



Curious Questions Giveaway Entries

Our students come from different backgrounds. We intentionally chose to share their honest questions on some controversial or religious topics. Sharing these questions does not constitute an endorsement.

Anna, 13, Virginia

Can you make a light bulb that never goes out?

If plants can feel the sun and grow straight towards it, do vines just not care because they will sometimes grow along the ground?

Did Adam ever fly?

Why are people constantly saying in response to a question, "that is a good question" as if that were an answer?

Do some people have one side of their brain that works better than the other side?

Dominic, 14, Minnesota

Why aren't globes called spherical maps?
Why do we have eyebrows?
Why do books smell so good?

Jeremiah, 12, Minnesota

What are the elders?
What is a black hole made from?
What is hair for?

Ryan, 14, Maine

Why does the ice cream truck never come down our road?
What causes wind currents?
What is my pen's ink made out of?
What are erasers made out of?
How does "disc burning" work?

Anna, 13, West Virginia

Where does the pencil lead go when I erase it?
Who chooses the person who names the countries?
Has anyone ever copied the entire dictionary for a punishment?
What makes someone allergic to peanuts?
Who created the calculator?

Haley, 10, California ~ Honorable Mention

Why is the abbreviation for Missus have an r (Mrs.) ?

How do erasers take lead off of paper?

Why does a bee sting still sting even after the stinger is out of your skin?

Sammy, 12, Ontario

Do Amish people ever read the kinds of books we read as kids?

Like 'The Hungry Caterpillar'?

Why does my sister have to be in such a bad mood today?

Who invented pancakes and what were they first made of?

What animal was the first to multiply?

Why do horses lift their tails to fart?

Emily, 11, Ontario

Why do we talk to our animals in baby voices?

Why is bird seed called that, when it is also for the chipmunks and squirrels?

How do you make dog food flavour jelly beans? Did someone try dog food?

Why, in movies and shows, do you get three wishes? Why not two?

How tiny are cicadas' brains?

Marcus, 11, British Columbia

What determines our favourite colours?

What will happen to humanity once we have depleted our reserves of "black gold?"

Why are humans driven by greed, and not simply curiosity?

Can we make anti-matter, and if so, how expensive would it be to

create?

Why is my head more filled with remarks, rather than questions?

Delaney, 12, Texas ~ Winner (spyglass)

What was the first word Adam said?

Have I ever met someone who's part of the witness protection program?

Why do villains in movies and books always want to destroy the world, if they would be destroyed along with it?

Why can't animals speak English, French or some other human language?

What would the USA be like today if the South had won the Civil War?

Noah, 10, Ontario

How many snowflake shapes are there?

Why did people think the moon was made of cheese?

What was the first word ever spoken?

Why was money ever invented?

Does God see the future?

Dickson, 14, Mongolia

Why do people have wars instead of resolving problems with each other peacefully?

How do words and letters make sounds? They just look like little markings on paper.

Do animals understand us, or do they hear us like we hear them?

Why does my 4-year old little brother get up so early in the morning?

Why is the Earth round instead of triangular or rectangular?

Rachel, 11, Colorado

How do people come up with video games?

Who came up with sentence diagramming? They should go to jail!

Why can't I remember the day I was born?

Why are there two identical crayons in the large boxes of Crayolas with different names?

Why is pavement black?

Kaylee, 14, Wisconsin ~ Honorable Mention

How do freckles grow?

How long does water last before you can't drink it anymore?

Who is Ash from the letters?

Who or what is Gunther von Steuben?

Why does my dog Molly snore?

Emily, 13, Colorado

Why do leaves change colors as seasons change?

Why are owls often considered 'wise'?

Why can't animals smile?

Why do caterpillars change in to butterflies? How can something so ugly change into something so beautiful?

Noah, 14, Texas

Why do humans breathe air, not water?
Why do they (humans) bury their dead, but nothing grows?
Why do they (humans) all dress the same to be different?
Why do they (humans) have 5 fingers, not 7 like me?
Why are some of them (humans) afraid of insects when they are bigger than them?

