

Riddle Stories

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These can also be called "Who Am I" stories. They introduce children to a lot of information about various animals and plants, provide a background for later classification work. They also provide a fun way to practice reading comprehension and thinking skills. They are also great for initiating discussion or inspiring further research.

Activity 1

The simplest activity would be to match the animal or plant picture with the name of the animal or plant. This is a good opportunity to introduce children to plants and animals they are not that familiar with. This material can be used over and over. A few cards can be introduced each week over the course of the year.

Activity 2

After laying out all the photographs an adult can read the description from one text card. The child can guess which animal or plant is being described. Alternatively, the student can read the text cards and work independently.

Activity 3

The child can draw pictures and write their own little story about the same or about different plants or animals.

Activity 4

Animal or plant magazines can be cut up to make cards, booklets and charts.

Activity 5

Research and make sets of cards of plants and animals that live in the same continent. All seven continents can be done in this manner.

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I am nicknamed a stone fruit because of my seed. I am a deep purple color ranging from blue to red with a sweet juicy flesh. When I am dried I am black and called a prune.

Who am I?



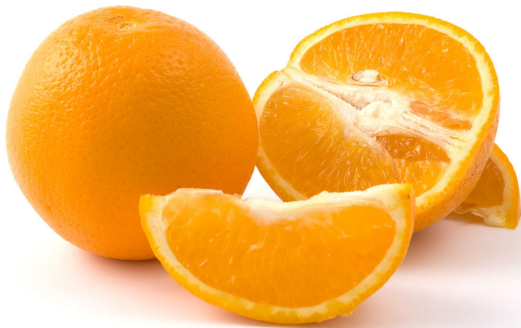
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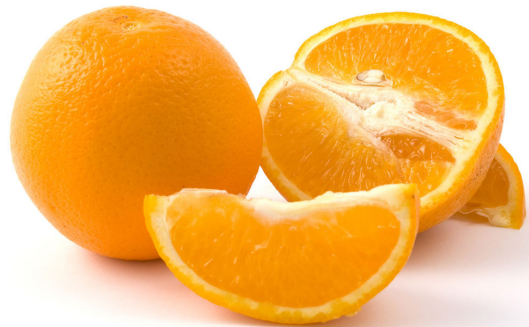
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orange



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pear

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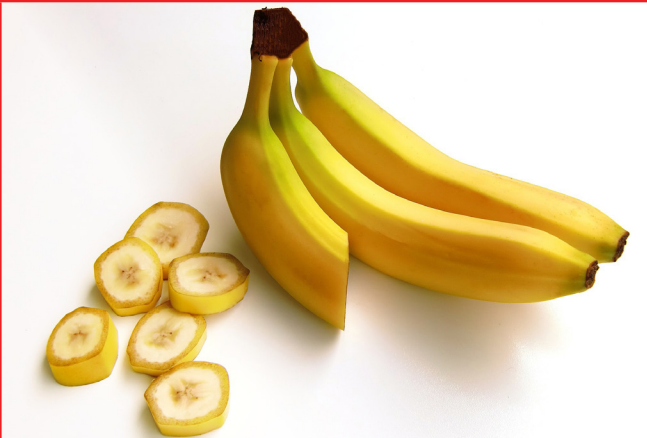
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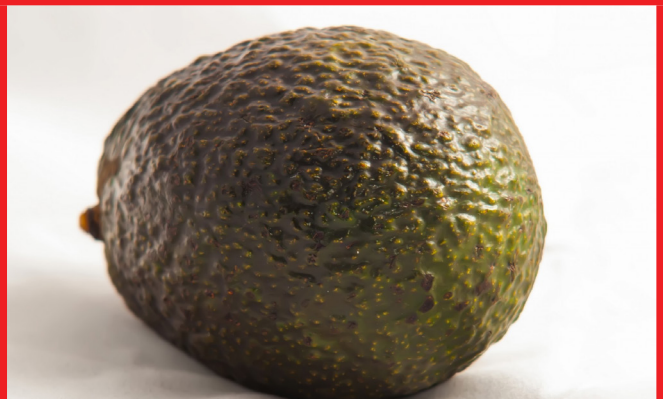
strawberry



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avocado



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I am a tropical plant that can be found mostly in Hawaii. I am large, juicy and yellow. My outer skin is greenish, yellowish brown and has lovely patterns. You would have to cut away this tough skin before you eat me. I have stiff leaves with spiny margins.

Who am I?

Pineapple

I am a tropical plant that can be found mostly in Hawaii. I am large, juicy and yellow. My outer skin is greenish, yellowish brown and has lovely patterns. You would have to cut away this tough skin before you eat me. I have stiff leaves with spiny margins.

