

Echo

Echoes are a popular topic for riddling because of their weird features, much like shadows and mirrors which are also popular riddle topics.

As you read through these riddles about echoes, think about the different properties of the echo that are good for riddling, and you can then create your own echo riddles by combining your favorite features.

Echoes are voices without bodies:

- **I live without a body; I speak without a tongue; everyone can hear me, but no one can see me. Who am I?**
- **Many have heard me, but no one will ever see me; I am not rude, and I only speak when I am spoken to. Who am I?**
- **Never seen, only heard, I only speak when spoken to. Who am I?**
- **No one has seen me; many have heard me; I speak only when I'm spoken to. Who am I?**

Echoes can only repeat what is said:

- **I don't care what you say first, only what you say last, and then I repeat it again and again. Who am I?**
- **I'm a sound that comes back, but I'm not a reply; if you laugh, I laugh with you, and if you cry, I too cry. Who am I?**
- **Many have heard me, but no one has seen me; I will not speak back until spoken to. Who am I?**
- **You've heard me before, and you will hear me again, and again; then I die till you call me once more, my friend, my friend, my friend. Who am I?**

Echoes are especially found in caves, valleys, mountains, etc.

- **I'm a respectful response, but I have no face; in mountain valleys and caves I have my place. Who am I?**
- **When you shout in a canyon, I'm sure to appear; no one can see me, but my voice you will hear. Who am I?**
- **I can make your whispers big and bold; in caverns and mountains, my magic unfolds. Who am I?**

Echoes are found everywhere in the world:

- **Who can speak every language in the world but never went to school?**
- **Who speaks every language in the world but has never been seen by anyone?**

You can also turn those "who/what is it?" questions into "who am I?" questions, just as you can turn "who am I?" questions into "what/who is it?" questions. That's just a matter of style! Given that echo riddles are about a voice, I prefer the "who am I?" style for these echo riddles, although that's purely a matter of personal preference.

Some of the riddles listed above are rhyming riddles, and here are some more echo riddles that rhyme:

- **I hear what you're saying; I hear what you've heard, but unless I cooperate, you won't hear a word. Who am I?**
- **When you think you're alone, you'll find I am there; your words are my words, but where am I? Nowhere! Who am I?**
- **You shout and I answer — I bounce right back; you can hear what I say, though a body I lack. Who am I?**

So, go ahead and make your own echo riddle! Pick two or more features of the echo and combine them into a new riddle. Or maybe you can think of some other feature of echoes that will work well in a riddle! Then, if you want, you can make your riddle rhyme. Or maybe you will take one of the non-rhyming riddles here and turn it into a rhyme of your own. Those are all possible ways to make your own echo riddles.