

d30 Riddles



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RID1: RIDDLES

Roll	Riddle (Question)	Answer	Roll
1	A stallion stood bestriding a mare; he put buttock 'neath belly and bobbed with his tail. Draw it out and in, work at it long!	A piece of linen on a loom.	1
2	Alive without breath, as cold as death; never thirsty, ever drinking, all in mail, never clinking.	A fish.	2
3	Four do hang and four do gang; two show the way, two ward off dogs; one drags after, most often dirty. Aright guess now this riddle, Heithrek.	A cow.	3
4	Four hang, four walk, four stand skyward, two show the way to the field, and one comes shaking behind.	A cow.	4
5	From home I hied me, and from home faring, I saw a way of ways: was a way beneath and a way above, and ways there were on all sides.	A bridge.	5
6	Harshly he clangs, on hard paths treading, which he has fared before. Two mouths he has, and mightily kisses, and on gold alone he goes.	A goldsmith's hammer.	6
7	I am the hall-upholder, once crowned in green.	Pillar carved from a tree-trunk.	7
8	I am the red tongue of the Earth, that buries cities.	Lava from a volcano.	8
9	I am the yellow hem of the sea's blue skirt.	Sand on a beach.	9
10	In the summer saw I, at sunset time, a merry band at festive board; the men did drink their mead in peace, the while the mead-keg muttering stood.	A mother pig and her piglets.	10
11	Men's hamperer, word's hinderer, and speeder of speech.	Ale	11
12	The Moon is my father, the Sea is my mother; I have a million brothers, I die when I reach land.	A wave on the ocean.	12
13	Thirty white horses on a red hill, first they champ, then they stamp, ten they stand still.	Teeth in your mouth.	13
14	Thousands lay up gold within this house, but no man made it. Spears past counting guard this house, but no man wards it.	A beehive. The spears are bee stings.	14
15	Voiceless it cries, wingless flutters, toothless bites, mouthless mutters.	The wind.	15
16	What beast is it which brave men shelters? It has a bloody back and wards off blows, goes against spears, life-giving to some. Against lords' left hand it lays its body.	A shield.	16
17	What drink was it I drank yesterday? 'twas neither wine nor water, neither mead nor ale, nor meat,3 either; yet went I thirstless thence.	Shade (from a tree).	17
18	What has roots as nobody sees, is taller than trees; up, up it goes, and yet never grows?	A mountain.	18
19	What marvel is it which without I saw, before Delling's-door, with his head ever Hel-ward turning, with his feet seeking the sun.*	A leek (onion).	19
20	What marvel is it which without I saw, before Delling's-door? A black boar saw I bask in the mud, yet no bristles stood on his back.*	A dung beetle.	20
21	What marvel is it which without I saw, before Delling's-door? Eight feet it has and four eyes, and its knees are above its belly.*	A Spider.	21
22	What marvel is it which without I saw, before Delling's-door? Harder than horn, blacker than Hel, whiter than shell of egg, straighter than shaft of spear.*	Obsidian in the sun.	22
23	What marvel is it which without I saw, before Delling's-door? It lights for men, and swallows up lights, and wolves seek ever to win it.*	The sun.	23
24	What marvel is it which without I saw, before Delling's-door? The white fliers on the flagstones bounded, but the swart ones sank in the sand.*	Hail and rain.	24
25	What marvel is it which without I saw, before Delling's-door? Upward it flies with eagle's voice, and hard grip its claws the helmet.*	An arrow.	25
26	What marvel is it which without I saw, before Delling's-door? Were twain briskly, and breathless withal, boiling a wand-of-wounds.*	The smith's bellows.	26
27	Who are the twain that on ten feet run, three eyes they have, but only one tail.	Odin riding on Sleipnir.	27
28	Who be the maids that fare, many together, seeming fair to their father? Whitish hair have the white-hooded ones, and no man is with the maids.	Waves (on the ocean).	28
29	Who is the great one that glides o'er the earth, and swallows both waters and woods? The wind he fears, but wights nowise, and seeks to harm the sun.	Fog.	29
30	Who is the mighty one who o'er much has sway, the half of whom turns toward Hel? He saves many men but slashes the earth, if fast with trusty friend.	An anchor.	30

* In most cases, Delling is the personification of the earth. It also refers to the dwarf Dellingr, renowned for his smithing abilities.