What am I?
Riddles are word puzzles. Can you work out what is being described?

1. Hold it steady in your hand,  
Then you will see another land,  
Where right is left, and left is right,  
And no sound stirs by day or night;  
When you look in, yourself you see,  
Yet in that place you cannot be.

What is it? ..............................................................

2. I leave my mark on page or card.  
But you may break me, if you press too hard.

What am I? ..............................................................

3. What has two hands, but no fingers,  
A face, but cannot eat,  
And moves at a regular pace,  
Although it has no feet.

It's a .............................................................................

4. You can boil me or beat me.  
You are able to eat me,  
When I’m laid upon your table.

What am I? ..............................................................

5. Take season and seasoning,  
Add them together,  
And you’ll spin through the air  
As light as a feather.

What is it? ................................................................}

Answers: What am I?  
1. mirror  2. pencil  3. clock  4. egg  5. somersault

Did you know?  
The word ‘clue’ originally meant ‘a ball of thread’, which is why to solve a mystery you have to unravel clues.

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1. I hold things together.  
I’ve two eyes but no head.  
If I’m loose, you can fix me  
With needle and thread.

What am I? ...............................................................

2. What wears a jacket but no trousers?  
Has no bones, but a skin?  
Is brown on the outside  
But white within?

It’s a .................................................................

3. The longer I stand and glow,  
The shorter I grow.  
I give light at night,  
Until someone gives me a blow.

What am I? ...............................................................

4. What hears without ears  
And is able, too,  
Without a mouth  
To speak to you.

It’s an .................................................................

5. When I am alive, I make no sound.  
But pulling me from the ground  
To cut off my head is no way to treat me,  
So I’ll make you cry before you eat me.

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Spell it Out

In these riddles, you have to work out what the word is letter by letter.

1. My first is in shooting, but not in shoot.
   My second’s not in kick, but is in boot.
   My third’s in ball, but not in score.
   My fourth’s in penalty. I make the crowd roar.

I’m a .............................................................

2. My first is in fish, but not in bone.
   My second is in iron, but not in stone.
   My third’s in crown and also in throne.
   My fourth’s once in twice,
   But twice in returned.
   Touch me, get burned.

I’m a .............................................................

3. My first is in wish, but not in bone.
   My second is in rock, but not in stone.
   My third’s once in twice,
   But twice in tease.
   Touch me and freeze!

I’m .............................................................

4. My first is in blood and twice in undead.
   My second is in nightmare and also in dread.
   My third is in fangs, but is not in doom.
   My fourth is in coffin, but not in tomb.
   My fifth’s in bloodsucker, but not in vein.
   My sixth’s in bloodcurdling and in bloodstain.
   My last is in vampire, but not in bite.
   I rise from my grave on the stroke of midnight!

I’m .............................................................

5. My first is in first and also in second.
   My second is in second, but not in first.
   My third is in second, but not in third.
   My fourth is in third and also in fourth.
   My fifth is in second, but not third or fourth.
   My sixth is in fourth, in fifth, and in sixth.
   My whole is hidden inside a box.
   To find me just undo the locks.

I’m a .............................................................

Answers: Spell it Out
1. goal,
2. fire,
3. ice,
4. Dracula,
5. secret.

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