Schoolbag objects: guess the answer

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1. The fading mark

I sit on the end of some pencils, but I can also come on my own. Rub me over a pencil mark and it fades. What am I?

My guess: _____

2. The waiting page

I am often a thin strip. Leave me between two book pages and I remind you where you stopped. I do not read the story. What am I?

My guess: _____

3. The zip-up traveller

Pencils travel inside me. My zip keeps them from rolling around your bag. I am not the bag itself. What am I?

My guess: _____

4. The numbered strip

I am a stiff strip with numbered marks. Draw along my edge for a straight line, or use the marks to measure a length. What am I?

My guess: _____

5. The tiny curls

A blunt pencil turns in my hole. Thin curls of wood come out, and the pencil gets its point back. What am I?

My guess: _____

6. The wooden coat

I leave grey marks from a pointed core inside a wooden coat. When I go blunt, sharpening helps me draw a fine line again. What am I?

My guess: _____

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Things around home: guess the answer

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7. Two rows of teeth

I have two rows of little teeth. Pull my slider and the rows join to close a coat. What am I?

My guess: _____

8. A matching shape

I am a small metal tool with a shaped end. Turn me in a matching lock to open it. I may jingle beside others on a ring. What am I?

My guess: _____

9. The folded letter

A folded letter rests inside me. My flap closes over it, and the address goes on my front. What am I?

My guess: _____

10. Hands on a wall

I hang on a wall with twelve numbered hours around my face. My hands point, but they never wave. What am I?

My guess: _____

11. The draining bowl

I am a bowl full of holes. Water runs through me while cooked pasta stays inside. What am I?

My guess: _____

12. A row with no mouth

I have a flat row of teeth but no mouth. As I move gently through hair, tangles begin to loosen. What am I?

My guess: _____

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Little thinking puzzles: guess the answer

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13. Three envelopes

One note is inside one of three envelopes numbered 1, 2 and 3. It is not in envelope 1. Envelope 3 is empty. Which envelope has the note?

My guess: _____

14. Even in the middle

I am a whole number greater than 6 and less than 10. I am even. What number am I?

My guess: _____

15. The pencil giveaway

Mia has two blue pencils and one red pencil. She gives away the red pencil. How many blue pencils does she have left?

My guess: _____

16. Three friends

Ada, Ben and Cara sit in three seats in a row, one friend in each seat. Ada is at the left end. Ben is not at either end. Who is at the right end?

My guess: _____

17. The moving token

A paper token starts on space 1 of a path numbered 1 to 5. It moves forward three spaces, then back one space. Which space is it on now?

My guess: _____

18. The bus stop

A toy bus starts with three passengers. Two passengers get off and one new passenger gets on. How many passengers are on the bus now?

My guess: _____

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Answers: keep this sheet aside

These are the intended answers. Another answer can be fair when it fits every part of the clue. Full explanations are in the guide.

1. A rubber, or eraser.

2. A bookmark.

3. A pencil case.

4. A ruler.

5. A pencil sharpener.

6. A wooden graphite pencil.

7. A zip.

8. A key.

9. An envelope.

10. An analogue wall clock.

11. A colander.

12. A comb.

13. Envelope 2. Envelope 1 is ruled out and envelope 3 is empty, leaving only envelope 2.

14. 8. The whole numbers between 6 and 10 are 7, 8 and 9. Only 8 is even.

15. Two blue pencils. Only the red pencil was given away. Both blue pencils remain.

16. Cara. Ada takes the left seat and Ben must be in the middle, so Cara takes the right seat.

17. Space 3. Starting at 1, moving forward three reaches 4. Moving back one reaches 3.

18. Two passengers. Three minus two plus one is two. The question counts passengers.

Invent one together: choose an object, name two or three features, then read the clues without saying its name.