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Attacks the man who wears the crown.
Lofty mountains are made lower
By its never ceasing power.





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Riddles adapted from *The Hobbit* by J. R. R. Tolkien

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"That's difficult!" complained Sue. "You'll have to give me time." "That's it!" laughed Joshua. "You've said the answer!" Sue thought for a moment. "So I have!" she exclaimed. "My turn now."

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The answer to Joshua's riddle is <u>time</u> .
The answer to Sue's riddle is an egg.

These exercises test punctuation. Discuss any differences between your child's answers and those shown above. Your child may come up with other answers – accept these answers if he or she can justify them and shows an understanding of what a riddle is.



