

# The Riddler

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

**1**

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

**2**

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

**3**

You must keep it after giving it.

**4**

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

**5**

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



**6**

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

**7**

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

**8**

You break it when you name it.

**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.

**10**

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



## 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.

## 12

The root tops the trunk

On this backward thing

That grows in the winter

And dies in the spring.

