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## 说 明

英语课外活动是英语教学的一个组成部分，猜谜语、解难题，是英语课外活动的一项内容。目前，英语猜谜语解难题活动已成为学校课外活动形式之一。它有助于创造学习英语的气氛，提高学生学习英语的兴趣，扩大和巩固学生的英语知识，锻炼学生的智力。

为了适应中小學生开展英语课外活动的需要，我们从国内外出版的英语书刊选编了英语谜语和难题二百多条，大体上按语言文字的深浅程度编排。有些谜底相同，但文字叙述不同的，我们也一并收集

编入。为了帮助读者更好地理解，我们对某些词语和语法知识加以注释。这本小册子选编的谜语和难题，内容生动有趣，词汇丰富，可供中小學生以及初学英语者阅读。

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## I . Riddles

1. I can sing. I can fly. I have a nest.

What am I ?

( 动物一 )

注: nest n. 鸟巢

2. The teacher writes on me with chalk.

My face is black.

I cannot talk.

What am I ?

( 教学用具一 )

3. You have it,

You read it.

There are pictures in it.

What is it?

(学习用品一)

4. What is dark but enlighten the world?

(学习用品一)

注: (1) dark adj. 黑色的; 暗的

(2) enlighten v. 教导; 启迪; 启蒙

(3) world n. 世界; 世人

5. What has four legs but cannot walk?

(家具一)



6. What has a bed but never lies still in it?

(自然地理名称一)

注: (1) bed n. 床; 河床

(2) never adv. 永不

(3) lie v. 躺; 卧

(4) still adj. 静止的

7. What has many teeth but never uses them for eating?

(用品一)

注: (1) teeth n. 牙齿 (tooth的复数形式)

(2) use...for... 使用某物做某事或做某种用途

8. What has a face but can't talk?

(用具一)

9. Which letter makes a road broad?

( 英语字母一 )

注: (1) letter n. 字母

(2) make v. 使; 致使; 使  
成为

(3) broad adj. 宽的

10. What goes all over the floor and  
then stands in the corner?

( 清洁用具一 )

注: (1) all over 遍及……的每一  
部分

(2) floor n. 地板

(3) and then 然后

(4) corner n. 角落

11. We're half a tram and half a bus.  
Will you come and ride in us?

( 交通工具一 )

注: (1) tram n. 电车

(2) ride v. 乘; 骑

12. I am not a pen or a pencil

And I am always white.

In your notebook

I cannot write.

But I can write on the blackboard.

What am I ?

( 教学用品一 )

注: notebook n. 笔记本

13. Sometimes it looks like a boat,

and sometimes like a saucer,

Please tell us, is it a boat or a

saucer?

( 自然界天体一 )

注: (1) sometimes adv. 有时候

(2) look like 看起来象……

(3) saucer n. 茶碟

14. It has a back and it bears people,  
But they sit over its legs, not on  
its back.

Sometimes it has arms and some-  
times it hasn't.

It never has a head.

It cannot move its legs or arms.

(家具一)

注: (1) back n. 背; 椅子的靠背

(2) bear v. 负载

(3) arm n. 手臂; 椅子等的  
扶手

(4) move v. 移动

15. Two sisters, fair and bright,

**They always run, but never meet.**

(星体二)

注: (1) fair adj. 美丽的

(2) fair and bright 修饰  
sisters.

**16. It's clothed but it's not a man.**

**It's four-footed, but not an animal.**

(家具一)

注: (1) be clothed 穿着衣服。这是被动结构, clothe 是动词,意思是“给……穿衣”。

(2) four-footed 四只脚的

(3) animal n. 动物

**17. It has a head, but no neck,**

**It has a body, but no warmth.**

No feet, but travels a thousand miles.

(水中动物一)

注: (1) neck n. 颈

(2) body n. 身体

(3) warmth n. 温暖; 暖和

(4) travel v. 旅行; 移动;  
行进

(5) a thousand miles 一千哩

18. What is black when it is clean  
and white when it is dirty?

(教学用具一)

注: (1) clean adj. 清洁的

(2) dirty adj. 肮脏的

19. What has a lot of teeth but no  
mouth?

(用品一)

注: a lot of 许多的

20. What runs from Beijing to Shanghai without moving?

(交通工具一)

注: without moving 不移动

21. Which is the smallest room in the world?

(菌类植物一)

注: in the world 在世界上

22. What is the smallest bridge in the world?

(人体部分一)

注: bridge n. 桥梁; 鼻梁

23. A thousand threads, ten thousand

threads,

They fall into the river and are  
never seen again.

(自然现象一)

注: (1) thread n. 线

(2) fall v. 掉落

24. I go out every day, but I never  
leave my home.

What am I ?

(小动物一)

注: leave v. 离开

25. I have a face.

I have hands.

I have no feet.

I can walk.

I can stop.



**I cannot talk.**

**But I can wake Pete up.**

**What am I ?**

(用品一)

**注: (1) walk v. 走路: 散步**

**(2) stop v. 停止**

**(3) talk v. 讲话**

**(4) Pete [pi:t] n. 人名**

**(5) wake somebody up**

**把某人叫醒**

**26. These twin brothers,**

**Live not very far apart,**

**One on the left,**

**One on the right,**

**But they never see each other.**

(人体器官一)

**注: (1) twin brothers 孪生兄弟**