and whistles and leap out of the water.

Clue 3: I look like a fish but I'm a warm-blooded mammal that lives in the sea.

Answer: Dolphin

#5 — Animals

Clue 1: I get my colour from the tiny shrimp I eat.

Clue 2: I stand on just one leg, even when I'm sleeping.

Clue 3: I'm a tall pink bird that lives near lakes and lagoons.

Answer: Flamingo

#6 — Animals

Clue 1: My front teeth never stop growing, so I keep gnawing on wood.

Clue 2: I build dams across rivers using sticks, mud, and stones.

Clue 3: I have a flat paddle-shaped tail and I'm one of nature's best builders.

Answer: Beaver

#7 — Animals

Clue 1: I produce silk that, for its size, is stronger than steel.

Clue 2: I weave an intricate trap and wait for my dinner.

Clue 3: I have eight legs and you might find my web sparkling with dew.

Answer: Spider

#8 — Animals

Clue 1: My heart pumps extra hard because my brain is far from my body.

Clue 2: No two of us have the same pattern of patches.

Clue 3: I'm the tallest animal on Earth, munching treetops with my long neck.

Answer: Giraffe

#9 — Science & Nature

Clue 1: Deep inside me, temperatures reach over 1,000 degrees.

Clue 2: When I erupt I send hot lava, ash and smoke into the sky.

Clue 3: I'm a mountain with a fiery temper and a crater at the top.

Answer: Volcano

#10 — Science & Nature

Clue 1: I can be millions of years old, but I'm still around to find.

Clue 2: I'm the remains of something once alive, preserved in rock.

Clue 3: Dinosaur bones and ancient seashells pressed into stone are examples of me.

Answer: Fossil

#11 — Science & Nature

Clue 1: I travel at 270,000 mph — one of the fastest things in nature.

Clue 2: My loud rumbling friend always arrives after me.

Clue 3: I'm a bright jagged flash of electricity during a storm.

Answer: Lightning

#12 — Science & Nature

Clue 1: I can wait in the soil for years until conditions are right.

Clue 2: I need water, warmth and sunlight to begin my journey.

Clue 3: Tiny, but given time I grow into a flower, vegetable, or tree.

Answer: Seed

#13 — Science & Nature

Clue 1: I grow downward instead of upward.

Clue 2: Cold air and dripping water are how I form.

Clue 3: I'm a pointed spike of ice hanging from rooftops in winter.

Answer: Icicle

#14 — Science & Nature

Clue 1: I appear when light and water vapour meet at the right angle.

Clue 2: Legend says treasure waits at one of my ends.

Clue 3: I'm an arc in the sky with seven colours, often after rain.

Answer: Rainbow

#15 — Science & Nature

Clue 1: I have no light of my own — I shine because the Sun lights me up.

Clue 2: My pull is the reason the ocean's tides rise and fall.

Clue 3: I'm a round rocky friend who orbits the Earth.

Answer: Moon

#16 — Science & Nature

Clue 1: I move so slowly you'd need a year to notice me sliding.

Clue 2: I'm made of compressed snow layered over thousands of years.

Clue 3: I'm a giant river of ice in cold mountain or polar regions.

Answer: Glacier

#17 — Everyday Objects

Clue 1: I'm useless on sunny days and a hero on wet ones.

Clue 2: I have ribs but no body, and I open with one click.

Clue 3: You hold me over your head when rain falls.

Answer: Umbrella

#18 — Everyday Objects

Clue 1: I'm always cold inside, no matter how warm the room.

Clue 2: I have shelves and a light that turns on when you open me.

Clue 3: I keep your food fresh until you're hungry.

Answer: Refrigerator

#19 — Everyday Objects

Clue 1: I have many keys but I cannot open a single door.

Clue 2: I have letters from A to Z but I can't read them.

Clue 3: You press my keys to type words on a computer.

Answer: Keyboard

#20 — Everyday Objects

Clue 1: I'm hard on the outside and soft on the inside.

Clue 2: I have straps to keep me snug and vents to keep you cool.

Clue 3: I protect your head when you ride a bike.

Answer: Bicycle Helmet

#21 — Everyday Objects

Clue 1: I'm bristly, small, and visit your mouth twice a day.

Clue 2: I have a partner called paste and we work together.

Clue 3: I scrub your teeth clean morning and night.

Answer: Toothbrush

#22 — Everyday Objects

Clue 1: I get smaller every time I do my job.

Clue 2: I bubble and foam when water meets me.

Clue 3: I wash dirt and germs off your hands.

