

**Contest: Rising Riddles**

**January 1, 2023 – March 19, 2023 11:59pm ET**

**Participants: 10**

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## Contest Information

**Cheating:** Do not discuss answers/hints. *No time limit. Two attempts and reference aids* are allowed. *No penalty* for guesses/wrong answers.

### Rising Riddles

**I. Order** (keep letters in order after adding letters). *Example: Cod → opposite of hot: \_\_\_\_\_ (Cold)*

1. A → @: \_\_
2. IN → pen: \_\_\_\_\_
3. CUE → hint: \_\_\_\_\_
4. PILL → wooden punitive stocks: \_\_\_\_\_
5. POWER → tiny particles made by grinding something solid: \_\_\_\_\_
6. SUMMER → Shakespeare: \_\_\_\_\_
7. MACARON → coconut dessert: \_\_\_\_\_
8. STARTING → frightening: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Rearrange** (at least 1 letter is rearranged after adding letters). *Example: Rat → something visible in the night sky: \_\_\_\_\_ (Star)*

9. AW → hard vertical barrier: \_\_\_\_\_
10. WAR → sketch: \_\_\_\_\_
11. ROPE → reproductive particle: \_\_\_\_\_
12. ADORN → unplanned: \_\_\_\_\_
13. SERIES → increasing: \_\_\_\_\_
14. OPTIONS → musical arrangement: \_\_\_\_\_
15. PLACABLE → common order of words: \_\_\_\_\_
16. ASPERSION → above an amateur: \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Replace** (at least 1 letter is replaced; initial letters could be in order or rearranged) *Example: Pot → footwear: \_\_\_\_\_ (Boot)*

17. TO → meow: \_\_\_\_\_
18. PIN → website front page: \_\_\_\_\_
19. RISE → reward: \_\_\_\_\_
20. DECRY → starving: \_\_\_\_\_
21. VERBAL → intelligent: \_\_\_\_\_
22. EMOTION → loyalty: \_\_\_\_\_
23. AMBIANCE → medical vehicle: \_\_\_\_\_
24. NOSTALGIA → this ailment was treated with moonmilk: \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Scoreboard (March 19, 2023)**

Ranking	Name	Country	1 <sup>st</sup> Attempt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Attempt	Mean Score	Prize
<b>Winner</b>	Andrew Hayles Nistor Sebastian-Claudiu Tiberiu Sammak	USA Romania Romania	23	N/A	23	Free test submission and free society membership until April 30, 2023.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	Nima Karimi-Busheri	Canada	21	22	21.5	Free test submission until April 15, 2023.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>	Jim Lorrimore	England	21	N/A	21	½-off test submission until March 31, 2023.
	Victor Balacescu	Romania	21	21		
	David Quint	USA	21	N/A		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Place</b>	Motoki Semura	Japan	19	N/A	19	Secret Prize: given to all participants
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Place</b>	Lukáš Puškáš	Slovakia	18	N/A	18	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Place</b>	Hidden	Hidden	16	18	17	