

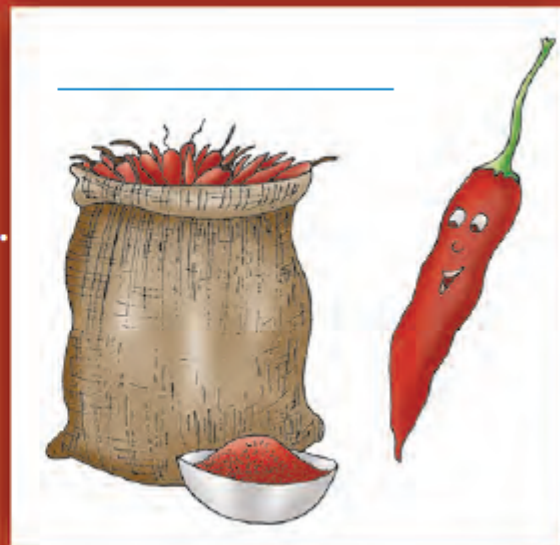
Chapter 25: Spicy Riddles

NCERT · Class 4 · EVS

Questions

Question 1

**I can be powdered fine
To make food hot and spicy,
If too much of me is added
I make you gasp – shheee... shheee..
Your eyes and nose begin to water
And you cry!
*Think and tell me who am I?
Tell me quickly, who am I?***

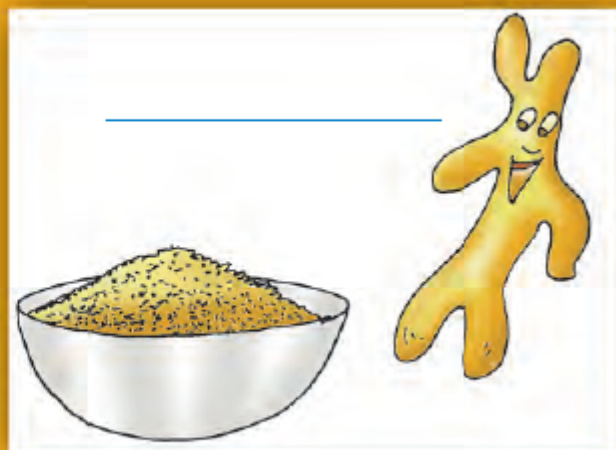


Solution

Chilli (Mirchi)

Question 2

**Grind me and powder me –
To make your food look yellow,
I am mixed in oil by granny
And applied to wounds quickly,
I heal all wounds – big and small,
That is why I am loved by all!
Think and tell me who am I?
Tell me quickly, who am I?**

**Solution**

Turmeric (Haldi)

Question 3

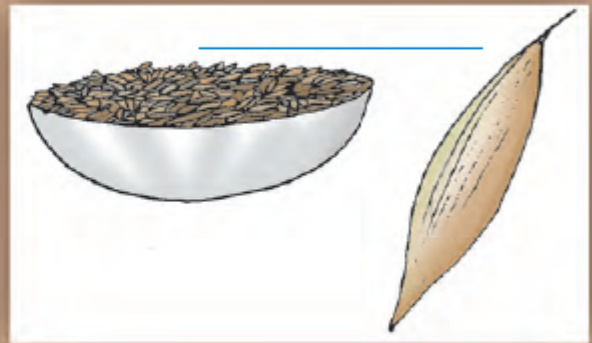
**Small and round like a pearl,
I am black when I am whole.
I can be powdered coarse or fine
A sharp and spicy taste is mine,
Whether it is salty or sweet
I am added as a special treat,
Think and tell me who am I?
Tell me quickly, who am I?**

**Solution**

Pepper (Kaali Mirch)

Question 4

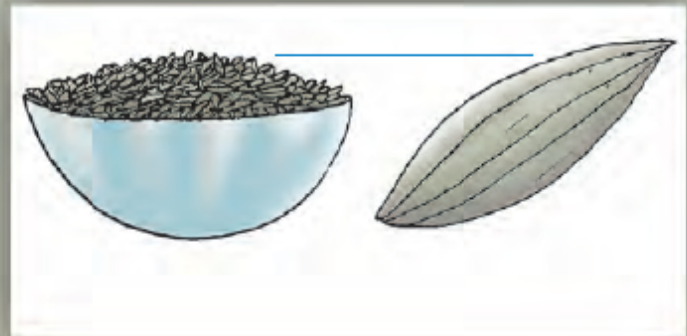
**I am a small and skinny chap
Sometimes I am brown and
sometime black,
Added to hot oil and ghee
I spread my fragrance all around me,
When I am roasted.
Curd and jaljeera are favourite to me.
*Think and tell me who am I?
Tell me quickly, who am I?***