Will, 12, Texas

Why do people get piercings all over their body?
How come I see so many dog spas? (It's a dog, not a human)
Why do you have to wait until 16 to get your driver's license?
Why do we get presents on Christmas, when it's not even our b day, it's Jesus's b-day. We should not get presents.
Why do video games keep getting to look more and more like real TV?

Annaliese, 13, Texas ~ Winner (magnifying glass)

How do blankets with holes keep us warm?
Why do you get bruises when you didn't even bump yourself?
If you drop soap on the floor, is the soap dirty or the floor clean?
If money brings evil into us, why do they ask for it in church?
If a camera lens is circle, then why are pictures square?

Sophia, 11, Texas

Why do humans like having animals caged up in their house?
Why do humans make dried food?
Why have a different "healthy food" each year?

Why isn't the person who made the pencil famous?
Why are things like wait, and weight pronounced the same, but mean a completely different thing?

Christy, 13, Texas

Lots of kids make volcanoes for science projects but why don't they make earth quakes by just shaking the tables?
Why do some people say the sun rises in the morning when really the earth is turning and the sun stays still?
If everyone was a Christian would the earth be a much better place?
Why do you crave different types of foods at different times?
Why is it fun to throw a ball back and forth?

Claire, 15, Texas

Why do people find it so entertaining to go to zoos and watch and take pictures/videos of animals being imprisoned?
Why does the sun lighten out your hair, but makes your skin darker?
Is hell forever?
What was God doing before time?
How can people worship celebrities they never meet?

Savanna, 13, Texas

Why are there 60 minutes in an hour rather than 100?
Why do some people go to so much effort at poaching when others make as much money without even half the effort?
What is the difference between a trapezoid and a trapezium besides

the name?
Did Napoleon Bonaparte feel intimidated by his troops because he was 5"6" and everyone else was over 6 feet?
What happens when horses and cows eat poison ivy?

Jack, 12, Texas

Why are there so many ways to spell to? (2, to, too, two)
Why do fat people always drive the smallest cars?
Why do we have welcome mats when they aren't very welcoming?
Why is a yo-yo called that, instead of an up-down?
Why is unhealthy food cheaper than healthy food? Does the food industry want everyone to be fat and unhealthy?

Keely, 12, Iowa

Did Adam and Eve have belly buttons?
Where in the process of a child developing in the womb do they get their personality?
What's the difference between deference and capitulation?
If ghosts exist what's the reason they would 'haunt' us?
How can plants have feelings/instincts without a brain?

Anna-Lee, 12, Ontario

Why do people call a cat clean when they clean themselves with their spit?
Can animals understand each other?
Why do people become attached to their homes?
Why do people think dance is easy?
Why do dogs like chasing sticks and balls?

Autumn, 12, Montana ~ Winner (magnifying glass)

What defines genius? Aristotle was a genius, but he was wrong half the time. Newton's most famous theory was half wrong.

Why are all the famous "great writers" so boring?

What defines good writing?

What makes music different from sound?

What makes things taste good, and why does it vary from person to person?

Dawson, 14, New York

How is the calculator able to solve all those problems?

How are they able to preserve the food in Cup Noodles?

What is electricity?

Is honey really unable to spoil?

Is corn a fruit or a vegetable?

Elijah, 13, New York

Do all birds speak the same language?

Why do people expect more out of others than themselves?

Why does the president have to be 35 years old?

Where is Carmen Sandiego?

Why does Sharpie say it's permanent, but it's not?

Joey, 14, Florida

Why does human nature cause people to mess up?

Why do people think "old news" is not important?
Why have people always loved music?
Why is math known for being awful when plenty of people love it?
Why do we buy books when we can get them free at the library?

Betsy, 11, Florida ~ Honorable Mention

Why do crickets chirp at night, and only at night?
Why are there only 26 letters in the alphabet?
Why do people say dogs go "woof," "arf," "bow-wow," and "bark"?
Why are babies cuter than adults?
Why don't feet have thumbs?

