

MIND GAMES AND PUZZLES FOR KIDS TO ENJOY

OVERVIEW

This is an unorganized collection of puzzles and stuff designed for use on Friday afternoons when Bloom's Taxonomy can be tossed out the window. (Bloom - a.k.a. TSWBAT, is the patron Saint of Directors of Education insisting upon the notion that all student objectives should be stated behaviorally such as "the students will be able to ...")

Teachers decide which activities are most suitable for each individual class as difficulty levels go from easy to hard to downright mind boggling. Activities can be photocopied onto transparencies for use on an overhead projector or simply copied and handed out to students.

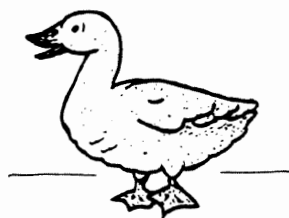
ACTIVITIES

- 1) PUZZLES (1-10)
- 2) DID YOU EVER WONDER? (5 of humankind's most often asked questions)
- 3) DIFFICULT PUZZLES (Suitable for adults and really smart kids)
- 4) CLIFF CLAVIN'S STUPID TRIVIA (A bit Risky)
- 5) PICTOGRAMS (1,2)
- 6) FOOD PICTOGRAMS
- 7) "T" TIME
- 8) THE WINDMILL PUZZLE
- 9) SHAPESHIFTERS
- 10) CREATIVITY QUIZ
- 11) WORDSEARCHES (1-4)
- 12) LOGIC PUZZLES (1-3)
- 13) PRINCIPAL'S QUIZ (A quiz designed especially for principals)

HAVE FUN!

PUZZLES #1

1. MR DUCKS?
MR NOT DUCKS!
OSAR, CDEBD FEET.
MR DUCKS.



2. A plane carrying three passengers and one pilot crashed on the U.S. - Canada border. Where do you bury the survivors?



3. Standing on a cement floor, how can a person drop an egg one metre - without breaking the shell. (Cooking the egg is not allowed)



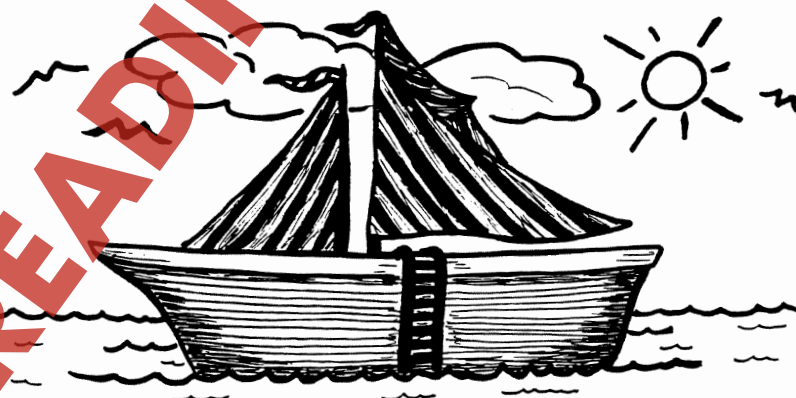
PUZZLES #6

1. I have two coins in my hand. Together they total 30 cents. One is *not* a nickel. What are the coins?

- 2.



3. An old, wooden sailing boat is lying in the harbour. Over its side hangs a rope ladder, with its end just touching the water. Rungs of the ladder are 10 cm apart. The tide rises at the rate of 5 cm an hour. At the end of six hours, how many of the rungs will be covered?



PUZZLES #9

1. There are 12 one-cent stamps in a dozen, but how many two-cent stamps are there in a dozen?

- 2.



3. A boat will carry only 100 kilograms. How can a man with a mass of 100 kilograms and his two sons, each of whom has a mass of 50 kilograms, use it to cross a river? (no ropes or swimming allowed).



CLIFF CLAVIN'S STUPID TRIVIA

Norm: Cliff, why do humans flatulate (fart)?

Cliff: Interestingly enough, the reason that humans pass wind is due to millions of tiny bacteria living in the lower intestine. Foods that are indigestible by the upper intestine reach the lower intestine where they are digested by these bacteria. Methane gas is a byproduct of this process and exists in the body as natural gas. Certain foods such as onions and beans (not to mention goose and cabbage) are less likely to be digested in the upper intestines and produce copious amounts of methane gas in the lower intestine.

Carla: The amazing wonder brain strikes again, and I suppose you can explain how the date for Easter is picked too!

Cliff: Of course, Good Friday is chosen as the first Friday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. Simple enough, I suppose.

Fraser: (Entering from a storming blizzard outside)
My Lord, it's cold enough to freeze the balls of a brass monkey!

Cliff: Funny you should bring that up Dr. Crane, but the expression "cold enough to freeze the balls of a brass monkey" dates back to early seventeenth century sailors. Oddly enough, it seems that cannon balls were stored on deck using a reverse tripod-like device, which supported a hanging brass plate. When weather dipped down, the iron cannon balls, which have a lower tendency to contract than brass, would fall off. Hence the expression.

Woody: Gee Mr. Clavin, you seem to know everything. But I bet you can't explain where the word "tip" comes from since Carla says that you've never left one in your entire life.
















