CHRISTMAS BRAIN TEASERS

Hard Christmas *riddles*

Eighteen riddles to puzzle over. Think sideways! One point for each, and no peeking at page 2.

Name or team _____

Score /18

1 What has a head and a tail but no body? (Check your chocolate money.)

2 I'm light as a feather, but the strongest person can't hold me for long.

3 What has cities but no houses, forests but no trees, and water but no fish?

4 What can fill a room but takes up no space?

5 Forwards I'm heavy, backwards I'm not. What am I?

6 What goes up but never comes down?

7 I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I?

8 Which word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?

9 A man is born on 25 December, yet his birthday is in summer. How?

10 3 elves wrap 3 presents in 3 minutes. How long do 100 elves take for 100?

11 What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?

12 What has many teeth but can't bite?

13 What runs but never walks, and has a mouth but never talks?

14 What comes at the end of Christmas?

15 How many months have 28 days?

16 What has a neck but no head?

17 If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, I'm gone.

18 What can you hold in your right hand but never in your left?

ANSWERS

The answers

1. **A coin** What has a head and a tail but no body? (Check your chocolate money.)
2. **Breath** I'm light as a feather, but the strongest person can't hold me for long.
3. **A map** What has cities but no houses, forests but no trees, and water but no fish?
4. **Light** What can fill a room but takes up no space?
5. **Ton** Forwards I'm heavy, backwards I'm not. What am I?
6. **Your age** What goes up but never comes down?
7. **A bank** I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I?
8. **Short** Which word becomes shorter when you add two letters to it?
9. **He lives in the southern hemisphere** A man is born on 25 December, yet his birthday is in summer. How?
10. **3 minutes** 3 elves wrap 3 presents in 3 minutes. How long do 100 elves take for 100?
11. **Silence** What is so fragile that saying its name breaks it?
12. **A comb** What has many teeth but can't bite?
13. **A river** What runs but never walks, and has a mouth but never talks?
14. **The letter S** What comes at the end of Christmas?
15. **All twelve** How many months have 28 days?
16. **A bottle** What has a neck but no head?
17. **A secret (as in Secret Santa!)** If you have me, you want to share me. If you share me, I'm gone.
18. **Your left hand (or elbow)** What can you hold in your right hand but never in your left?