Renée, 14, Ontario ~ Winner (compass)

What kinds of people could the world do without? Or is everyone needed to make the world go around?
Where are our personalities before we're born? Do they grow as we grow?
Would the ability to read someone's mind help us understand each other, or would it make it worse?
How does the brain's memory system function?
Where are emotions before we feel them?

Oliver, 11, Ontario ~ Honorable Mention

Why do people want to live in such large and noisy cities?
Why are the gas giants considered planets when they only made of gas?
Why do we think music sounds good? It is—when you think about

it—really ugly sounding.
Why do we consider and draw water as blue, when it usually is a greyish or transparent colour?

Ella, 12, Washington

Why do some people want to talk about everything, and some about nothing?
I know a person who looks exactly like me, does everyone have someone who looks exactly like them?
How did America decide on 911 as an emergency number, why not 111?
Who decided cauliflower should be eaten?
Who is John Galt?

Ellie, 12, Maryland ~ Honorable Mention

Why is it impolite to say, "Yes" when people ask you, "Am I in your way?"
Why do some people use hand gestures when they're on the phone?
Why do people with straight hair curl it and people with curly hair straighten it?
How much rain has ever fallen on earth?
Why is ISLAND spelled with an "S"?

Spencer, 13, Florida

If chimpanzees had a high enough IQ, could they be trained by Marta Karoli to perform gymnastics?
Who invented rugby.....and why?!

Why do people insist that pink is a man's color?

If TV wasn't invented until 1925, then why can't people live without it?

If Jesus fulfilled so many Old Testament prophecies, and the Pharisees were so knowledgeable about the Scriptures, why did they doubt that He was the Messiah???

Alea, 11, Illinois

Why are some people good at memorizing and not others?

Is there a motivation to everything you do?

Jack, 14, Maryland

Why do women hate guys' junk drawers when they carry one around with them?

Why are so many people afraid of the truth?

Why haven't more people realized that you can replace the evil in a government but you can't over-take the evil in men?

Why are people with great skill at art often nuts?

Why do people get mad at computers when it only does what you tell it to?

Merle, 11, Washington

How long has "modern" been a genre?

What did grass evolve from?

Who invented the aglet?

How many types of trees are there in the world?

How do dust particles get into clouds?

Michael, 9, Washington ~ Honorable Mention

Where did music come from?

How do chameleons change color?

Why does light reflect off of dark water?

How do guinea pigs eat so much and stay so small?

Why is abalone shiny?

Nicole, 14, British Columbia ~ Honorable Mention

When you scratch your skin, why does your skin turn white?

How old is Daniel Schwabauer?

Who decided that "[insert heart shape]" would signify the heart, if that's not even the shape of the human heart?

Why do people eat their boogers?

Why is the world full of questions, but short on answers?

Jeremy, 12, British Columbia

Why is it always night in space but day and night on earth?

Why do we sleep at night and not during the day?

What time is it in a black hole?

Why can't someone swim in boiling water and not get hurt but anyone can swim in arctic water for at least 2 seconds?

Why does wax melt with heat?

Sophie, 8, British Columbia

Who invented the first card game?

Are there undiscovered colors?

If I got electrocuted, how would it feel?
Who was the first person to invent modern things?
How do you make rubber?

Ethan, 7th grade, California

What keeps the earth from falling?
Why do trees live longer than people?
Where is the biggest chocolate factory?
Why do we not get dizzy from the earth's rotation?
Why does water not taste?

Jack, 12, British Columbia ~ Honorable Mention

Do doctors know that chocolate chips are good medicine?
 And why aren't they chip-shaped?(The chips, not the doctors)
Why can't humans pick smaller words for things?
"Uniformitarianism" is rather long.
Is there such a thing as female pattern baldness?
How come I can't see any chickens crossing roads?

Dylan, 10, North Carolina ~ Honorable Mention

How do vibrations make sound?
How does the moon affect the sea?
How did George Lucas get the idea for Star Wars?
What was the first word spoken?
Was the website Amazon named after the rainforest?

