

Word fun—Riddles

Solve the riddles below. All of the answers are somewhere in the cloud to the right, but try covering the cloud and see if you can work out and spell the words yourself!

1) What has a face and two hands but no arms or legs?

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2) What is a seven-letter word but contains hundreds of letters?

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3) What can be cracked, made, told or played?

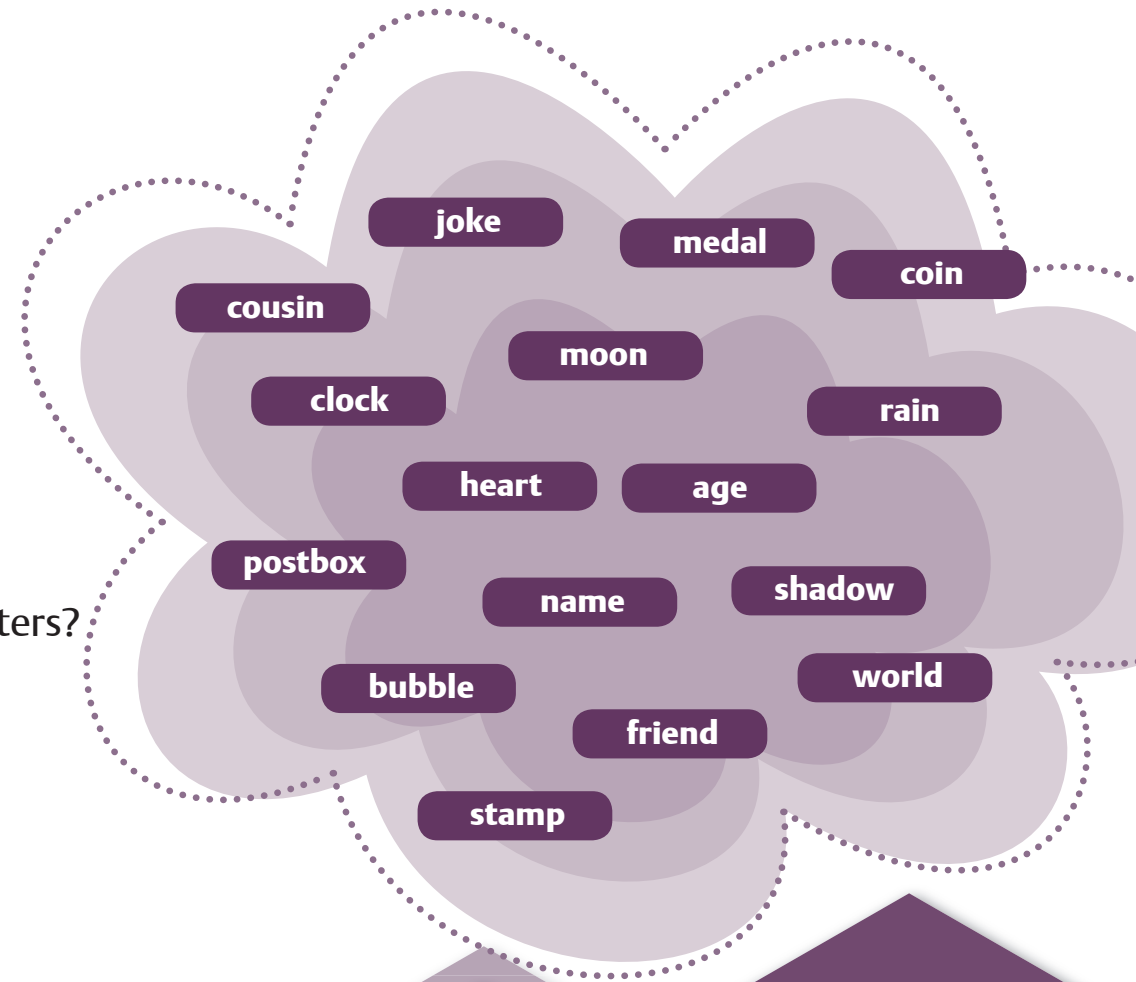
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4) What has a head, a tail and a round body but no legs?

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5) What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?

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Word fun—Animal anagrams

These anagrams are made from the names of animals. Solve the clues and unscramble the letters.

- 1) **HARSK**: I am a sea creature and I have sharp teeth.
- 2) **HETCEHA**: I am a wild big cat. My coat is spotted and I am the fastest mammal on land.
- 3) **VELOSW**: We like to prowl in packs and are thought to howl at the moon.
- 4) **MKAEETR**: I am a small furry African animal and I live with my family close around me. I stand up on my back legs and keep a lookout to guard the rest of the group.
- 5) **WASN**: I am a large water bird. I have webbed feet and a beautiful long neck.
- 6) **EPRSETN**: I am another word for a snake.

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- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)
- 6)



Word fun—Sporty anagrams

These anagrams are made from sporty words. Solve the clues and unscramble the letters.

