
The Riddler

Working alone or with classmates, identify what is being described in each of the following riddles.

1

Voiceless it cries,
Wingless it flutters,
Toothless bites,
Mouthless mutters.

8

I am always hungry,
I must always be fed,
The finger I lick
Will soon turn red.

2

A box without hinges, key, or lid,
Yet golden treasure inside is hid.

9

My life can be measured in hours,
I serve by being devoured.
Thin, I am quick,
Fat, I am slow
Wind is my foe.

3

You must keep it after giving it.

4

As light as a feather,
but you can't hold it for ten minutes.

10

The root tops the trunk
On this backward thing
That grows in the winter
And dies in the spring.

5

Has a mouth but does not speak,
Has a bed but never sleeps.

11

I have legs but walk not
A strong back but work not
Two good arms but reach not
A seat but sit and tarry not.

6

You break it when you name it.

7

Though I dance at a ball,
I am nothing at all.

12

He who makes it needs it not
He who buys it wants it not
He who uses it knows it not.