Stephanie, 16, Michigan

It is ironic when you are doing a writing program and there is an announcement of a Webinar, then they use the horrifying word "stuff". Ahhh it even hurts to type it! Stuff is not very descriptive. (Wince!) Why did the writing program do that? Why do people have a "jeep wave," but it is actually a peace sign? It is amazing what you can work out when you try. How does that happen? Whoever invented alarm clock must think, waking up to a blaring beeping noise is fun. Why do people invent irritating items? Why does playing with a Nerf gun make you feel amazing, even if you are just holding it?

Ashley, 16, Wisconsin

Why do people have different hair color?
Why are younger people more flexible than older people?
Why do some people play the piano better than other people?
Why is Daniel Schwabauer funny?
How do you find the illustrator in a book?

Amber, 14, Wisconsin

What happens when your book get published?
Why do people say not to edit while you are still writing?
Why do I feel stupid talking to myself, when my little sister does it all the time?
What is our hair's purpose?
Why, if there is oxygen in water, can't we breathe under water?

Elise, 11, New Jersey ~ Winner (*The Curse of the Seer*)

Did Jesus make ripples when he walked on water?

Is it possible that the color I see as blue is the color you call red?

After all, how could you tell without the names?

Do all roses have the same number of petals?

What is the difference between fur and hair?

Is everything we're living a dream and we just think it couldn't be because in our dream that isn't how it works?

Jeremiah, 11, New Jersey ~ Honorable Mention

What happens to hail when it is hit by lightning?

Why can we make cars and planes but a long time ago they couldn't? Are we smarter?

Why is Irish Chocolate Wacky cake called Irish Chocolate Wacky Cake? Are there cocoa beans in Ireland and are they wacky?

How do fish communicate if they don't make noise?

Why do monkeys like bananas or do they eat them for their health?

Annalies, 12, Ontario

Why do chipmunks quickly stuff their mouths full of food until their cheeks are at the point of exploding?

Why are some people so affluent when others are destitute?

Why are pandas so slothful each and every day?

Why do I have to learn about everything out of everything?

What can we do about our corrupt society? How can we help make the world less corrupt?

Chance, 11, Georgia

Why do people have to wear clothes?
Why do people make certain words bad words?
Who invented comic books?
Why do people say bless you when you sneeze?
Who invented school?

Gracie, 13, Nebraska

Why are boys so noisy?
Was Halloween made to scare people?
Can dogs understand what you say?
Why are there four seasons?
Who invented books?

Will, 11, Nebraska

Why do people have funny last names?
How does science work?
Why are sisters so bossy?
How does math work?
Who invented numbers?

Gwendolyn, 15, Nebraska ~ Honorable Mention

The people here are eternally complaining about “the Time”, yet they do not seem to be able to operate anywhere outside its rather close-minded boundaries. Is it they who have for some enigmatic reason laid this burden upon themselves, or is it the workings of some other unknown entity? If the latter—what is the identity of this specimen, and what was its intent? If the former, then we are even more ignorant than we previously

thought.

Most of them here seem to be afraid of the dark-- why is this? Is it merely another manifestation of their fear of the unknown?

How is it that cobwebs are employed to communicate both the delicate and the ghastly?

Coconuts kill more people a year than do sharks-- yet they are more frightened of sharks than they are of coconuts. Have they no common sense?

Before an infant is capable of thinking in words-- what form do its thoughts take?

Kelly, 13, Alberta ~ Winner (steampunk goggles)

How do people determine what is fashionable and what is not?

How did the "Dumb Blonde" stereotype start?

How do us westerners have so much, while all the rest of the world has so little, and we don't seem to care?

Why do people fall for lies and false promises of politicians over and over again?

How does our brain determine what is worth remembering?

What makes certain foods taste better than others?

Hannah, 12, Illinois

How many stars are in the Milky Way?

When will the world come to an end?

Why did the old lady swallow the fly?

Why are white beans called navy beans?

How can people smoke when they know what is happening to them?

Maddy, 12, Illinois ~ Honorable Mention

Do penguins have knees?

How were the days of the week decided?

Can more colors be created?

If you read the Bible in one sitting, how long would it take?

Was Humpty Dumpty really an egg?