- 1) **DAMBNIONT**: For this racket sport, you will need a racket, a shuttlecock and a net to play.
- 2) **LBOFTLOA**: This ball game is played on a pitch with two nets. Use your feet, not your hands, though!
- 3) **GNINURN**: In this sport, you might take part in a marathon, or you might go for shorter distances, such as 100m or 200m, on a track.
- 4) **IGAINLS**: For this sport, you'll need water —and plenty of it! You'll need a special kind of boat and a day that's not too windy.
- 5) **GINSIK**: For this sport, you'll need special boots, planks and poles, and a mountain slope. You'll also need to wear a protective suit and goggles.
- 6) **FLOG**: To play this sport, you'll need different kinds of clubs, small balls and a large open space. You need to hit the balls and get them in the holes in the ground!

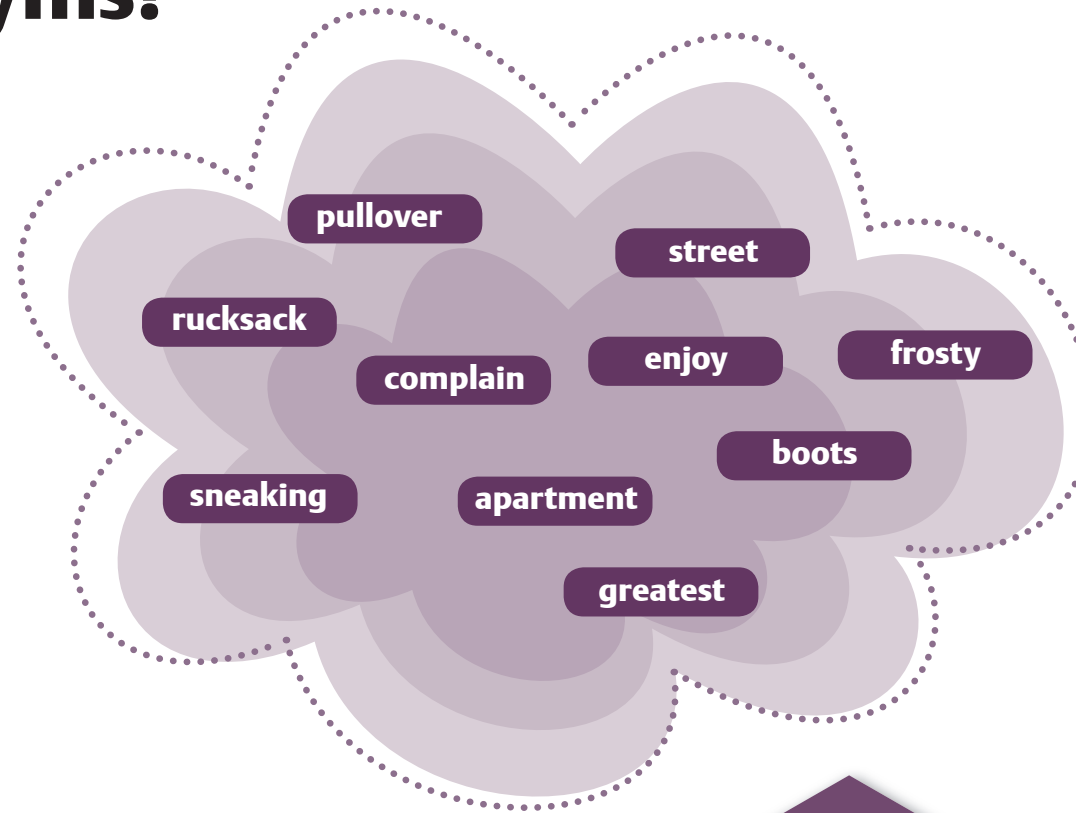
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Word fun—Fun with synonyms!

Read the paragraph below. Choose some of the words from the cloud to replace the words that are in bold and rewrite the paragraph in the space underneath.

I grabbed my **jumper**, put on my **shoes** and picked up my **bag**, before **creeping** out of the **flat**. I jogged down the **road** towards Jack's house. It was a **cold** morning. Jack was going to **whinge** about having to get up so early but I knew he would **love** going on the fishing trip. This was going to be the **best** day ever!



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Word fun—Words within a word

Sometimes you can find small words inside big words.
 Each of the words in the big cloud has at least four small words in it.
 Match each big word to each group of smaller words in the clouds below.

intend
 end
 tend
 ten
 in

black
 rant
 lack
 ran
 ant

thought
 ought
 full
 though

blackcurrant
 disappearance
 acknowledge
 thoughtfully
 superintendent

ledge
 know
 led
 now

appear
 sap
 pear
 ear
 ran



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Answers

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1) clock, 2) postbox, 3) joke, 4) coin, 5) stamp

Word fun—Animal anagrams

1) shark, 2) cheetah, 3) wolves, 4) meerkat, 5) swan, 6) serpent

Word fun—Sporty anagrams

1) badminton, 2) football, 3) running, 4) sailing, 5) skiing, 6) golf

Word fun—Words within a word

blackcurrant: lack, ran, black, rant, ant

acknowledge: ledge, know, led, now

disappearance: ear, pear, sap, ran, appear

thoughtfully: full, though, ought, thought

superintendent: intend, end, tend, ten, in

Word fun—Fun with synonyms!

I grabbed my **pullover**, put on my **boots** and picked up my **rucksack**, before **sneaking** out of the **apartment**. I jogged down the **street** towards Jack's house. It was a **frosty** morning. Jack was going to **complain** about having to get up so early but I knew he would **enjoy** going on the fishing trip. This was going to be the **greatest** day ever!



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