Mind Benders

# These can be used as homework or in class. Choose 2-3, put them on paper, and let the fun begin.

1. A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over 5 minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But 5 minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonder-ful dinner together. How can this be?

2. There are two plastic jugs filled with water. How could you put all of this water into a barrel, without using the jugs or any dividers, and still tell which water came from which jug?

3. A murderer is condemned to death. He has to choose be-tween three rooms. The first is full of raging fires, the sec-ond is full of assassins with loaded guns, and the third is full of lions that haven't eaten in 3 years. Which room is safest for him?

4. What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and gray when you throw it away?

5. Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Sat-urday, or Sunday?

6. What occurs once in every minute, twice in every moment, yet never in a thousand years?

7. A woman had two sons who were born on the same hour of the same day of the same year. But they were not twins. How can this be?

8. There is a man dead in a locked office, sitting at his desk. On the desk there are a couple of pieces of blank paper, a pen and a sealed envelope. The office is locked from the inside. No-one has directly killed him. How was he killed?

9. A girl who was just learning to drive went down a one-way street in the wrong direction, but didn't break the law. How come?

10. A man dressed entirely in black and wearing a black mask is standing in the middle of a crossroad. All of the street-lights at the intersection are broken. A car speeds down the road, heading stright for the man, yet it turns in time and doesn't hit him. The lights of the car were not on. How does the car manage to miss him?

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1. The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry.

2. Freeze them first. Take them out of the jugs and put the ice in the barrel. You will be able to tell which water came from which jug.

3. The third. Lions that haven't eaten in three years are dead.

4. The answer is Charcoal.

5. Sure you can: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!

6. The letter ‘m’

7. They were two of a set of triplets.

8. The seal on the envelope was poisoned, so when he licked and sealed it, he was poisoned.

9. She was walking.

10. It was daytime.