

Nursery Rhyme Origins and Figures

Nursery Rhymes · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. In the rhyme 'Sing a Song of Sixpence', how many blackbirds were baked in a pie?

- A) Four
- B) Twenty-four**
- C) Twelve
- D) Forty

2. The nursery rhyme 'Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary' is often historically associated with which Queen of England?

- A) Mary I**
- B) Anne Boleyn
- C) Elizabeth I
- D) Victoria

3. In which year was the first known printed version of 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star' published in 'The Taylor Sisters' book?

- A) 1806**
- B) 1798
- C) 1820
- D) 1850

4. According to the rhyme 'One, Two, Buckle My Shoe', what action corresponds to the number five?

- A) Lay them straight
- B) Pick up sticks**
- C) Shut the door
- D) Close the gate

5. In 'The House That Jack Built', who was the first person mentioned as having built the house?

- A) Jack**
- B) A farmer
- C) A priest
- D) A maiden

6. The rhyme 'London Bridge is Falling Down' is theorized by some historians to refer to the burning of London Bridge by Olaf II of Norway in which year?

A) 1014

B) 1209

C) 1450

D) 1666

7. In the rhyme 'Three Blind Mice', what action did the farmer's wife take with a carving knife?

A) She chased them

B) She cut off their tails

C) She baked them in a pie

D) She locked the pantry

8. How many shillings are traditionally referenced in the nursery rhyme 'Lavender's Blue'?

A) Six

B) Eight

C) Twelve

D) Twenty

9. What is the numerical value mentioned in the opening line of 'Ten Little Monkeys jumping on the bed'?

A) Five

B) Eight

C) Ten

D) Twelve

10. In the rhyme 'Humpty Dumpty', what specific structure is he sitting on?

A) A fence

B) A wall

C) A bridge

D) A stool

11. The character 'Little Bo Peep' lost how many sheep according to the traditional verses?

A) Ten

B) Twenty

C) She did not specify

D) A hundred

12. In the rhyme 'Doctor Foster went to Gloucester', what happened to him in a puddle?

- A) He lost his shoe
- B) He fell in up to his middle**
- C) He caught a cold
- D) He ruined his hat

13. 'Hey Diddle Diddle' mentions a cow jumping over what celestial object?

- A) The Sun
- B) The North Star
- C) The Moon**
- D) A comet

14. In the rhyme 'Five Little Ducks', how many ducks went out one day?

- A) Three
- B) Four
- C) Five**
- D) Six

15. The rhyme 'Pat-a-cake, pat-a-cake, baker's man' specifically mentions marking the cake with what letter?

- A) A
- B) B**
- C) P
- D) M

16. In 'Old Mother Hubbard', what did the lady find in the cupboard when she went to fetch her dog a bone?

- A) A loaf of bread
- B) A piece of cheese
- C) Nothing**
- D) A bowl of milk

17. According to the rhyme 'Monday's Child', what is the destiny of a child born on a Wednesday?

- A) Full of woe**
- B) Full of grace
- C) Loving and giving
- D) Bonny and blithe

18. In the rhyme 'Georgie Porgie', what did the boy do that made the girls cry?

A) Stole their toys

B) Kissed the girls

C) Pulled their hair

D) Ran away