**Solution**

Cumin (Jeera)

Question 5

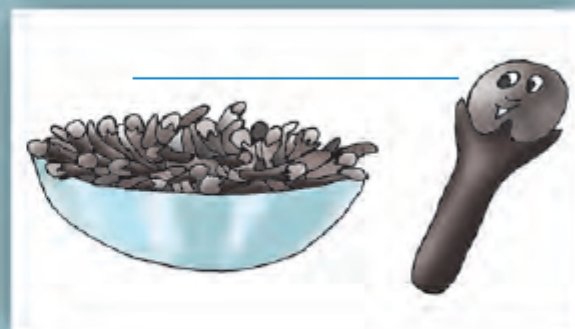
**I look like Zeera though green am I,
To make your stomach
healthy I always try,
Eat me always after your meal
I refresh your mouth, you
surely feel,
*Think and tell me who am I?
Tell me quickly, who am I?***

**Solution**

Fennel (Saunf)

Question 6

**I look like a nail but a bud am I,
Chocolate brown colour and a
strong smell have I.
When your toothache
makes you shout,
I soothe the pain in your mouth.
Think and tell me who am I?
Tell me quickly, who am I?**

**Solution**

Cloves (Laung)

· Textbook page 201**Question 1**

Now, try and make your own riddles about two other spices. Ask those riddles in your class. Draw pictures of the two spices in your notebook and write their names.

1) I spread my fragrance far and wide. I love exotic dishes like biryani. I give yellow colour to the dish, I look like fine hair. Tell me, who am I?

Solution

Answer: Saffron

2) I look like the bark of a tree. I come in the shape of small sticks I am used in dishes for my fragrance I am also used in chocolates, candies and chewing gums. I am chocolaty brown. Tell me, who am I?

Answer: Cinnamon

Question 2

Find out which spices are used in your house for cooking. Make a list and look at your friends' lists too.

Solution

Pepper, turmeric, garlic, cumin and basil are the spices used in my house for cooking. Spices used in my friend's house for cooking are turmeric, ginger, saffron and pepper.

Question 3

When your grandparents were young, which spices were used most in their kitchens? Find out from them and write here.

Solution

The spices used were red chilli, coriander, onion, turmeric, etc.

Question 4

Name one spice which is put into both sweet and salty things. Find out what is put into food to make it taste sour.

Solution

Cardamon (elaichi) is one spice which is put into both sweet and salty things. Vinegar is put into food to make it taste sour.

(2) · Textbook page 202

Question 1

Find out whether any spices are grown in your area. Write their names here.

Solution

The spices grown in my area are chilli, turmeric, ginger and garlic.

Question 2

Bring some whole spices to class. Write their names in the table. Close your eyes and try to recognise each spice by smelling and touching each one in turn. Put a (P) mark in front of the ones you recognise. If you do not recognise any, put a (I) mark.

No.	Smell	Touch	Name of the spice
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Solution

No.	Smell	Touch	Name of the spice
1.	Strong	Uneven surface	Cardamon
2.	Strong	Smooth	Chilli
3.	Light	Uneven surface	Ginger
4.	Strong	Smooth	Turmeric
5.	Strong	Uneven surface	Garlic

Let us try making a spicy potato chaat!

Question 1

Did you enjoy the potato *chaat*?

Solution

Yes, I enjoyed the potato chaat.

Question 2

Just imagine, if there were no spices to make the potato *chaat*, how would it taste?

Solution

The taste would not be that great if no spices were added.

Question 3

How do spice-less and very spicy things feel on your tongue?

Solution

Spice-less things give no sensation on my tongue, whereas spicy things give a tingling sensation on my tongue.

Related Links	
Download Class 11 Maths NCERT Solutions	NCERT Chemistry Class 11 PDF Free Download Part 1
CBSE Class 12 Maths NCERT Solutions Free Download	Chemistry NCERT Solutions Class 12