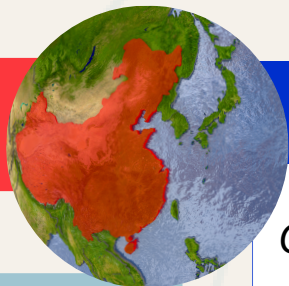


Riddles

Middle Primary to
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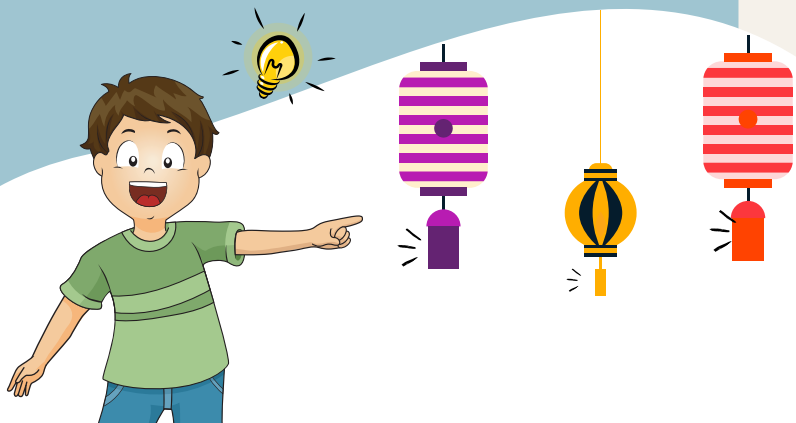
Riddles are traditionally written, read and guessed, attached to festive lanterns during Lantern Festival in China.

A riddle is a kind of guessing game or activity that can be played in pairs or larger groups. A riddle can be a question, statement, or a kind of puzzle that needs guessing for the correct answer. The way a riddle works is that a noun or concept is described indirectly through clues for others to guess.

Q: What travels around the world but stays in one spot?

A: A stamp!

Riddles are enjoyed globally and exist in many languages. Riddles became well known when the fantasy book, The Hobbit, which was later made into a film, featured a high stakes guessing game between two of the main characters - Gollum and Bilbo Baggins!



Vocabulary

to guess (v)



cāi cè
猜 测

to write (v)



xiě
写

a game (v)



yī chǎng yóu xì
一 场 游 戏

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Try guessing these riddles!



[10 Easy Riddles for Kids: Kidspot](#)

Method

- 1 Read and guess the 'easy' riddles in the Kidspot link. Ask students to guess the riddles.
- 2 Discuss what a riddle is and the idea of guessing the meaning of something. For younger students (Years 3 & 4) you might want to explore other guessing games.
- 3 Students work individually, pairs or groups to write their own riddles. Use this resource to guide students (provide it to older students or write some key information on the board for younger years). [How to Make a Riddle, Learning and Teaching Methods for Ethical Education.](#)
- 4 Students write their riddles. Then read them to other students and guess each others.
- 5 Students can then make a lantern and attach their riddle to it. Find easy and complicated lantern making instructions in our [Global Learning Activity Cards here.](#)



Explore!

Riddles are a kind of guessing game. Which other guessing games do students know? For example: I Spy..., Hangman, Pictionary.

Find out about different guessing games that exist in different cultures around the world!



The Global Hi-5

While not exactly a riddle, the Global Hi-5 is an international guessing game where students around the globe give 5 clues about where they live and students try and guess where they are. Students can play the guessing game and then may choose to make their own video with clues.

[Find it here on Flip!](#)



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