



## Brain teasers

### Questions

1. Which one of the five words below is spelled incorrectly?  
MILIEU  
COMMITMENT  
OCCASION  
SILHOUETTE  
CONCILIATION
2. There were six apples in a basket and six girls in the room. Each girl took one apple, yet one apple remained in the basket. How come?
3. How do the publishers of dictionaries or atlases protect themselves from pirates who would copy their work?
4. Insert any math symbols you like, can you make four 8s equal 2?  
 $8 \quad 8 \quad 8 \quad 8$
5. What can run but never walk, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but does not weep, has a bed but does not sleep?

## Answers

1. CONCILLIATION is spelled incorrectly. It should be spelled CONCILIATION.
2. The first five girls each took an apple. The sixth girl took the basket as well as the apple in it.
3. Publishers normally include a nonexistent word or a nonexistent island or town in a dictionary or atlas, respectively. If it then appears in somebody else's work, they have clear evidence of copying.
4.  $8/8 + 8/8 = 1+1$  or 2
5. A river.

