

REBUS RIDDLE BOOK

VOL. 1

50 Picture-Word Brain Teasers

Can you figure out what the puzzle is saying?

Five difficulty levels. Fifty hidden phrases. One very tempting answer key.

A screen-free puzzle book for word lovers, families, game nights, and anyone who remembers doing these as a kid.

How to Play

A rebus puzzle hides a familiar phrase, saying, or expression inside the way words are arranged on the page. Sometimes a word is repeated. Sometimes it is split apart. Sometimes one word sits inside, above, below, or between another.

Look at both the words and their position. Say what you see out loud. If the arrangement feels strange, that is usually the clue.

Two Solved Examples

PUZZLE EXAMPLE A

HEAD
HEELS

Your answer: _____

Answer: Head over heels.

PUZZLE EXAMPLE B

CYCLE CYCLE CYCLE

Your answer: _____

Answer: Tricycle.

Ready? Start easy. The book gets progressively trickier.

EASY

Easy Puzzles

10 puzzles. Write your answer beneath each one.

PUZZLE 1

MAN
BOARD

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 2

STAND
I

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 3

CYCLE CYCLE CYCLE

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 4

HEAD

HEELS

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 5

YOU JUST ME

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 6

DECI SION

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 7

ECNALG

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 8

**T
O
W
N**

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 9

SIDE SIDE

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 10

**TROUBLE
TROUBLE**

Your answer: _____

EASY-MEDIUM

Easy-Medium Puzzles

10 puzzles. Write your answer beneath each one.

PUZZLE 11

**MIND
MATTER**

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 12

**GROUND
FEET**

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 13

**THOUGHT
THOUGHT**

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 14

HISTORY HISTORY

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 15

STEP

STEP

STEP

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 16

LINE

READ

LINE

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 17

0

M.D. Ph.D.

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 18

JOB IN JOB

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 19

DEATH LIFE

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 20

**BROKEN
PROMISE**

Your answer: _____

MEDIUM

Medium Puzzles

10 puzzles. Write your answer beneath each one.

PUZZLE 21

**CLOSE CLOSE CLOSE
COMFORT**

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 22

LONG TIME (no C)

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 23

THINK [BOX]

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 24

**SECRET
TOP**

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 25

WATER

WATER

WATER

FALL

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 26

MEASURE

MEASURE

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 27

RIGHT
LEFT

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 28

WAY
HALF
WAY

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 29

**LIGHT
HOUSE**

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 30

**RAIN
CHECK**

Your answer: _____

MEDIUM-HARD

Medium-Hard Puzzles

10 puzzles. Write your answer beneath each one.

PUZZLE 31

NOON GOOD

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 32

**YOU
ARE
HERE**

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 33

**CROSS
ROADS**

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 34

STAND ROAD

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 35

NE1 4 10S

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 36

GR12APES

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 37

**T
R
O
U
B
L
E**

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 38

**CYCLE
CYCLE
CYCLE
CYCLE**

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 39

THOUGHT
SCHOOL SCHOOL

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 40

THOUGHT SCHOOL SCHOOL

Your answer: _____

HARD

Hard Puzzles

10 puzzles. Write your answer beneath each one.

PUZZLE 41

ME REPEAT

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 42

BROKEN

RECORD

BROKEN

RECORD

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 43

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

TEN

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 44

HIGH

WAY

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 45

TALK TALK
TOWN
TALK TALK

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 46

END
END

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 47

BACK

BACK

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 48

UP

DOWN

UP

DOWN

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 49

TIME TIME

Your answer: _____

PUZZLE 50

MERPEAT

Your answer: _____

ANSWER KEY

No peeking until you have given them a fair shot.

Easy

Easy-Medium

Medium

Medium-Hard

Hard

1. Man overboard
2. I understand
3. Tricycle
4. Head over heels
5. Just between you and me
6. Split decision
7. Backward glance
8. Downtown
9. Side by side
10. Double trouble
11. Mind over matter
12. Feet on the ground
13. Second thoughts
14. History repeats itself
15. Step by step
16. Read between the lines
17. Two degrees below zero
18. In between jobs
19. Life after death
20. Broken promise
21. Too close for comfort
22. Long time no see
23. Think outside the box
24. Top secret

25. Waterfall
26. Measure twice
27. Right over left
28. Halfway there
29. Lighthouse
30. Rain check
31. Good afternoon
32. You are here
33. Crossroads
34. Roadside stand
35. Anyone for tennis
36. Grapes by the dozen
37. Deep trouble
38. Four cycles
39. Two schools of thought
40. Two schools of thought
41. Repeat after me
42. Broken record
43. Ten below nine
44. Highway
45. Talk of the town
46. End over end
47. Back to back
48. Ups and downs
49. Time after time
50. Repeat after me

MAKE YOUR OWN REBUS

Once you know the tricks, making rebus puzzles is almost as much fun as solving them.

1. Use position

Put one word above, below, inside, outside, before, after, or between another word.

2. Use repetition

Repeat a word two, three, or many times to suggest double, triple, again, over and over, or too much.

3. Break a word apart

Split a familiar word or phrase to suggest broken, divided, separated, or split.

4. Reverse it

Write a word backward to suggest back, reverse, turned around, or looking back.

5. Change the size or spacing

Make something unusually large, small, close together, or far apart.

6. Start with the answer

Choose a familiar phrase first. Then ask which word in the phrase can be represented visually.

TRY IT

Phrase or saying:

Words I can use:

What can I change about their position, size, direction, or repetition?

Sketch:

Remember These?

A word upside down. Another word hiding inside a box. Three copies of the same word sitting in a row. Somehow, the whole thing turns into a phrase you have known forever.

Rebus Riddle Book, Vol. 1 brings back that wonderfully simple kind of puzzle with 50 fresh brain teasers arranged from easy warm-ups to genuinely tricky stumpers.

Perfect for a rainy afternoon, family game night, road-trip break, or anyone who prefers wordplay to numbers.

50 puzzles. 5 difficulty levels. Complete answer key included.