

80 Trivia Questions for 2nd Graders

Trivia for ages 7-8 across geography, science and everyday topics, with answers.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Amazing Animals

1. Which animal is called the King of the Jungle?

2. What do you call animals that only eat plants?

3. How does a snake move without any legs?

4. Which animal can change the color of its skin to blend in?

5. What is a group of wolves called?

6. Which animal carries its baby in a pouch?

7. Do sharks have bones?

8. Which bird can fly backwards?

9. What do cows eat?

10. Which animal builds dams in rivers using sticks and mud?

Science Starters

11. What are the three things plants need to grow?

12. What happens to water when it gets very cold?

13. What do we call a scientist who studies dinosaurs?

14. Which is closer to Earth — the Moon or the Sun?

15. What are clouds made of?

16. What is the center of our solar system?

17. What body part pumps blood around your body?

18. What do you call it when water turns into vapor and rises into the air?

19. Magnets attract which kind of material — wood, plastic, or iron?

20. How many teeth does an adult human usually have — 22, 32 or 42?

Reading & Words

21. What do we call the person who writes a book?

22. What do we call the person who draws the pictures in a book?

23. What is the opposite of 'hot'?

24. What do you call two words that sound the same but mean different things, like 'flower' and 'flour'?

25. How many vowels are in the word 'elephant'?

26. What punctuation mark shows excitement?

27. What do we call a story that teaches a lesson, often with talking animals?

28. What is the opposite of 'begin'?

29. Put these in alphabetical order: dog, cat, bird.

30. What do we call words that describe things, like 'big' or 'shiny'?

Mental Math

31. What is $10 + 10$?

32. What is $15 - 7$?

33. How many sides does a hexagon have?

34. What is 3×4 ?

35. How many cents are in a quarter?

36. If it's 3 o'clock now, what time will it be in 2 hours?

37. What is double 9?

38. How many months are in a year?

39. Which is bigger: 48 or 84?

40. If you share 10 cookies equally between 2 friends, how many does each get?

Our World & Community

41. Who delivers letters and packages to your house?

42. What are the names of the seven days of the week?

43. What does a red traffic light mean?

44. Who takes care of your teeth?

45. What do you call a place where many animals are kept for people to visit and learn about?

46. Which direction does the sun rise — east or west?

47. What is the name of the planet we live on?

48. Who helps sick animals get better?

49. What do farmers grow in their fields?

50. What should you do before crossing the street?

World & Geography

51. What is the largest ocean in the world?

52. How many continents are there on Earth?

53. Which country is known as the Land Down Under?

54. What is the tallest mountain in the world?

55. What is the name of the river that runs through Egypt?

56. On which continent is the Amazon Rainforest?

57. What is the capital of France?

58. What large country is directly north of the United States?

59. What do you call the imaginary line that runs around the middle of the Earth?

60. Where do polar bears live — North Pole or South Pole?

Simple Science

61. What gas do we breathe that plants produce?

62. What is the boiling point of water in degrees Celsius?

63. What force pulls things down toward the ground?

64. What is the centre of our solar system?

65. How many planets are in our solar system?

66. What do we call an animal that only eats plants?

67. What part of a plant drinks up water from the soil?

68. What is the process called when a caterpillar changes into a butterfly?

69. What is the hardest natural substance on Earth?

70. What is frozen water called?

Books & Stories

71. Who wrote Charlotte's Web?

72. What is the name of the boy who wouldn't grow up in J.M. Barrie's story?

73. In the story of the Three Little Pigs, what does the wolf do?

74. What is the name of the girl who falls down a rabbit hole?

75. What do you call the list of chapters at the front of a book?

76. What is it called when the author tells you what will happen next as a hint?

77. What word means the opposite of fiction — stories that are true?

78. Who wrote The Very Hungry Caterpillar?

79. What do we call the person who draws pictures for a book?

80. What is it called when two words begin with the same sound, like "Peter Piper"?

Answer Key

Amazing Animals

1. Which animal is called the King of the Jungle? - The lion.
2. What do you call animals that only eat plants? - Herbivores.
3. How does a snake move without any legs? - It slithers — pushing its body against the ground in waves.
4. Which animal can change the color of its skin to blend in? - The chameleon (octopuses can too!).
5. What is a group of wolves called? - A pack.
6. Which animal carries its baby in a pouch? - A kangaroo (and other marsupials, like koalas).
7. Do sharks have bones? - No — their skeletons are made of cartilage, like the bendy stuff in your ears.
8. Which bird can fly backwards? - The hummingbird.
9. What do cows eat? - Grass (and hay).
10. Which animal builds dams in rivers using sticks and mud? - The beaver.

