

Kelpies Riddles

Inspired by the riddles which Helen and her magical friends have to solve in *First Aid for Fairies and Other Fabled Beasts* here are some more traditional puzzlers.

Once you have given them a go, why not try them out on your friends, family and maybe even your teachers!

1. What flares up quickly and does some good.
But a moment later, it's just a small piece of wood?
2. I am round like an apple and flat as a chip. I have eyes but I can't see one bit.
What am I?
3. He who has it doesn't tell it. He who takes it doesn't know it. He who knows it doesn't want it. What is it?
4. The first man is the master of priceless gems;
The second man is the master of love;
The third man is the master of shovels;
The fourth man is the master of big sticks;
Who are they?
5. What creature in the morning goes on four legs, at midday on two, and in the evening upon three, and the more legs it has the weaker it be?
6. What has been around for millions of years, but is no more than a month old?
7. What is it that you can keep after giving it to someone else?
8. I do not breathe, but I run and jump.
I do not eat, but I swim and stretch.
I do not drink, but I sleep and stand. I do not think, but I grow and play.
I do not see, but you see me every day.
9. What belongs to you but others use it more than you do?
10. What is no sooner spoken than broken?
11. What is higher than the highest, lower than the lowest, greater than God, worse than the Devil. Eaten by the dead, but if we eat it, we die?
12. What can't you hold for just 10 minutes, even though it is lighter than a feather?
13. I can touch you but you can't touch me. Although I have no wheels, wings on sails, I can take you on a long journey. And sometimes you can see me best with your eyes closed! What am I?
14. What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?
15. What has a spine but no bones. Has a back and a front but no face or bum?



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