

Riddles



Vocabulary

Allegory: a story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one.

Ingenuity: the quality of being clever, original, and inventive.

Pun: a joke exploiting the different possible meanings of a word or the fact that there are words that sound alike but have different meanings.

Extant: (especially of a document) still in existence; surviving.

Brawn: physical strength in contrast to intelligence.

Gnaw: bite at or nibble something persistently.

grind: reduce (something) to small particles or powder by crushing it.

Riddles

A riddle is a statement or question or phrase having a double or veiled meaning, put forth as a puzzle to be solved.

Riddles are of two types:

- **Enigmas**, which are problems generally expressed in metaphorical or allegorical language that require ingenuity and careful thinking for their solution.
- **Conundra**, which are questions relying for their effects on punning in either the question or the answer.

