

Lateral thinking 2...

Portfolio
... because everyone's different...



Lateral Thinking Puzzles II

One-Way Street

A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction, but didn't break the law. How come?

She was walking.

Saw Purchase

A profoundly deaf person decides that he wants to build some shelves, so he heads down to the hardware store to buy a saw. How does he let the assistant know that he wants to buy a saw?

He says, "Hello shop assistant, I'd like to buy a saw please."

Which Way?

A boy was walking down the road, and came to a place where the road divided in two, each separate road forking off in a different direction.

A girl was standing at the fork in the road. The boy knew that one road led to Lieville, a town where everyone always lied, and the other led to Trueville, a town where everyone always told the truth. He also knew that the girl came from one of those towns, but he didn't know which one.

Can you think of a question the boy could ask the girl to find out the way to Trueville?

The question the boy should ask is, "Which way is your town?"

If the girl is from Lieville, she will point to Trueville because she has to lie; if she is from Trueville, she'll point to Trueville because she has to tell the truth. So whatever road the girl points to will be the road to Trueville.

Donkey Trick

John uses his donkey to take two sacks of salt into town to sell them at the market. Halfway to town the donkey spots a lake and runs into it dissolving all of John's salt, this makes the donkey much happier as he is relieved of his load. However, John loses any chance of making any money and is very disappointed.

The next week John loads up the donkey with his two sacks of salt and heads to the market, but the donkey once again jumps into the lake and dissolves the salt and John is far from impressed.

The next week John decides to get his own back on the donkey. He once again loads two sacks on the donkey's back knowing full well that when the donkey jumps in the water he will have the last laugh. What has he done?

He has filled the sacks with sand rather than salt, so the load will get heavier with the added water.



Left or Right?

What can you hold in your right hand, but not in your left?

Your left elbow, hand, arm.

Ride 'em Cowboy

A cowboy rode into town on Friday, spent one night there, and left on Friday. How do you account for this?

Friday was the name of his horse.

Switched On

There are three switches outside a closed room. There are three lamps inside the room. You can flip the switches as much as you want while the door is closed, but then you must enter just once and determine which switch is connected to which lamp. How can you do it?

Switch the first one on for a minute, then turn it off and turn the second on. Enter the room and feel the two bulbs that are off. The warm one was turned on by the first switch, the light that is on is connected to the second, and the other to the third.