



HOW TO MAKE UP A RIDDLE

Find a word with two meanings.

Example: **flies**. This word can be a noun or a verb.

Riddle: **What has six wheels and flies?**

Answer: **A garbage truck!**

Can you think of a word with two meanings? You might need to look at a dictionary, or it could just creep up on you while you're walking to school . . .

Wait! **School** is a word that has several meanings, too.

Riddle: **What school can only be found underwater?**

Answer: **A school of fish!**

You might be ready to make up a riddle now, or, you might need some words to think about. Here are a few words that have double meanings:

blue - a color **OR** a sad feeling

stump - base of a tree **OR** to confuse someone

ruler - a king or leader **OR** a measuring tool

charge - something bulls do **OR** to use a credit card

smart - to be sort **OR** clever, intelligent

Example: **Charge**. This is a great riddle word:

Riddle: **What do a bull and a shopper have in common?**

Answer: **They both charge!**

Name some words with two meanings:



Now try making up a riddle!

You can also use words that sound the same, but are spelled differently. If you're telling the riddle, no one will know the difference.

Here are some sound-alike words:

knight / night
pale / pail
hoarse / horse
meet / meat
die / dye

Example: The words **dye** and **die** can be combined in a riddle like this:

Riddle: **Where can a woman go to dye and live again?**

Answer: **The beauty parlor!**

Can you think of some words that sound alike?

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