

Word Formation

Introduction

- **Level:** B2
- **Skills:** Writing
- **Topics:** Vocabulary – Word Formation (adding suffixes and prefixes)
- **Merging subjects:** Creative thinking, problem-solving, critical thinking

The enigma

- **Keywords**

This enigma consists of three riddles. The participants read the sentences and complete the gaps by forming a new word. Each sentence is written on a piece of paper and introduced in a plastic ball. On each ball the number of the sentences is written as the order of the sentences is important in solving the second riddle. The balls are in a basket which has the number 30 on it. The first message they receive is on the door or any surface and it contains a picture with the first riddle. Find the picture below. The solution to this riddle is number 30 which takes them to the basket. In the basket they find the sentences for the second riddle. In the third riddle each number corresponds to a letter from the words that they have previously formed. They have to write the letters in order and if they succeed, they will find the final clue which will help them move on to the next step. In the room there should be 3 or more computers. The final clue is actually a password which unlocks one of the computers.

- **Toolbox**

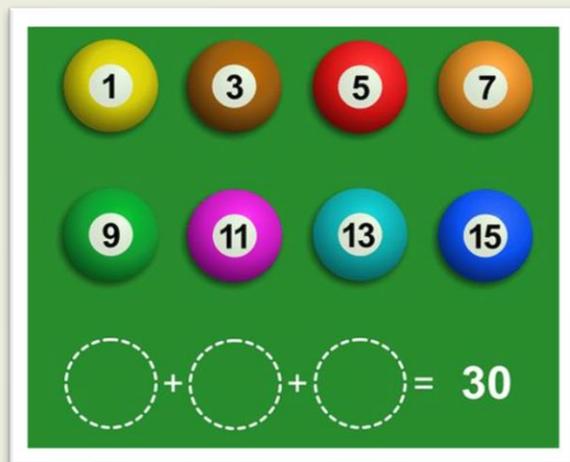
image of riddles, basket, plastic balls or any objects which can be opened and clues can be added inside.



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- **Description of the enigma**

Image:



Solution

Rotate ball 9 to make into a 6. Place the balls 6, 11 and 13 to get a sum of 30.

Form the correct word to complete the text.

Example: The arrival of our flight was delayed due to fog. (ARRIVE)

There have been _____ sightings of the Loch Ness monster over the past decades. (MYSTERY)

Imagining all the places you can visit will add a _____ touch to your journey. (MAGIC)

The hotel offers a _____ view of the sea. (SPECTACLE)

Most people believe that it is _____ that UFOS exist. (PROBABLE)

The book contains a _____ of anecdotes from the past decades. (COLLECT)

For their own _____ the visitors of zoos are kept at a distance. (SAFE)



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Discover the next clue by forming a word using the new words you've created. Each space corresponds to a letter from the words created and they follow the initial order of the sentences. Write the missing letter.

_____ (1,2,11,6,3,4)

This is a password which can be used to unlock one of the computers in the room.

Solution

Mysterious, Magical, spectacular, improbable, collection, safety

MARBLE

Hints

If needed students can ask for help by using a buzzer which can be installed in the room or ringing a bell and a letter from the final password will be given to them by the game master. A rule should be established from the beginning of how many times they can ask for help.

More information

References

✓ Image taken from: Riddles Guru. (2020). *Pool Balls - Sum of 30 - Riddles Guru*. [online] Available at: <https://riddles.guru/riddles/pool-balls-sum-30/1609/> [Accessed 9 Aug. 2021].

