LATERAL THINKING & RIDDLES

BRAIN TEASERS & LATERAL RIDDLES

8 Classic Philosophical Paradoxes & Wordplay Riddles * Write-In Deductive Solutions

SOLVER TIME & SCORE
Start: ___:___ Stop: ___:___
Difficulty: [ ] Easy [ ] Med [ ] Hard

1. THE FORWARD TRAIN

A train leaves Chicago for New York. Another leaves New York for Chicago at twice the speed. When they meet, which train is closer to Chicago?

DEDUCTIVE SOLUTION WRITE-IN:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Hint

2. THE CANDLE PARADOX

You enter a dark cold room with a match. There is an oil lamp, a wood stove, and a candle. What do you light first?

DEDUCTIVE SOLUTION WRITE-IN:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Hint

3. THE UNBROKEN EGG

How can you drop a raw egg from a height of 5 feet onto a concrete floor without cracking the shell?

DEDUCTIVE SOLUTION WRITE-IN:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Hint

4. THE THREE SWITCHES

Outside a closed door are 3 light switches. Only one operates the bulb inside. You may enter the room only once. How do you find the switch?

DEDUCTIVE SOLUTION WRITE-IN:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Hint

5. THE BRIDGE WEIGH-IN

A truck weighs 10,000 lbs on a bridge rated for exactly 10,000 lbs. A 2-ounce bird lands on it halfway across, but the bridge doesn't collapse. Why?

DEDUCTIVE SOLUTION WRITE-IN:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Hint

6. THE UNOPENED PARCEL

A man lies dead in a meadow holding an unopened parcel. If the parcel had opened, he would have lived. What was inside?

DEDUCTIVE SOLUTION WRITE-IN:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Hint

7. THE CLEVER PRISONER

A guard tells a prisoner: 'Make a statement. If true, you hang. If false, you drown.' What statement frees the prisoner?

DEDUCTIVE SOLUTION WRITE-IN:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Hint

8. THE ROPE LADDER

A ship has a rope ladder with rungs 1 foot apart. At low tide, 4 rungs are underwater. The tide rises 2 feet per hour for 3 hours. How many rungs are submerged?

DEDUCTIVE SOLUTION WRITE-IN:

Verdict: [ ] Solved Independently [ ] Needed Hint