Science Starters

11. What are the three things plants need to grow? - Sunlight, water, and soil (plus air).
12. What happens to water when it gets very cold? - It freezes and turns to ice.
13. What do we call a scientist who studies dinosaurs? - A paleontologist.
14. Which is closer to Earth — the Moon or the Sun? - The Moon.
15. What are clouds made of? - Tiny drops of water (or ice crystals) floating in the sky.
16. What is the center of our solar system? - The Sun.
17. What body part pumps blood around your body? - The heart.
18. What do you call it when water turns into vapor and rises into the air? - Evaporation.
19. Magnets attract which kind of material — wood, plastic, or iron? - Iron (and some other metals like nickel).
20. How many teeth does an adult human usually have — 22, 32 or 42? - 32.

Reading & Words

21. What do we call the person who writes a book? - The author.
22. What do we call the person who draws the pictures in a book? - The illustrator.
23. What is the opposite of 'hot'? - Cold.
24. What do you call two words that sound the same but mean different things, like 'flower' and 'flour'? - Homophones.
25. How many vowels are in the word 'elephant'? - Three — e, e, and a.
26. What punctuation mark shows excitement? - An exclamation mark (!).

27. What do we call a story that teaches a lesson, often with talking animals? - A fable.
28. What is the opposite of 'begin'? - End (or finish).
29. Put these in alphabetical order: dog, cat, bird. - Bird, cat, dog.
30. What do we call words that describe things, like 'big' or 'shiny'? - Adjectives.

Mental Math

31. What is $10 + 10$? - 20.
32. What is $15 - 7$? - 8.
33. How many sides does a hexagon have? - Six.
34. What is 3×4 ? - 12.
35. How many cents are in a quarter? - 25.
36. If it's 3 o'clock now, what time will it be in 2 hours? - 5 o'clock.
37. What is double 9? - 18.
38. How many months are in a year? - Twelve.
39. Which is bigger: 48 or 84? - 84.
40. If you share 10 cookies equally between 2 friends, how many does each get? - Five.

Our World & Community

41. Who delivers letters and packages to your house? - The mail carrier (postal worker).
42. What are the names of the seven days of the week? - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
43. What does a red traffic light mean? - Stop.
44. Who takes care of your teeth? - The dentist.
45. What do you call a place where many animals are kept for people to visit and learn about? - A zoo.
46. Which direction does the sun rise — east or west? - East.
47. What is the name of the planet we live on? - Earth.
48. Who helps sick animals get better? - A veterinarian (vet).
49. What do farmers grow in their fields? - Crops — like corn, wheat, and vegetables.
50. What should you do before crossing the street? - Stop, look both ways, and listen.

World & Geography

51. What is the largest ocean in the world? - The Pacific Ocean.
52. How many continents are there on Earth? - Seven.
53. Which country is known as the Land Down Under? - Australia.
54. What is the tallest mountain in the world? - Mount Everest.
55. What is the name of the river that runs through Egypt? - The Nile.
56. On which continent is the Amazon Rainforest? - South America.
57. What is the capital of France? - Paris.

58. What large country is directly north of the United States? - Canada.
59. What do you call the imaginary line that runs around the middle of the Earth? - The Equator.
60. Where do polar bears live — North Pole or South Pole? - The North Pole (Arctic).

Simple Science

61. What gas do we breathe that plants produce? - Oxygen.
62. What is the boiling point of water in degrees Celsius? - 100 degrees Celsius.
63. What force pulls things down toward the ground? - Gravity.
64. What is the centre of our solar system? - The Sun.
65. How many planets are in our solar system? - Eight.
66. What do we call an animal that only eats plants? - A herbivore.
67. What part of a plant drinks up water from the soil? - The roots.
68. What is the process called when a caterpillar changes into a butterfly? - Metamorphosis.
69. What is the hardest natural substance on Earth? - A diamond.
70. What is frozen water called? - Ice.

Books & Stories

71. Who wrote Charlotte's Web? - E.B. White.
72. What is the name of the boy who wouldn't grow up in J.M. Barrie's story? - Peter Pan.
73. In the story of the Three Little Pigs, what does the wolf do? - He huffs and puffs and tries to blow the houses down.
74. What is the name of the girl who falls down a rabbit hole? - Alice (in Wonderland).
75. What do you call the list of chapters at the front of a book? - The table of contents.
76. What is it called when the author tells you what will happen next as a hint? - Foreshadowing.
77. What word means the opposite of fiction — stories that are true? - Non-fiction.
78. Who wrote The Very Hungry Caterpillar? - Eric Carle.
79. What do we call the person who draws pictures for a book? - The illustrator.
80. What is it called when two words begin with the same sound, like "Peter Piper"? - Alliteration.