

50 Quick & Easy

**Computer
Activities**



**for
Kids**

The following
pages contain
example activities
from the book.



Riddle Mix-up

Grade Level:

- K
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

Content Area:

- Math
- Language Arts
- Social Studies
- Science
- Cross Curricular

Multiple Intelligences:

- Verbal / Linguistic
- Logical / Mathematical
- Spatial
- Bodily / Kinesthetic
- Musical
- Interpersonal
- Intrapersonal
- Naturalist

CD-ROM Templates:

- 01Riddle.doc - Microsoft Word
- 01Riddleb.doc - Microsoft Word
- 01Riddle.cwk - AppleWorks
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Overview:

In this activity, students will use the cut and paste functions to put “mixed up” riddles in order. Then they will learn how to copy and paste an image from the Internet.

Software:

Microsoft Word or AppleWorks Word Processing

ISTE Standards:

- Students are proficient in the use of technology.
- Students develop positive attitudes toward technology.

The Teacher’s Role:

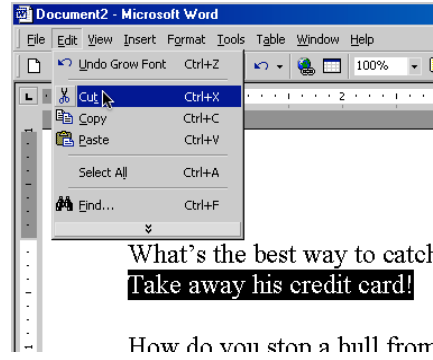
1. The teacher provides each student with an electronic copy of the mixed up riddle file. *Note - the file can be loaded onto each computer through a network server or using a floppy disk, CD, or removable drive. Your tech support person may be able to help!*
2. The teacher demonstrates how to cut and paste text. *(The teacher may want to explain that each computer has something called a clipboard. Whenever a user pulls down the Edit menu to Copy (or Cut), the selected item is placed on the clipboard -- and it is just waiting to be pasted somewhere! The item remains on the clipboard until something else is cut or copied -- or until the computer is shut down. It is important to know that the clipboard can only hold ONE thing!)*
3. The teacher demonstrates how to copy an image from the Internet. *Note - if Internet access is not available, students may use clip art from their word processing program.*



Student Instructions:

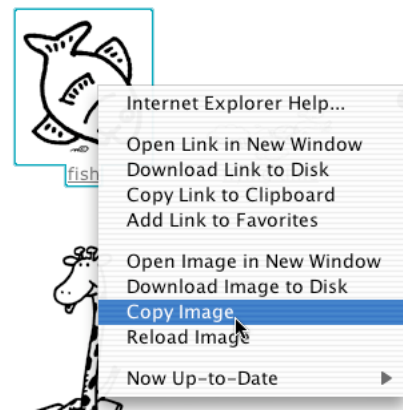
Putting the riddles in order:

1. Open the Riddle Mixup file.
2. Click and drag to select the desired block of text.
3. Pull down the **Edit** menu to **Cut**.
4. Insert the cursor where you want the text to appear.
5. Pull down the **Edit** menu to **Paste**.
6. Repeat steps 2-5 until all questions and answers are in order.
7. Make your document look cool by changing the fonts, sizes, and colors! Add a title too.
8. SAVE!



Adding an image:

1. Open your browser (Internet Explorer or Netscape) and go to a clip art site such as:
<http://www.school.discovery.com/clipart>
<http://www.awesomeclipartforkids.com/>
2. Browse to find an appropriate image.
3. Position your cursor directly over the image.
4. On a Macintosh computer, click and hold the mouse button (or Control-click).
 On a Windows computer, click the right mouse button.
 A menu should appear.
5. Choose **“Copy Image”** or **“Copy”**.
 (This places the image in your computer’s clipboard!)
6. Return to your riddle document.
7. Insert your cursor where you want the image to appear.
8. Pull down the **Edit** menu to **Paste**.
9. SAVE!



Student Challenge Question:

What’s the difference between the **“Copy”** and the **“Cut”** functions?

Options / Extensions:

- Instead of using the provided riddle file, students could each type 4 or 5 of their favorite riddles and “mix them up”. Then have the students trade computers to complete the task. (You may want to have some riddle books available.)
- Students may want to use keyboard shortcuts instead of pulling down menus. (ex. Control + X to cut.)
- Students may want to try dragging and dropping instead of using the cut and paste options.
- This activity could be done using vocabulary words and definitions or using questions and answers that are content-related. Or, mix up a story and have students put it back in order! Or, mix up some step-by-step instructions...

