

## Riddle Me This

Intricate and small, I dance in the cold air. No two of me alike; that's truly rare. What am I, a wonder from above? A symbol of winter, sent with love?

## Challenge for the Day

Rearrange the letters in your last name to form as many words as possible.

## Food for Thought

The Margherita pizza, one of Italy's most famous culinary exports, was created in 1889 in Naples. It was made to honor Queen Margherita of Savoy and features ingredients representing the colors of the Italian flag. This classic pizza, with its simple yet flavorful combination of tomato sauce, fresh mozzarella, and basil, remains a beloved symbol of Italian cuisine worldwide.

## Who Am I?

I was born January 5, 1946, in Los Angeles, California. I've left a permanent mark in Hollywood with a career spanning several decades. I am a renowned American actress known for my distinctive style, versatility, and memorable performances in film. I gained widespread recognition and an Academy Award for my portrayal of the titular character in Woody Allen's 1977 film *Annie Hall*. This role showcased my unique fashion sense and my ability to blend humor and vulnerability. I received three more Academy Award nominations for my roles in *Reds*, *Marvin's Room*, and *Something's Gotta Give*. I have also worked behind the camera, directing and producing films. I am a big advocate for adoption, and my two children were adopted. Who am I?

## Conversational Starter

If you could time travel, what time period would you want to visit? Why?

## Who Said So?

This novelist who often set his novels in California said, "Many a trip continues long after movement in time and space have ceased."

## Fun Fact

In 1919, a massive molasses storage tank in Boston burst, causing a wave of molasses to flood the streets at a speed of 35 miles per hour, resulting in 21 deaths and over 150 injuries. This event, which became known as the "Great Molasses Flood," prompted stricter oversight of industrial facilities to prevent similar accidents in the future.

## Tickle Your Funny Bone

Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers?

He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.

### Challenge for the Day

Practice good posture. Remind yourself to maintain an upright seated and standing position whenever possible.

### Food for Thought

Champagne, the famous sparkling wine, owes its creation to an accident. In the 17th century, winemakers in the Champagne region of France faced an issue wherein their wines would need a second fermentation in the bottle. This secondary fermentation created carbonation, resulting in bubbles.

## What Am I?

I have been on the planet for over 65 million years. I am found mostly in the northern hemisphere. I was a symbol of fertility to ancient cultures. Children often make toy animals or art projects out of me. In Eastern Europe, I am boiled to make a sweet jam. I am a food source for many birds and small rodents. My seeds can be ground up and made into coffee. A three-story bronze statue of me sits outside St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. I show up on staffs carried by the pope as well. I come from a type of plant called a gymnosperm. Without my seeds, there wouldn't be any pesto in Italian food. I often appear as a decoration during the holiday season. Many plants create things like me, but I grow only on pine trees. What am I?

## Conversational Starter

What's a resolution, goal, or project you're currently working on or excited about?

### Name Three

Can you name three fast-food chains that start with the letter *D*?

### Did You Know?

The Rosetta Stone was discovered in Egypt in 1799, serving as the key to deciphering hieroglyphs. It contains inscriptions in three scripts: Greek, Demotic, and hieroglyphic, thereby allowing scholars to unlock the mysteries of ancient Egyptian writing and history.



## Riddle Me This

I'm a small package with a surprise inside. Open me up, and you'll see what I hide. What am I?

### Challenge for the Day

Strike up a conversation with someone you don't know very well.

## Food for Thought

The sandwich became a "thing" largely due to the influence of John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich.

His habit of requesting meat between two slices of bread while at the gaming table became widely known among his peers. Others at the gaming table soon began ordering "a sandwich."

## Where Am I?

I am located in the Black Hills of South Dakota, and I am a famous American landmark. I was originally conceived to lure tourists to my out-of-the-way state. A mountain of granite known locally as Six Grandfathers, I rise nearly 6,000 feet high. Turning me into a work of art was not easy. It took 400 workers 14 years, from 1927 to 1941, to declare me complete, though I am still unfinished according to the original design. I am known for my massive sculptures of four U.S. presidents. Today, my mountain face is graced by towering sculptures that represent America's birth, growth, development, and preservation. Depending on the time of day and the angle of the sun, I can appear to change colors from pink to orange to gold, creating amazing visual effects. Where am I?

## Conversational Starter

What's the strangest gift you ever received?

### Buy a Vowel

\_ N \_ C \_ L \_ T \_ \_ N

Immunization with a vaccine

## Fun Fact

The teddy bear got its name from President Theodore "Teddy" Roosevelt. In 1902, he refused to shoot a tied-up bear while on a hunting trip, and a political cartoon depicting the incident led to the creation of the teddy bear. This act left a lasting legacy of wildlife conservation and ethical hunting practices.

## Punny Business

Parallel lines have so much in common. It's a shame they'll never meet.

## Challenge for the Day

Draw as many shapes you can think of in the air to practice spatial awareness.

## Food for Thought

The iconic chocolate chip cookie was invented by Ruth Wakefield in the 1930s.

She ran out of baker's chocolate for her cookies, which she usually melted into the cookie dough, so she substituted broken pieces of Nestle's semisweet chocolate bars, leading to the creation of the beloved treat.

## Who Am I?

I was born on January 29, 1945, in Detroit, Michigan. My early ambition led me to the University of Southern California on a basketball scholarship, but I soon found my true passion in the world of acting. I served my country in the California Army National Guard during the Vietnam War era before embarking on my entertainment career. I earned critical acclaim and popularity for portraying a laid-back private investigator named Thomas Magnum in a beloved TV series that aired in the 1980s. This role earned me both an Emmy Award and a Golden Globe. I ventured into film, starring in hits like *Three Men and a Baby* and *Quigley Down Under*. In my later years, I continued to capture the hearts of TV audiences as New York City Police Commissioner Frank Reagan in a series known for its family-centered drama. Who am I?

## Conversational Starter

What's a place you've always wanted to explore that's relatively unknown or off the beaten path?

## Word Scramble

N T O C O R U

A small bit of crusty bread used as a garnish

## Did You Know?

During the height of the Cold War, the United States and the Soviet Union engaged in the "space race." At one point, the Soviet Union sent a dog named Laika into space, making her the first living creature to orbit Earth. This was a pivotal moment in space exploration, as it highlighted the need for improved safety measures in space travel.