

Solve the following problems.

1. An unemployed woman did not have her driver's license with her. She failed to stop at a railroad crossing, then ignored a one-way traffic sign and traveled three blocks in the wrong direction down the one-way street. All this was observed by a policeman, who was on duty, yet he made no effort to arrest the woman. Why?

2. A man in a town married 20 women. He and the women are still alive, and he has had no divorces or annulments. He is not a bigamist (meaning he is not legally married to more than one woman at once), and he broke no law. How is that possible?

3. Two men played five full games of checkers and each won an even number of games, with no ties, draws, or forfeits. How is that possible?

4. A young boy turned off the lights in his bedroom and managed to get into bed before the room was dark. If the bed is ten feet from the light switch and the light bulb and he used no wires, strings, or other contraptions to turn off the light, how did he do it?

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7. Mr. Hardy was washing windows on a high-rise office building when he slipped and fell off a sixty foot ladder onto the concrete sidewalk below. Incredibly, he did not injure himself in any way. How is this possible?

8. There is an ancient invention still used in many parts of the world today that allows people to see through walls. What is it?

9. Our basketball team won 72-49, and yet not one man scored as much as a single point. How is that possible?

10. If you have black socks and brown socks in your drawer, mixed in a ratio of 4 to 5, how many socks will you have to take out to make sure that you have a pair the same color?

11. Yesterday I went to the zoo and saw the giraffes and ostriches. Altogether they had 30 eyes and 44 legs. How many animals were there?

12. A magician claimed to be able to throw a ping pong ball so that it would go a short distance, come to a dead stop, and then reverse itself. He also added that he would not bounce the ball against any object or tie anything to it. How could he perform this feat?

For each set below, find the common word that is related to all three words given:

13. cottage, swiss, cake _____

14. rocking, wheel, high _____

15. fountain, baking, pop _____

16. hound, pressure, shot _____

17. wise, work, tower _____

18. horse, human, drag _____

19. home, arm, room _____

20. main, sweeper, light _____

21. tank, hill, secret _____

22. health, taker, less _____

Answers

1. **She wasn't driving. Pedestrian?**
2. **He was a minister or priest**
3. **they weren't playing against each other**
4. **It was still daylight outside. Or light was coming in from outside**
- 7, **He was on one of the lower rungs.**
- 8, **doors, windows**
- 9, **It was a female team**
- 10, **you'll need to take out 3. the ratio is irrelevant.**
- 11, **30 eyes divided by 2 = 15 animals. Legs don't give any help.**
- 12, **He threw it straight up in the air**
- 13, **cheese,**
14. **chair**
15. **soda**
16. **blood**
17. **clock**
18. **race**
19. **rest**
20. **street**
- 21 **top**
- 22 **care**