**Reed’s Riddles**

**These have come from a variety of sources over the years:**

1. How many marbles can you put into an empty bag?

2. Can a man marry his widow’s sister?

3. Jenny and Jill look exactly alike, were born on the same day, have the same parents, but are not twins. How is this possible?

4. Do they have a fourth of July in England?

5. Two moms and two daughters went into a store and each bought a bike, but only three bikes were sold. How is this possible?

6. How many outs in an inning?

7. How many animals of each species did Moses take on his Ark?

8. A man bought a horse for $60, sold it for $70. Then be bought the horse back for $80, and sold it for $90. How much money did he make?

9. You have two American coins that total 30 cents, but one is not a quarter. What 2 coins do you have?

10. If a doctor gave you three pills and told you to take one every 30 minutes, how long would they last?

11. How far can a dog run into the forest?

12. Divide 30 by ½ and add 5. What do you have?

13. A father and son were in a bad accident. The father died and the son was taken to the hospital. The doctor came in to work on the boy and proclaimed, “I cannot operate- this is my son!” How is this possible?

14. A snail is at the bottom of a 10 foot hole. Each day he climbs 3 feet, but at night he slips down 2 feet. On what day will he get to the top of the hole?

15. Some months have 30 days, some have 31. How many have 28 days?

16. What state has the greatest percentage of its border as coastline?

17. What state is high on both ends and round in the middle?

18. A man builds rectangular house where all sides have a southern exposure. A big bear walks by. What color is the bear?

19. If there are ten sheep in a line, which sheep could turn to the sheep behind and say, “I am the third in the last in line?”

20. Can you name 8 parts of the body that have exactly three letters?

**Solutions**

1. On marble, because the bag would no longer be empty.
2. No, because the man would be deceased.
3. They are two of a set of triplets
4. They do have a 4th of July in England, but I doubt it is a holiday.
5. It was a grandmother, mother, and daughter.
6. Six outs in an inning
7. Moses did not have an Ark.
8. $20. The person spent $140 while taking in $160.
9. A quarter and nickel. The nickel is not a quarter.
10. One hour. You take one right now, and the second 30 minutes later, then the third 60 minutes after the first.
11. Half way, then you are running out.
12. 65. 30 divided by ½ is 60, plus the 5.
13. It is the boy’s mother. Students now point out that the boy may have two dads like in Modern Family, or could be a step-father.
14. On the 8th day the snail reaches the top, so thus no longer slides backwards.
15. All months have 28 days. It did not say “exactly 28 days.”
16. Hawaii
17. Ohio
18. White, he would be at the north pole.
19. Sheep do not talk- sorry, I know that one is lame.
20. Eye, ear, toe, arm, hip, rib, jaw, gum