

Riddle of the Cans

HERE'S A RIDDLE FOR YOU: WHAT TWO **DIFFERENT** ITEMS ARE BASICALLY THE SAME SIZE, SHAPE AND COLOR AND HAVE A BIG OL' X STAMPED INTO THEIR PLASTIC?

LET'S SEE... SAME SIZE, SHAPE, COLOR, BIG X. GEE, I DUNNO. WHAT?

A FUEL CAN AND A WATER CAN.

WHU-!? WHERE'D THAT X COME FROM?

A 5-GAL FUEL CAN LOOKS SIMILAR TO A 5-GAL WATER CAN. IF YOU'RE NOT PAYING ATTENTION, YOU MIGHT **MISTAKE** ONE CAN FOR THE OTHER. AND THAT COULD LEAD TO TROUBLE.

WATER! IS THAT MY NAME?

TROUBLE THAT INCLUDES DAMAGED EQUIPMENT, LOST PROPERTY AND THIRD-DEGREE BURNS. SO, PLAY IT **SAFE**. LEARN TO TELL THE CANS APART.

Similarities

HERE'S HOW FUEL AND WATER CANS ARE ALIKE. WE BOTH HAVE THE **SAME SIZE** AND BASICALLY THE **SAME SHAPE**.

AND WE HAVE A BIG X STAMPED INTO OUR PLASTIC SURFACE. BOTH OF US COME IN OLIVE DRAB AND SAND COLORS.

THAT'S YOUR CLUE, WATER CAN.

Differences

OUTWARDLY, FUEL AND WATER CANS DIFFER IN **THREE WAYS...**

...BY THE LABELS, CAPS AND HANDLES. GET TO KNOW ALL **THREE**.

	Fuel cans	Water cans
Label	Labeled FUEL	Labeled WATER
Cap	Smooth on top. Retaining strap fixed to its center.	Has two small caps within the larger cap: one for the breather, another for the pouring spout.
Handle	Has three handles	Has one handle

REMEMBER TO USE YOUR **SENSES** TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US CANS...

TOUCH: FEEL THE NUMBER OF HANDLES AND THE SHAPE OF THE CAP.

HEARING: LISTEN WHEN YOU UNSCREW THE CAP. A FUEL CAN HAS PENT-UP VAPORS AND WILL ALWAYS MAKE A **HISSING** SOUND.

WATER CAN HAS **ONE HANDLE**

WATER CAN HAS **TWO SMALL CAPS WITHIN LARGER CAP**

FUEL CAN HAS **THREE HANDLES**

FUEL CAN CAP IS **SMOOTH ON TOP**, WITH **RETAINING STRAP**

SIGHT: SEE THE NUMBER OF HANDLES AND THE FUEL OR WATER LABEL.

SMELL: SMELL FOR FUEL ODOR.

AND THAT'S HOW YOU TELL US FUEL AND WATER CANS **APART!**

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