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RIDDLERS

Poetry competition for 5-7 year-olds



WHAT IS A RIDDLE?

A riddle is a type of poem that is written with clues, it's a bit like the game of 'I Spy'!

You can write a riddle poem about anything! For example an object, a person, a place, an animal or food etc.

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We're going to play a game to see if you can guess the answer to the riddle... we've given some picture clues to help you solve the riddle!

CLUE 1:

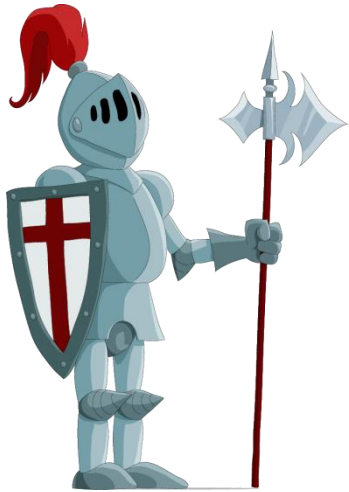
I am as green as the long, swaying grass in the meadow



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CLUE 2:

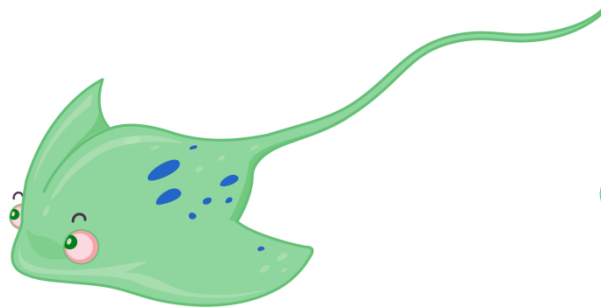
I wear armour on my back as hard as rock



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CLUE 3:

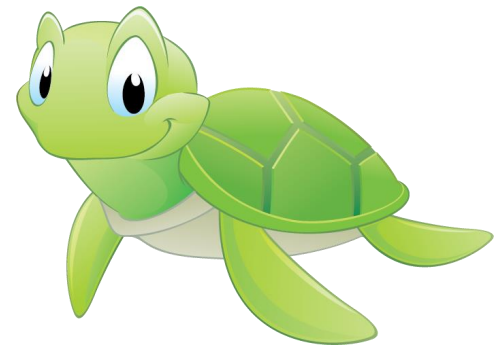
My skin has a spotted pattern, like a beautiful Dalmatian



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CLUE 4:

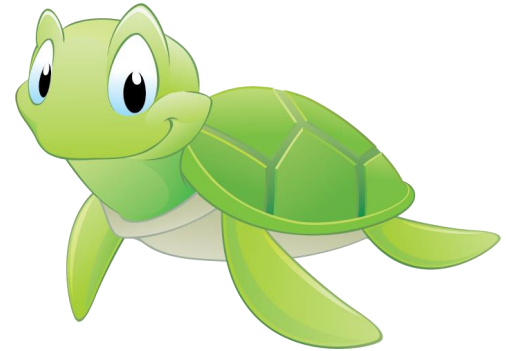
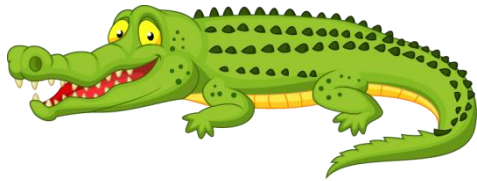
I paddle, I glide, I swim, I dive



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CLUE 5:

My ancestors are calm and peaceful dinosaurs





I'M A GENTLE GIANT OF THE OCEANS, OLD AND WISE. WHAT AM I?

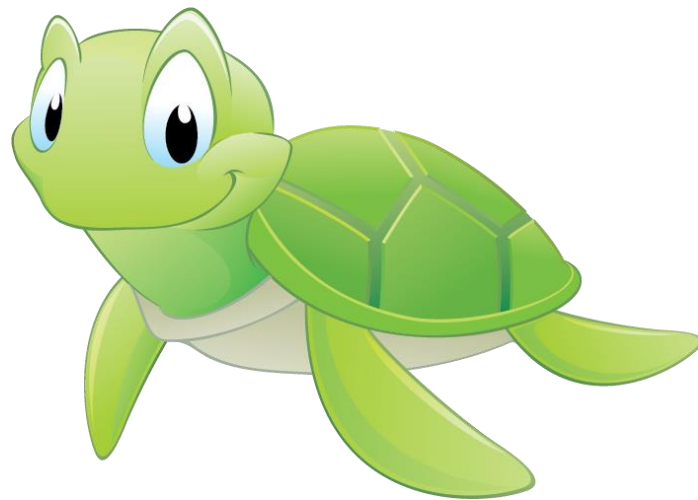


HAVE YOU GUESSED THE ANSWER?

(Clue: one of the pictures you've already seen is the answer to the riddle!)

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THE ANSWER IS... A SEA TURTLE!





WRITING A RIDDLE

Use the planning sheet and write down what your riddle is going to be about.

Will you choose...

- ★ An animal
- ★ A food
- ★ A place
- ★ A person
- ★ Something else...

Remember to think about what your riddle subject can do, see, hear and feel.



USE AT LEAST 6 CLUES TO DESCRIBE THE ANSWER TO YOUR RIDDLE.

For example, if you were describing a cat you could say

“I’m a milk drinker”

Or

“I love long naps in the sun”



USE LOTS OF DESCRIPTION

Think of fun, creative ways to describe what you are writing about.

For example “I’m as hot as the sun” could be made more descriptive by saying “I’m as hot as the scalding, boiling sun.”



WRITE YOUR RIDDLE IN PRESENT TENSE

For example, "I am pink and fluffy"

Or

"We are as tall as a skyscraper"



TRY TO TRICK THE READER WITH YOUR DESCRIPTIONS

For example the clue “I reflect like a mirror” could be talking about a window, a puddle, a piece of foil or metal!



USE A CLEVER TITLE!

Don't call your riddle the same as their answer. E.g. 'My Bunny'!

You need to use a clever title that is also a clue.

Instead of 'My Bunny' you could call your riddle 'The High Hopper'.



**ALWAYS FINISH YOUR RIDDLE
WITH A QUESTION! E.g...**

What am I?

or

Who am I?

Before giving the answer.



DON'T FORGET, YOUR RIDDLE NEEDS TO...

- ★ Have at least 6 clues
- ★ Use present tense
- ★ Use lots of description
- ★ Try to trick the reader
- ★ Have a clever title – that gives away a clue
- ★ Finishes with the question - what (or who) am I?

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**We hope you have enjoyed writing your
riddle poem for Little Riddlers today!**

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