

APPENDIX

Table 1. List of Ambiguities in Riddles

No	Riddles	Type of Ambiguity
1.	Why are fish so smart? Because they swim in <i>schools</i> !	Lexical ambiguity
2.	Why did the student bring a king to class? Because his teacher told him he needed a <i>ruler</i> !	Lexical ambiguity
3.	What kind of stamp do you have to stick on <i>yourself</i> ? None. You stick them on envelopes.	Syntactic ambiguity
4.	What is the easiest way to make a banana <i>split</i> ? Cut it in half!	Syntactic ambiguity
5.	What did the doctor say to the patient who thought he was getting smaller? You'll just have to be a <i>little patient</i> !	Syntactic ambiguity

6.	<p>Why did the bear tiptoe through the campground?</p> <p>He didn't want to wake the <i>sleeping bags</i>!</p>	Syntactic and lexical ambiguity
7.	<p>Q: Mr. Blue lives in the blue house, Mr. Pink lives in the pink house, and Mr. Brown lives in the brown house. Who lives in <i>the white house</i>?</p> <p>A: The president!</p>	Lexical ambiguity
8.	<p>I am the <i>black child of a white father, a wingless bird</i>, flying even to <i>the clouds of heaven</i>. I <i>give birth</i> to <i>tears of mourning in pupils that meet me</i>, even though there is no cause for grief, and at once on <i>my birth</i> I am dissolved into air. What am I?</p> <p>Smoke.</p>	Lexical ambiguity
9.	<p>How do you stop an elephant from <i>charging</i>?</p> <p>Take away her credit card!</p>	Lexical ambiguity
10.	<p>Where do penguins go to dance?</p> <p>The snow <i>ball</i>!</p>	Lexical ambiguity
11.	<p>Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?</p> <p>Because her students were <i>bright</i>!</p>	Lexical ambiguity
12.	<p>Why didn't the sun go to college?</p> <p>Because it already had a million <i>degrees</i>!</p>	Lexical ambiguity

13.	<p>Q: <i>Tuesday</i>, Sam and Peter went to a restaurant to eat lunch. After eating lunch, they paid the bill. But Sam and Peter did not pay the bill, so who did?</p> <p>A: Their friend, Tuesday.</p>	Syntactic and referential ambiguity
14.	<p>Q: If a blue house is made out of blue bricks, a yellow house is made out of yellow bricks and a pink house is made out of pink bricks, what is a <i>green house</i> made of?</p> <p>A: Glass</p>	Lexical ambiguity
15.	<p>Why was the clown sad?</p> <p>She broke her <i>funny bone</i>!</p>	Lexical ambiguity
16.	<p>Q: Why did the man put the clock in the safe?</p> <p>A: He wanted to <i>save</i> time.</p>	Lexical ambiguity