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What is a brain teaser?

Read the brainteasers, and try to work out the solutions.

Find a friend or a study partner, and talk about the brainteasers.

Can you work out the solutions together? Make sure you only speak English.

When you know the solutions, practice your English with a group of friends.

Tell the group your brainteaser. Your friends must ask you questions to find out the solution.

You can only answer yes or no, until they find the solution.

Take turns to tell the brainteasers.

Brainteasers

A man with a pack on his back went into a field and died.

How and why?

There was a small hut in the desert. It was empty except for a dead man hanging by a rope from the roof, and a small pool of water on the floor. Outside was a lorry.

How did the man die?

A black man, dressed completely in black is walking down the middle of an unlit country road. A large black car with no headlights comes down the road very fast. The car misses the man.

How?

The telephone rang in the middle of the night, and the woman woke up and answered the phone. The caller hung up as soon as she answered. The caller felt better.

Why did the caller feel better?



Check your answers

He fell out of a plane. The pack on his back is his parachute that didn't open.

The man hanged himself. He drove to the hut in the refrigerated lorry. He used a block of ice to stand on, and tied the noose around his neck and the roof of the hut. When the ice melted, he dropped and hanged himself.

It is daytime.

The caller had been kept awake by the woman's terrible snoring. When she woke up to answer the phone, she stopped snoring.