Answer: Soap

#23 — Everyday Objects

Clue 1: I always tell the truth, even when it's awkward.

Clue 2: I copy everything you do but I never speak.

Clue 3: You look into me to see yourself.

Answer: Mirror

#24 — Everyday Objects

Clue 1: I rest on your back and carry your school day.

Clue 2: I have straps, zippers, and many pockets.

Clue 3: Books, lunches and pencil cases live inside me.

Answer: Backpack

#25 — Extra Tricky

Clue 1: I copy you everywhere, but I disappear when the sun hides.

Clue 2: I'm always dark, no matter what colour you wear.

Clue 3: I'm the dark shape that follows you on a sunny day.

Answer: Shadow

#26 — Extra Tricky

Clue 1: You can't see me but you can hear me move trees.

Clue 2: I push sailboats and turn windmills.

Clue 3: I'm moving air that blows across the world.

Answer: Wind

#27 — Extra Tricky

Clue 1: I happened, but you can never see me again.

Clue 2: I'm always one day behind today.

Clue 3: I'm the day that comes before now.

Answer: Yesterday

#28 — Extra Tricky

Clue 1: I have a north and a south; two of me the wrong way push each other away.

Clue 2: I pull certain metals through paper, plastic, even water.

Clue 3: I stick to fridge doors and make compasses work.

Answer: Magnet

#29 — Extra Tricky

Clue 1: I've worked for thousands of years without batteries.

Clue 2: Flip me over and tiny grains trickle through my middle.

Clue 3: I'm two glass bulbs that measure time with sand.

Answer: Hourglass

#30 — Extra Tricky

Clue 1: I get shorter the longer I work.

Clue 2: I produce light and warmth without electricity.

Clue 3: Light my wick and I flicker, often on a birthday cake.

Answer: Candle

#31 — Mythology & Legend

Clue 1: I die in flames but that's how I'm reborn.

Clue 2: Ancient stories say I live for hundreds of years between rebirths.

Clue 3: I'm a legendary firebird that rises from my own ashes.

Answer: Phoenix

#32 — Mythology & Legend

Clue 1: I'm half one thing, half another, and you'll meet me in Greek myths.

Clue 2: My top half is human; my bottom half gallops.

Clue 3: I have a human head and a horse's body.

Answer: Centaur

#33 — Mythology & Legend

Clue 1: My father was an ocean god and my mother a wild horse.

Clue 2: I helped a hero named Bellerophon defeat the Chimera.

Clue 3: I'm a winged horse from Greek mythology.

Answer: Pegasus

#34 — Mythology & Legend

Clue 1: I live trapped in a giant maze built to hold me.

Clue 2: Theseus came to fight me with the help of a ball of string.

Clue 3: I have the head of a bull and the body of a man.

Answer: Minotaur

#35 — Mythology & Legend

Clue 1: I'm a famous swimmer in stories.

Clue 2: Sailors used to think they heard me singing on the rocks.

Clue 3: I have a human top half and a fish tail.

Answer: Mermaid

#36 — Mythology & Legend

Clue 1: I'm a giant who lives in a cave and dislikes visitors.

Clue 2: Odysseus tricked me by saying his name was Nobody.

Clue 3: I have one eye in the middle of my forehead.

Answer: Cyclops

#37 — Sports & Hobbies

Clue 1: I'm round and patterned with black-and-white shapes.

Clue 2: Eleven people on each team try to push me through a net.

Clue 3: I'm the most-played sport's ball on Earth.

Answer: Soccer Ball

#38 — Sports & Hobbies

Clue 1: I have four wheels but never on a traffic road.

Clue 2: I help you grind rails, drop ramps and pop tricks.

Clue 3: I'm a wooden deck on wheels — the kickflip is named after me.

Answer: Skateboard

#39 — Sports & Hobbies

Clue 1: Newton's laws love me — I send you back as hard as you push.

Clue 2: I'm round or rectangular with a stretchy bouncy fabric.

Clue 3: I'm a backyard favourite that turns the floor into the ceiling.

Answer: Trampoline

#40 — Sports & Hobbies

Clue 1: I have two wheels and a chain linking them.

Clue 2: You sit on me, push pedals in turn, and steer with handlebars.

Clue 3: Once balance clicks you can ride me without training wheels.

Answer: Bicycle

#41 — Sports & Hobbies

Clue 1: I fly because I spin, not because I have an engine.

Clue 2: Dogs love chasing me almost as much as kids do.

Clue 3: I'm a flat plastic disc you throw across a field.

Answer: Frisbee

#42 — Sports & Hobbies

Clue 1: I'm a battle that needs zero shouting and only one square at a time.

