# Let's solve mysteries! - Solving riddles

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Need clues? Here are a few tips to help you solve most puzzles. When you can't find the solution, try the following strategies.

### **STRATEGIES**

## **PUZZLES** Remember that the solution is always simple. When

there are numbers, don't try to make complex calculations and re-read the riddle carefully to figure out its logic.

Here, the important word is "empty". You just have to put one coin because after that the box will no longer be empty.

I have a large money box, 48 centimeters square and 42 centimeters tall. Roughly how many coins can I place in my empty money box?

Focus on sounds: Very often puzzles are based on phonological similarities. You just have to describe what you see. What the description sounds like will correspond to the solution.

The word "GOT" is written four times, the word "HERO" ten times, so we see four got ten heroes, which sounds like "forgotten heroes".

GOT GOT GOT GOT

HERO HERO HERO HERO HERO HERO HERO HERO HERO **HERO** 

Focus on words within words: Is there a word within the other? Describe what you see and you will get the solution.

The words "a friend" are in the word "need", so it is "a friend in need".

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Focus on the way the words are positioned within the box: Is the word at the top of the box? At the bottom? On the right? etc.

"Sit" is at the bottom and "shut" is at the top, so it is "Sit down and shut up".

Focus on the spatial relation between the words: Is there a word above or under another?

"You're" is under the word "arrest" so it is "You're under arrest".

SHUT

SIT

**ARREST** 

YOU'RE

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