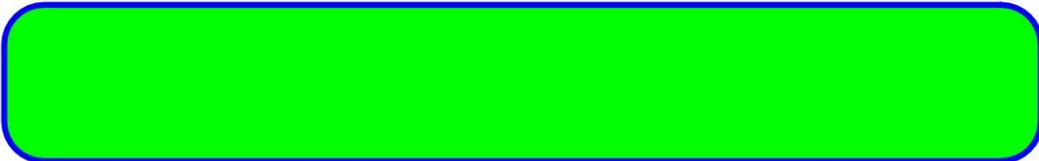
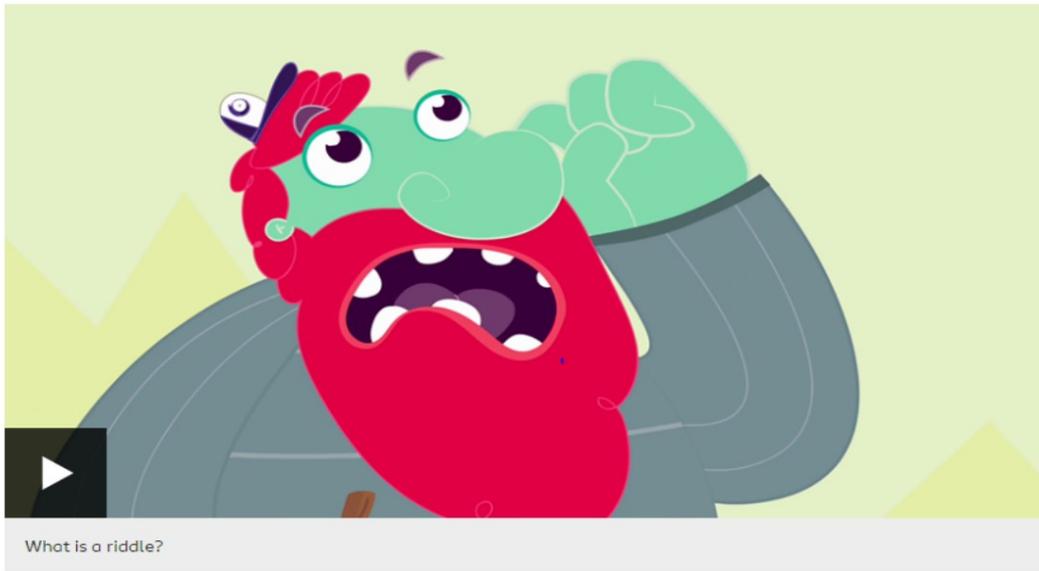


WALT: explore features of  
riddles

# What is a riddle?

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Let's use the following examples - can you guess what they are?

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What always runs but never walks,  
Often murmurs but never talks,  
Has a bed but never sleeps,  
Has a mouth but never sleeps?  
What am I?

Until I am measured I am not known,  
Yet how you miss me when I have flown.  
What am I?

I am beautiful, up in the sky.  
I am magical, yet I cannot fly.  
To people I bring luck, to some people, riches.  
The boy at my end does whatever he wishes.  
What am I?

My first is in window but not in pane.  
My second's in road but not in lane.  
My third is in oval but not in round.  
My fourth is in hearing but not in sound.  
My whole is known as a sign of peace.  
And from noah's ark won quick release.  
What am I?

It's small but larger than a bee,  
And agile as a flea.  
It hums but does not buzz,  
And it's not covered with fuzz.  
It is a small collector,  
Of juicy flower nectar.  
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## Answers

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(River)*

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**(time)**

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**(Rainbow)**

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**(Hummingbird)**

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rhyme

first person

single verse

last line- What am I?

What do we know about Gorillas?

I have black fur

I like bananas



I carry my babies

I have human characteristics

I am cheeky

I enjoy swinging through  
the trees.

## Writing your own...

Writing a riddle is the reverse of solving a puzzle – you have to start with the answer. So first, choose something to write about (objects or animals are good for beginners).

Once you know the solution, you have to think of the clues that will lead someone to guess it. Imagine you are that thing, and describe yourself.

You can use sentences such as:

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Read your riddle to an adult  
can they guess the animal?