## APPENDIX

### Table 1. List of Ambiguities in Riddles

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<th>No</th>
<th>Riddles</th>
<th>Type of Ambiguity</th>
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| 1. | Why are fish so smart?  
    Because they swim in *schools*! | Lexical ambiguity |
| 2. | Why did the student bring a king to class?  
    Because his teacher told him he needed a *ruler*! | Lexical ambiguity |
| 3. | What kind of stamp do you have to stick on  
    *yourself*?  
    None. You stick them on envelopes. | Syntactic ambiguity |
| 4. | What is the easiest way to make a banana *split*?  
    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 *little patient*! | Syntactic ambiguity |
|   | Why did the bear tiptoe through the campground?  
|   | He didn't want to wake the *sleeping bags*!  
| 6. | Syntactic and lexical ambiguity  
| 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 the *white house*?  
| A: | The president!  
| 7. | Lexical ambiguity  
| I am the *black child of a white father*, a *wingless bird*, flying even to the *clouds of heaven*. I give *birth* to *tears of mourning* in *pupils that meet me*, even though there is no cause for grief, and at once on *my birth* I am dissolved into air. What am I?  
|   | Smoke.  
| 8. | Lexical ambiguity  
| How do you stop an elephant from *charging*?  
|   | Take away her credit card!  
| 9. | Lexical ambiguity  
| Where do penguins go to dance?  
|   | The *snow ball*!  
| 10. | Lexical ambiguity  
| Why did the teacher wear sunglasses?  
|   | Because her students were *bright*!  
| 11. | Lexical ambiguity  
| Why didn't the sun go to college?  
|   | Because it already had a million *degrees*!  
| 12. | Lexical ambiguity  

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<td>13.</td>
<td>Q: <em>Tuesday</em>, 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?</td>
<td>A: Their friend, Tuesday.</td>
<td>Syntactic and referential ambiguity</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>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 <em>green house</em> made of?</td>
<td>A: Glass</td>
<td>Lexical ambiguity</td>
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<td>15.</td>
<td>Why was the clown sad?</td>
<td>She broke her <em>funny bone</em>!</td>
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<td>16.</td>
<td>Q: Why did the man put the clock in the safe?</td>
<td>A: He wanted to <em>save</em> time.</td>
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