Clue 2: I have a king, a queen, two knights, and castle-shaped pieces.

Clue 3: I'm an ancient board game where the goal is to corner the king.

Answer: Chess

#43 — Numbers & Math

Clue 1: I'm a number, but on my own I count nothing.

Clue 2: Put me to the right of any digit and I make it ten times bigger.

Clue 3: I look like an empty oval and mean none.

Answer: Zero

#44 — Numbers & Math

Clue 1: I'm the shape with the smallest number of sides possible.

Clue 2: Three corners and three sides — that's all of me.

Clue 3: A pizza slice or a yield sign — that's me.

Answer: Triangle

#45 — Numbers & Math

Clue 1: I have three hands but I cannot hold anything.

Clue 2: I have twelve numbers in a circle but no calculator inside.

Clue 3: I tick all day and tell you when school ends.

Answer: Clock

#46 — Numbers & Math

Clue 1: I have weeks but no muscles, days but no nights of my own.

Clue 2: I have months you flip through with your fingers.

Clue 3: Birthdays, holidays, and exams all live somewhere on me.

Answer: Calendar

#47 — Numbers & Math

Clue 1: I'm a tiny cube with a different small number on every face.

Clue 2: You roll me, throw me, shake me — never settle on you.

Clue 3: Add up two of me and you get anything from 2 to 12.

Answer: Dice

#48 — Numbers & Math

Clue 1: I'm not a king, but I help measure things.

Clue 2: I'm straight, often marked in inches and centimetres.

Clue 3: Teachers use me to draw lines and check pages sit right.

Answer: Ruler

#49 — Tricky Wordplay

Clue 1: I can repeat anything you say but I have no mouth.

Clue 2: I live in canyons, empty halls and big mountains.

Clue 3: Shout my name and you'll hear it bounce back.

Answer: Echo

#50 — Tricky Wordplay

Clue 1: The more you take of me, the more you leave behind.

Clue 2: I'm light when you walk and heavier when you run.

Clue 3: Look behind in soft sand and you'll see plenty of me.

Answer: Footsteps

#51 — Tricky Wordplay

Clue 1: I'm never something you can hold, weigh or photograph.

Clue 2: Once given, the only honourable thing is to keep me.

Clue 3: Pinkies, words, or a handshake — that's how kids exchange me.

Answer: A Promise

#52 — Tricky Wordplay

Clue 1: I'm loudest in a library and quietest at a rock concert.

Clue 2: Babies break me by crying; teachers ask for me with one finger over lips.

Clue 3: I'm what's there when there's nothing to hear.

Answer: Silence

#53 — Tricky Wordplay

Clue 1: The more you take from me, the bigger I get.

Clue 2: I'm shaped like nothing at all.

Clue 3: Step in one in a road and you'll trip.

Answer: A Hole

#54 — Tricky Wordplay

Clue 1: I'm always coming but never quite arrive.

Clue 2: I'm the most popular day for chores nobody wants to do today.

Clue 3: I'm one sunrise away from now.

Answer: Tomorrow

#55 — Travel & Vehicles

Clue 1: I'm a boat but I prefer to be underwater.

Clue 2: I have a periscope so I can peek without showing my face.

Clue 3: I travel deep in the ocean where light never reaches.

Answer: Submarine

#56 — Travel & Vehicles

Clue 1: I rise because air inside me is warmer than outside.

Clue 2: I move only as fast as the wind decides.

Clue 3: I'm a giant fabric envelope with a basket hanging beneath.

Answer: Hot Air Balloon

#57 — Travel & Vehicles

Clue 1: I follow rails laid by engineers long before I leave.

Clue 2: Many cars, but only the front decides where I'm going.

Clue 3: I whistle as I pass and people wait at stations to ride me.

Answer: Train

#58 — Travel & Vehicles

Clue 1: I burn more fuel in two minutes than a car does in a year.

Clue 2: I have a countdown, a launch tower and people in suits.

Clue 3: I'm a vehicle built to leave Earth's atmosphere.

Answer: Rocket

#59 — Travel & Vehicles

Clue 1: I fly straight up, hover, then move sideways like a bee.

Clue 2: My spinning blades on top do most of the lifting.

Clue 3: Rescue teams use me to reach places airplanes cannot land.

Answer: Helicopter

#60 — Travel & Vehicles

Clue 1: I use the wind as my engine and water as my road.

Clue 2: Pull a rope to raise my fabric wing; turn the rudder to steer.

Clue 3: I'm a vessel that moves with the breeze.

Answer: Sailboat

Answer Key

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