

# Chapter 25

## Spicy Riddles

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**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?**

**Ans. Chilli (Mirchi)**



**2. Grind me and powder me- To make your food look yellow,**

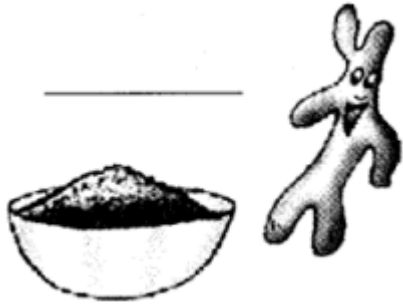
**I am mixed in oil by granny And applied to wounds quickly,**

**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?**

**Ans. Turmeric (Haldi)**



**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?**

**Ans. Pepper (Kaali Mirch)**



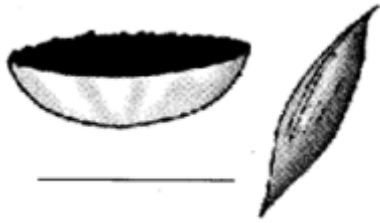
**4. I am a small and skinny chap Sometimes I am brown and sometime black,**

**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?**

**Ans. Cumin (Jeera)**



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?

**Ans.** Fennel (Saunf)



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?

**Ans.** Cloves (Laung)



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**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.**



**Ans.** I am the costliest spice in the world,

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

**Solution:**

Saffron I look like the bark of a tree I come in 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



**Ans.** Cinnamon

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

**Ans.** Spices used in my house for cooking-Turmeric, pepper, ginger, cumin, saffron. Spices used in my friend's house for cooking – Onion, garlic, turmeric, pepper, basil, cumin.

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

**Ans.** Red chilli, turmeric, onion, coriander, etc.

**4. Name one spice which is put into both sweet and salty things.**

**Ans.** Cardamom (Elaichi)

**5. Find out what is put into food to make it taste sour.**

**Ans.** Vinegar

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

**Ans.** Yes in my area, chilli, turmeric, ginger and garlic are grown.

**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 (right) mark in front of the ones you recognise. If you do not recognise any, put a (Wrong) mark.**

<i>Sl</i>	<i>Smell</i>	<i>Touch</i>	<i>Name of spice</i>
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

**Ans.** I could recognize all the spices. They given in the following table.

<i>Sl</i>	<i>Smell</i>	<i>Touch</i>	<i>Name of spice</i>
1	Strong	Smooth	Chilli
2	Light	Uneven Smooth	Ginger
3	Strong	Uneven surface	Garlic
4	Strong	Smooth	Turmeric
5	Strong	Uneven surface	Cardamom

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### Let Us Try Making a Spicy Potato Chaat!

**1. Did you enjoy the potato chaat?**

**Ans.** Yes, I enjoyed the potato chaat.

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

**Ans.** Its taste would not be good.

**3. Try to learn and make a different kind of chaat and enjoy it with all your friends in class.**

**Ans.** Do it yourself.

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

**Ans.** Spicy things give a tingling sensation on my tongue. Spice-less things do not give such sensation.