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I am a very round citrus fruit that grows on a tree in warm climates like Florida. I have to be peeled before you eat my segments. I have vitamin C and will give you a lot of energy if you eat me. My juice is one the most popular juices that people drink.

Who am I?

Orange

I am a very round citrus fruit that grows on a tree in warm climates like Florida. I have to be peeled before you eat my segments. I have vitamin C and will give you a lot of energy if you eat me. My juice is probably the most popular juice that people drink.

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I am delicious either fresh or canned. I am a sweet and juicy fruit. My skin comes in different colors including red, brown and yellow. I am rounded in shape with the bottom of me bigger than the top.

Who am I?

Pear

I am delicious either fresh or canned. I am a sweet and juicy fruit. My skin comes in different colors including red, brown and yellow. I am rounded in shape with the bottom of me bigger than the top.

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I am a small juicy fruit with a smooth skin. I can be green, red, or black. I grow in clusters on a woody vine. I am used to make juice and jelly. I am called a raisin when I've been dried.

Who am I?

Grape

I am a small juicy fruit with a smooth skin. I can be green, red, or black. I grow in clusters on a woody vine. I am used to make juice and jelly. I am called a raisin when I've been dried.

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I am a long curving tropical fruit that grows in bunches on trees. Once you peel my skin you can enjoy my nutritious white fruit inside. I am different than most other fruits because I am not juicy. My skin starts out green but changes to yellow when I'm ripe.

Who am I?

Banana

I am a long curving tropical fruit that grows in bunches on trees. Once you peel my skin you can enjoy my nutritious white fruit inside. I am different than most other fruits because I am not juicy. My skin starts out green but changes to yellow when I'm ripe.

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There are over a thousand different varieties of me which have been developed through the careful work of my growers. I am a quick snack you can put in your pocket but I can also be made into wonderful pies. Sometimes you give me to your teacher.

Who am I?

Apple

There are over a thousand different varieties of me which have been developed through the careful work of my growers. I am a quick snack you can put in your pocket but I can also be made into wonderful pies. Sometimes you give me to your teacher.

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I am nicknamed a stone fruit because of my seed. I am a deep purple color ranging from blue to red with a sweet juicy flesh. When I am dried I am black and called a prune.

Who am I?

Plum

I am nicknamed a stone fruit because of my seed. I am a deep purple color ranging from blue to red with a sweet juicy flesh. When I am dried I am black and called a prune.

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I am related to the plum and I have a sweet, juicy pulp, very hairy skin and a large rough stone called a "pit" in my middle. I am orange or pink in color and I grow on trees in warm climates. You may have had me in cobbler.

Who am I?

Peach

I am related to the plum and I have a sweet, juicy pulp, very hairy skin and a large rough stone called a "pit" in my middle. I am orange or pink in color and I grow on trees in warm climates. You may have had me in cobbler.

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I am a small yellow fruit with a furry skin and a pit. I am used jams and jellies and can even be made into juice. I am a good source of vitamin A. Sometimes I am halved and dried for snacks. Then I look sort of like tiny yellowish-orange ears.

Who am I?

Apricot

I am a small yellow fruit with a furry skin and a pit. I am used jams and jellies and can even be made into juice. I am a good source of vitamin A. Sometimes I am halved and dried for snacks. Then I look sort of like tiny yellowish-orange ears.

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I come in many different sizes, shapes, and colors. Sometimes I can be red and sometimes yellow when I'm ripe. I grow on a hairy plant that is related to the potato. People think I am a vegetable but I am really a fruit.

Do you know who I am?

Tomato

I come in many different sizes, shapes, and colors. Sometimes I can be red and sometimes yellow when I'm ripe. I grow on a hairy plant that is related to the potato. People think I am a vegetable but I am really a fruit.

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I am a small sweet red fruit that is covered with tiny seeds. I taste great on shortcake or dipped in chocolate. I grow in fields on small plants and some communities have festivals in my honor.

Who am I?

Strawberry

I am a small sweet red fruit that is covered with tiny seeds. I taste great on shortcake or dipped in chocolate. I grow in fields on small plants and some communities have festivals in my honor.

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I am a large fruit that grows on trees in warm climates. I have a green skin that looks like alligator skin. The part you eat is green, soft and oily. I have a large pit which you can use to sprout a new plant. People like to me raw or mashed up in guacamole.

Who am I?

Avocado

I am a large fruit that grows on trees in warm climates. I have a green skin that looks like alligator skin. The part you eat is green, soft and oily. I have a large pit which you can use to sprout a new plant. People like to me raw or mashed up in guacamole.