

## FIVE 5-HINT RIDDLES (5つの英語のなぞなぞ) 解答

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WERE THEY A GOOD CHALLENGE? DID YOU TRY TO TRANSLATE THEM? TRANSLATING MAKES THESE RIDDLES MORE DIFFICULT! GET YOUR DICTIONARY AND CHECK THE ANSWERS BELOW! MAYBE YOU CAN FIND SOME NEW VOCABULARY!

### RIDDLE #1:            **An Alarm Clock**

I HAVE A FACE, BUT NO EYES, EARS, OR NOSE.

**The round part of the clock with numbers is called the "face" in English.**

MANY PEOPLE NEED ME, BUT MANY PEOPLE ALSO HATE ME.

**Some people don't like to wake up in the morning, but they have to!**

I HAVE HANDS, BUT I CAN'T PICK ANYTHING UP.

**The needles that point to the numbers are called "hands" in English (the hour-hand, the minute-hand, the second-hand).**

I CAN BE VERY LOUD, BUT I HAVE NO MOUTH.

**Alarm clocks have to make lots of noise to wake you up!**

I CAN COUNT VERY WELL.

**It's a clock! It counts to 12 and 60 again and again!**

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### RIDDLE #2:            **Water**

I AM VERY COMMON AND WELL-KNOWN, BUT OFTEN DIFFICULT TO FIND.

**The oceans and seas are full of water; but in dry places, water is hard to find. In poor places, clean water is hard to find. (\*A well is a hole which leads to underground water.)**

SOMETIMES I RUN VERY RAPIDLY AND BABBLE.

**"Running water" is moving water. "Rapids" are fast-moving streams. A "babbling brook" is a small, noisy stream of water.**

I CAN BE HARD OR SOFT, OPAQUE OR INVISIBLE.

**Ice is hard, water is soft, snow is opaque, water vapor (humidity) is invisible.**

I KILL MANY PEOPLE EVERY YEAR; BUT PEOPLE CLEARLY NEED ME.

**Tsunamis, typhoons, flash floods kill many people; but people need clear, clean drinking water.**

I CAN BE VERY WEAK OR VERY STRONG, BUT I USUALLY JUST GO WITH THE FLOW.

**Water takes the shape of its environment. It moves and changes with its environment! (\*To "go with the flow" means to do whatever those around you are doing.)**

**RIDDLE #3:            *The Moon***

I AM VERY LARGE AND VERY OLD.

*It's not bigger than Earth, but it's pretty big and older than you!*

I'M ALWAYS MOVING, BUT I AM NOT ALIVE.

*The Moon revolves around the Earth, but of course, it isn't alive.*

ALMOST EVERYONE HAS SEEN ME, BUT ALMOST NO ONE HAS TOUCHED ME.

*Only astronauts have touched The Moon; but most people have SEEN it.*

MOST PEOPLE THINK I'M VERY BEAUTIFUL.

*Don't you think so?*

SOMETIMES I'M HIDDEN.

*We can't always see the moon!*

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**RIDDLE #4:            *A Shoe***

I HAVE MANY EYES BUT I CAN'T SEE.

*"Eyes" or "eyelets" are holes for shoestrings.*

I HAVE A TONGUE, BUT I CAN'T TASTE ANYTHING.

*The "tongue" is the top, middle part of the shoe; it looks like a tongue.*

MY POSITION IN THE WORLD IS VERY LOW, BUT I'M VERY RARELY ALONE.

*Shoes aren't socially low, but literally low. Shoes are always on the ground or the floor!*

*They come in pairs (sets of 2), so they are rarely alone.*

I SOMETIMES SMELL, BUT I HAVE NO NOSE.

*"Smell" sometimes means "stink".*

I USUALLY PROTECT MOST PEOPLE, BUT I ALSO HURT SOME PEOPLE.

*Shoes usually protect our feet; but some shoes are painful!*

*"Ouch! These shoes are killing me!"*

**RIDDLE #5:            *Wind***

I AM CURRENTLY ACTIVE IN MANY PLACES.

*Wind is always moving and active. (\*A "current" of wind is a stream of wind.)*

I AM SOMETIMES VERY POWERFULLY FOCUSED, BUT I AM MOST USEFUL WHEN I JUST MILL ABOUT.

*Powerfully focused wind makes tornadoes, hurricanes and storms; but gentler currents of wind can turn windmills and help people. (\*To "mill about" means to go in circles aimlessly.)*

I OFTEN MOVE IN POWERFUL STREAMS WITHOUT GETTING WET.

*The "jet-stream" is a strong, fast moving current of air!*

YOU MAY WITNESS MY POWER, BUT YOU CAN NEVER SEE ME.

*You can see the wind moving things, but you can't actually see WIND. Can you?*

I AM VERY STRONG; BUT IF YOU EAT TOO MANY BEANS, YOU MIGHT BREAK ME. ☺

*Of course wind can be very strong! To "break wind" means to pass gas, or to release flatulence. Oh no! Stinky!*

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