Cliff: Well, in fact, Woodman, I do know the incredible word origin of tipping. Some think tipping began in the 17th century, when restaurants had boxes labelled T.I.P. - To Insure Promptness - on the wall beside the entrance. Patrons who wanted their food in a hurry deposited a few coins in the box BEFORE they sat down and the extra coins helped their food cook faster!

Carla: Cliff, you have proved one thing beyond all the shadow of a doubt.

Cliff: Oh, what's that?

Carla: You definitely are an idiot!

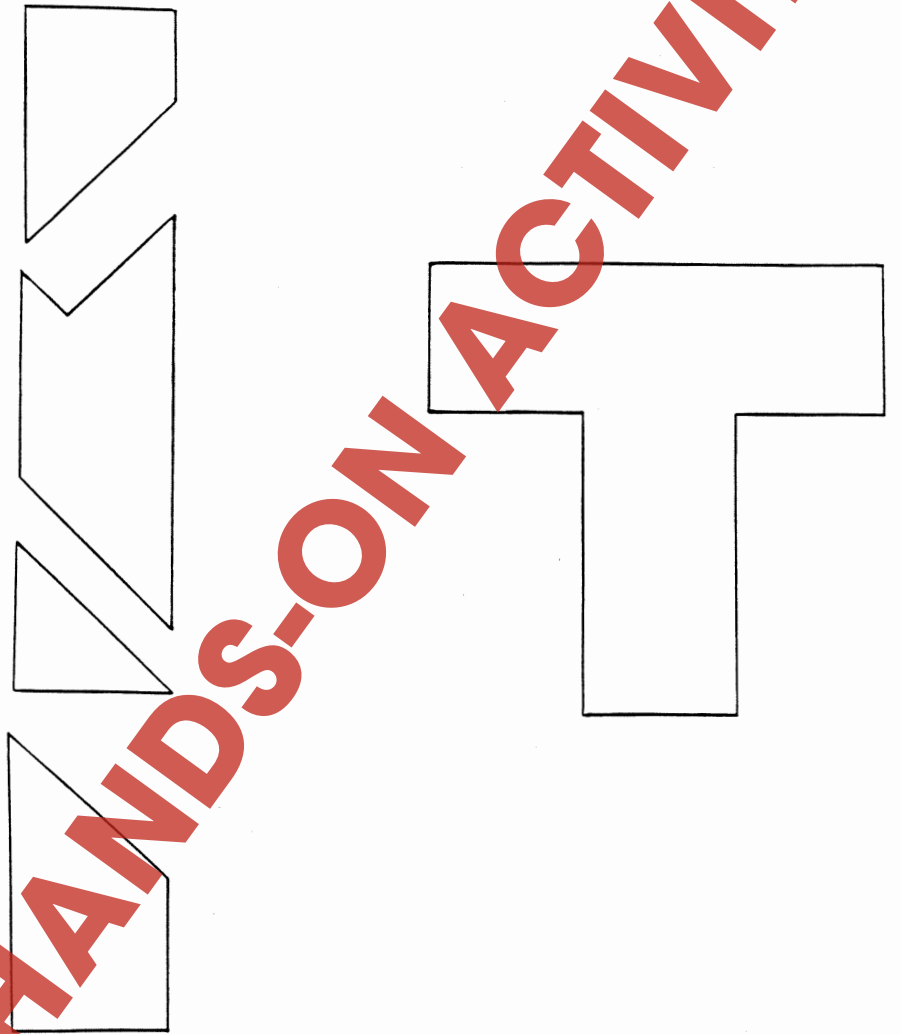
PICTOGRAMS #1

- ①  +  ②  (SHORT!)
- ③ American Express +  +  +  WITHOUT IT!
- ④ WEAR LONG ⑤  + 
- ⑥  + Short for Edward +  +  + 
- ⑦  ⑧ RIGHT 
- ⑨ STANDING MIS ⑩ EILNPU 

"T" TIME

Instructions

Cut out the four pieces below and arrange them to form a "T".



CREATIVITY QUIZ

Instructions: Use the clues to answer these tough puzzles. (The answer to #1 is "Two peas in a pod")

- 1. 2 P. in a P. _____
 - 2. 3 Blind M. (S.H.T.R.) _____
 - 3. 7 D. in a W. _____
 - 4. 9 P. in the Solar S. _____
 - 5. 10 C. in a D. _____
 - 6. 8 Legs on an O. _____
 - 7. 6 S. on a Guitar _____
 - 8. 4 F. and 1 T. on a H. _____
 - 9. 3 P. in a H. Game _____
 - 10 52 W. in a Y. _____
- Bonus**
- 11. 88 K. on a Piano _____
 - 12. 52 C. in a D. _____
 - 13. 12 Donuts in a D. _____

HOCKEY, SOCCER, TENNIS, SKIING

Name: _____

Jane, John, Jill and Jake each prefer one of four sports - hockey, soccer, tennis, or skiing. Read the clues carefully to find out which person likes which sport. To use the chart, put an "N" in a space that is not true and a checkmark in a space that is true.

CLUES

- 1. Jake does not play hockey.
- 2. John needs a ball to play his sport.
- 3. Jill is afraid of heights so she does not like to ski.
- 4. Jane does not use a racket in her sport.
- 5. Soccer is not Jake's sport.
- 6. Jane does not play a winter sport.

	Jane	John	Jill	Jake
Hockey				
Soccer				
Tennis				
Skiing				

Show what sport each person prefers by putting the correct name under the right type of sports equipment.