David, 13, Illinois

How many hairs are there on a person's head?

Why do we have Daylight Savings time?

Why did people in the 1400s think the earth was flat?

How would the moon affect us if it were closer to the earth?

Why does heat rise?

Jenna, 12, Illinois

Why do we have homework?

Why do we pay for stuff?

When were pandas first known by scientists?

Who first invented Culvers?

Do dogs dream?

Kelsey, 11, Illinois

Why is school not in summer so we could take vacations to get away from the coldness?

Why do you have to pay to get an animal? They were wild once so you should get them for free.

Why do you have to be sixteen to drive?

Why are you considered an adult at eighteen?
Why do some people think they're the best people ever?

Emily, 11, Illinois

Why do different people have different taste buds?
Why do we write from left to right? Why not right to left?
Why are there only twelve hours on a clock when there are 24 existing hours in a whole day?
Why are there only 26 letters in the alphabet? Why stop at Z?
Why do I only have one brain? Wouldn't I be smarter if I had two?

Cecilia, 12, Illinois

Why are most people right handed?
Why is sugar bad for you?
Why do people get so attached to electronics?
Why are some people afraid of public speaking?
Why do people get cold?

Danielle, 11, Illinois ~ Winner (steampunk gun)

Why is it so hard to think up questions on the spot even though they just happen when I'm going through my day?
Are you capable of changing your personality?
How come a cloud can block the sun so much even though it's just water?
How come there are certain things like math that people decided everyone should know?
Why are some people so bothered by certain noises when others are not bothered by those but are bothered by different ones?

Daniel, Alaska ~ Winner (*The Curse of the Seer*)

Who wrote the first word?

What is Professor Gunther Von Steuben?

Why do sharks eat seals?

When was the first animal farmed?

How does your brain turn sentences into pictures?

Eve, 11, Alberta

Is English based off of Greek, French, Latin or all?

What was the first version of hairspray made out of?

What is spider's web made out of? Is it their poo?

Do goldfish have noses?

Do leaves when they fall let out all the toxins that they took in?

Emma, 11, Utah

Why does money still say “in God we trust” since a lot of the population isn’t Christian?

Why did Gunther Von Steuben come to earth in this journal?

MJ, 16, Michigan

Why do people drink coffee when it is not pleasing to the mouth?

Why do we have to pay so much to the government in taxes?

Why do we have to learn items that don't seem to relate with anything in the real world?

Why is eating candy so much fun?

Who invented the screwdriver?

Peter, 11, Texas

Why do they make soft and hard ice cream?
Who said numbers were endless?
Why are there so many types of hotels?
How does heat and sand make glass?
How do cows make milk?

Drake, 11, Texas

I wonder why movies made in the 1930s were in black and white?
I wonder why knights and dragons are so popular?
Why small things so cute?
Why is there a castle in every Disney movie?
When God made plants why are their leaves green?

Wendy, 9, Texas

Why does my dog like skunks?
What makes cleaning so boring?
What makes flowers a certain color?
Why are coins made of metal?
Where do tree leaves get their green color?

Austin, 12, Missouri

Why do some kids not like school?
Is it possible to learn all the languages?
Why can't people stay still?
Why do people fight wars?
How do people get information?

Anika, 13, Tennessee

It would make me super uncomfortable to sleep with poop, so, why do people buy poop emoji pillows?

Why do we have eyebrows?

Why do people think makeup is such a big deal? Would the world look different if nobody had makeup?

If leggings are called leggings because they go on your legs, why are shirts not called armys?

Ala, 11, Virginia

Why is it that some people just don't like each other, even if they haven't ever spoken to each other?

Why do people do things that are wrong, even when they know that they are wrong?

Why do people spend so much money on things that they will throw away?

Why do some people live in the past while others strive to see the future?

Why is joy better than sadness?

Chiara, 11, Arizona

Why are the summer Olympics every four years?

Why are they bringing back trends from the 60's, 70's, and 80's?

Why is the dollar bill preferred more than the 100 dollar bill?

Why are pigs and dolphins so smart?

Why are five year old sisters so funny?