

Hard Rebus Puzzles

12 printable rebus puzzles · Level: Hard · Answer key on page 3

Name: _____

Date: _____

Say what you see: position, spelling, and sound all count. Numbers in () = letters in each word.

1. Neighborhood Stroll

WA BLOCK LK

(4, 6, 3, 5) One word wraps all the way around another.

Answer: _____

2. Hidden Problem

**I
~~~~~  
CEBERG**

(3, 2, 3, 7) The wavy line is the waterline. Only a small part shows.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Endless Wait

**SIGH\_**

(2, 3, 2, 5) Not a sad breath. A word has lost its last letter.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Classroom Echo

**ME REPEAT**

(6, 5, 2) What a teacher says before a chant. Check the order.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Contract Time

**SIGN**

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(4, 2, 3, 6, 4) Look at what SIGN is sitting on.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Cut to the Chase

**GET 2.**

(3, 2, 3, 5) In math, that dot is called a decimal \_\_\_\_.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hard Rebus Puzzles (continued)

Stuck? Read the hint, then say the layout out loud. Answers on page 3.

### 7. Top Ranked

**2ND 2 0**

(6, 2, 4) Read 0 as an amount, not a digit.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### 8. No Profit, No Loss

**EV EN**

(5, 4) A word has a gap in the middle. A business hopes for at least this.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### 9. Winning Position

**HAND  
hand**

(5, 4) Which one is on top, and how is it written?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### 10. Flip It Around

**SELBAT**

(4, 3, 6) Read it in reverse. It means to reverse a situation.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### 11. Summing Up

**AL ALL L**

(3, 2, 3) The same word appears twice: once whole, once split.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### 12. Broken Machine

**ODRER**

(3, 2, 5) A sign you tape to a broken vending machine.

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

# Answer Key: Hard Rebus Puzzles

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## 1. Walk around the block

Layout: WA BLOCK LK

WALK is split so it goes around BLOCK: walk around the block.

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## 2. Tip of the iceberg

Layout: I / ~~~~~ / CEBERG

Only the first letter of ICEBERG sits above the water: the tip of the iceberg.

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## 3. No end in sight

Layout: SIGH \_

SIGHT is missing its end letter, so there is no end in SIGHT.

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## 4. Repeat after me

Layout: ME REPEAT

REPEAT comes after ME: repeat after me.

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## 5. Sign on the dotted line

Layout: SIGN / .....

SIGN rests on a row of dots: sign on the dotted line.

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## 6. Get to the point

Layout: GET 2 .

2 sounds like "to," and the dot is a point: get to the point.

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## 7. Second to none

Layout: 2ND 2 0

2ND = second, 2 = to, and 0 = none: second to none.

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## 8. Break even

Layout: EV EN

EVEN is broken in two: break even.

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## 9. Upper hand

Layout: HAND / hand

The top HAND sits higher and is in uppercase letters: the upper hand.

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## 10. Turn the tables

Layout: SELBAT

TABLES is turned around (spelled backward): turn the tables.

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## 11. All in all

Layout: AL ALL L

One ALL is tucked inside another ALL: all in all.

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## 12. Out of order

Layout: ODRER

The letters of ORDER are jumbled, so they are out of order.

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