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*I'm still
puzzled...*

Hi... hope you are having a great break and enjoying the festive season.

Here are the answers to the Christmas Puzzles... I must warn you that some of the puzzles do cause consternation amongst friends. I'm hoping that wasn't the case for you.

Also, you may have come up with an answer that is different to mine, BUT you strongly believe that your answer is a correct answer... Then may I suggest you write you own puzzles and use your answer. Ha!

Answer #1

The statement is indeed true. It all hinges on the word "average". What is the average number of legs per person? Certainly not "two", that's the maximum. There are a considerable number of people who have only one leg, some unfortunates have no legs at all. So the average must be less than two, let us presume it is 1.99 ad infinitum. Now compare the majority of people in the world who do have two legs against those who have 1.99 legs... ..the answer is that the vast majority of people do have more than the average number of legs!

Answer #2

The poor chap had leapt from an airplane with a parachute, however, the said chute didn't work and thus the demise of the man with the unopened chute (the package) beside him. The reason for the lack of tracks should now be obvious... although no doubt there was an indentation!

Answer #3

The answer must be none. The moment they place any shell in a empty bag, the bag ceases to be empty. This puzzle has been known to start fights amongst family members.

Answer #4

The only way I can think of is to freeze the contents of both buckets and then tip them into the larger container, swirl them around, and at your leisure, pick up the blocks of ice and deposit them into their respective buckets. Sure, it is possible for you to argue that in the time it takes for you to do this, that some of the coloured water would melt and mix thereby discrediting the theory that all the water would be returned to its original bucket. If you want to play those sorts of games, then let's just say that the whole experiment was conducted in a very large freezing room where the temperature remained a ridiculously low minus 100 degrees. Two can play those games!



Answer #5

Having exhausted all the dictionaries and computer programs available, the answer is:
O T T F F S S E N T

Which represents the first letter of the numbers one through to ten, as such; One, Two, Three, Four, Five, Six, Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten. Nobody mentioned that it was a “word”, all that was asked was to fill in the blanks. The really ironic and frustrating thing about this puzzle is that you probably counted the letters and blanks several times in attempting to find the answer.

Answer #6

The tree was indeed 100 feet high, and the boy did climb to the very top... the fact that the tree had already been blown over in the park the previous night and was laying on its side made it a lot safer to leap from it's very top... which would have been at least three to six inches in height off the ground.

Answer #7

A very dramatic scene and an appropriately dramatic answer... The kitchen was upstairs, the bedrooms were downstairs, the family just walked out the front door. They don't get more dramatic (simple?) than that.

Answer #8

A tougher puzzle would have been to try to work out why it is that every time I wash my socks that I always get one of a pair remaining whilst it's partner vanishes until such time as I discard the odd sock, then the missing one shows up! Oh, the answer to the puzzle is three. Try it.

Answer #9

They were trying to buy tickets for a restricted movie, R18. Uncle Ben was only twelve years old.

Answer #10

Most people get the first one, what man made timing device has the least number of moving parts? A Sun Dial. It's the second one that stumps most people: What man made timing device has the most number of moving parts? An hourglass. If you thought it was an atomic clock because of all the electrons buzzing around (several trillion) then give yourself half a point because if you are going to be that pedantic then you are probably scoring yourself to see how you are faring. Same goes for anyone thinking that a two-hour glass would have more sand in it than an hour glass. Grief.



Thanks for playing. Hope you enjoyed it. Look forward to working with you in 2018 and remember, if you want to massively improve your presentation skills then get yourself onto that Public Course I'm running on 8th & 9th March (the February one is all sold out).

Cheers