

# All About Furniture

Story By: Andrew Frinkle

Frank's uncle gave him a riddle to solve: "What has three or four legs, no back, arms, or head, and you sit on it?" Frank was stumped, but never liked to let his uncle win in riddle contests, so he looked around his house, searching for possible answers.

In his room, he had a bed, which had four legs, sort of. It actually had four rollers and a couple extra spots that held it up. Also, it had a headboard, which was sort of like a head, and he didn't really sit on it so much as lie down.

How about his dresser? That had four legs and no head or back, but he didn't sit on it. He got up and looked around some more. His desk was the same situation as the dresser: he didn't sit on it. His computer chair had five wheels, and it had a back and arms.

This was hard!

Frank wandered out into the dining room. The table didn't fit the description any more than the dresser did, and the high-backed chairs certainly didn't, either. In the living room, the sofa and loveseat were strikeouts because of the backs and arms.

What could it be?

He walked past the bathroom, but the toilet and shelves didn't make sense. What exactly was there left in his house that fit the description? He looked more, walking past his sister's room, the laundry room, and his parents' room. Still, nothing worked as an answer.

He was about to give up, and was heading back to his room to contemplate the matter further, when he happened past the kitchen. There, in front of the kitchen counter, was the answer. He laughed aloud.

Do you know what it was?

The answer was: a stool. It could have three or four legs, although these had four. It didn't have arm, a back, or a head. It was also meant to be sat upon. The whole time, it was something as simple as that.

Frank called his uncle right away and told him the answer. He'd have to get ready for the next riddle, whatever that might be.



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  - B. a joke
  - C. a riddle
  - D. a book
  
2. What is the first thing Frank thinks of as a possible answer?
  - A. a bed
  - B. a dresser
  - C. a desk
  - D. a computer chair
  
3. Why didn't the computer chair work as an answer?
  - A. It was too cushy.
  - B. It was adjustable.
  - C. It had arms and a back and five wheels.
  - D. It was the right answer after all.
  
4. Why didn't the sofa or loveseat work as an answer?
  - A. They had backs and arms.
  - B. They were the wrong color.
  - C. They were the right answer.
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