



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.

1. Paige, 7th grade, Florida (Winner, *Runt the Hunted*)

If sharks can't stop moving, do they sleep?

How do stupid people function, or, better yet, how do they survive their dangerous ideas?

Why does disease exist?

Why does cupcake hand sanitizer smell like cupcake barf?

What else do my brother and Grumpy Smurf have in common?

2. Shannon, 10, Ontario (Honorable mention)

How is it possible that the earth spins so fast, and we are upside down and we don't even notice it!

Why do people think that owls are smart?

Would the world be better off without money?

What does holly have to do with Christmas?

Why is it that when there's something we don't understand how it is done, we immediately assume that a machine must have done it?

3. Logan, 13, Colorado

What is the difference between a couch and a sofa?

Why are new electronics constantly made, if they will quickly be made obsolete?

Why clean something if it will be dirty again?

Why yellow snow, when brown snow is obviously much worse?

What does the "i" in iPhone stand for, if anything?

4. Hannah, 14, Arkansas (Winner, steampunk spyglass)

What is the extra, or different, body part in wasps that allows them to sting multiple times without dying, unlike bumblebees?

What element(s) in an apple change to get the different flavors?

What make our body wake up?

Did people in the 1700s call themselves "modern"?

Why do some people have naturally clammy hands?

5. Kara, 12, Arkansas

Matter and energy come in small packets, so do other universal matters (like gravity or weight) come in small packets?

Why do people watch acrobatics when they are afraid of tightropes and contortionists gross them out?

What is the name of the word when it is spelled the same yet it has different meanings?

Why do apples grow on trees, grapes grow on vines, corn grows in stalks,
but carrots grow in the ground?
When did people stop talking and writing intellectually?

6. Zoe, 12, Georgia

What do people find so menacing about clowns?
If fish breathe water then what do they drink?
When did Americans lose their British accent?
Are onion rings vegetable doughnuts?
Is handwriting the written equivalent of someone's voice?

7. Emily, 11, Nova Scotia

Why are there green, blue, and red dots on my television screen?
Were dogs domesticated at the time of the Flood?
Why are rice and potatoes hard to scrub off a pan?
Did Indians wear underwear?
Why are languages based on each other?

8. Clayton, 10, Washington

Why do people always say "pick up your room"? Isn't that physically
impossible? I wonder what wierdo came up with that phrase.
How come humans have evolved more in a few thousand years than
dinosaurs have evolved in a few million years?

9. Natalia, 12, Massachusetts

Drones don't actually do anything except mate with the queen every few
years....females are only annoying...they all just stay in their hive. So
why then, does the queen lay lots of drones if they don't really do
anything?

10. Alexander, 11, Washington

Why are dogs and cats enemies?
What is ugly?
Why do people go to wars?
Why can people be mean?
What makes something cute?

11. Matthew, 11, Florida

What makes us so attracted to fluffy animals?
Is anything possible?
How do we see light?
Why do teachers in schools not care about bullies?
How do cats purr?

12. Onycha, 10, Wisconsin

How does salt affect the way things taste?
Does drying out peppers make them more spicy?
How is spider silk so strong when it is so thin?
How hot does sand get before it turns to glass?
What is the most flexible thing?

13. Annie, 12, Iraq

Is green to me orange to someone else?
Why isn't there just one language?
Why is Antarctica so barren and cold?
How/Why is tape sticky?
Why isn't our own life more exciting to us?

14. Trinity, 13, Ontario (Honorable mention)

When a human puts a white or brown stick in their mouth and set it on fire they call it 'smoking'. Why do they do this? Surely it is unhealthy for their bodies.

We joke around and say that CNN does not stand for Canadian National News, but Constant Negative News. Why is the news constantly negative?

Why do you find 'pie' in every circle? (Pi)

Why do you use lead in pencils when it is poisonous?

Why do Americans pronounce the letter Z like 'zee', and Canadians pronounce it 'zed'?

15. Benoit, 11, Ontario

Why can't car companies make a decent looking minivan?

Why are lice here? I hope they become extinct.

Why can't humans understand cats? Have you ever seen a cat teaching a human how to meow? Cats are strange. Are they here just to please us, or would the earth die without them? They are part of the food chain. Yummy. (Just kidding)

16. Kalijah, 14, California (Winner, magnifying glass)

What is it that makes humans creative? Can you gain creativity?

Why did pink become a "girl" color and blue a "boy's" color?

Why do women get less pay than men?

Are we small to people in other dimensions?

Why aren't our taste buds the same?

17. Logan, 12, North Carolina

Why do they have 1000 names for toilets?

Why are all porch decks made of wood instead of plastic?

Why are some answers to questions riddles?

What purpose does a wireless mouse serve?

Why are there different colors of pens?

18. Katie, 13, Tennessee (Winner, sundial compass)

How did we figure out how to perfectly keep track of time?

Why are children so easily pleased with pieces of fuzz and plastic, instead of playing with their beautiful baby toys that their parents buy for them?

Why do cats have strange habits, like peeing in toy boxes?

Why do producers make TV shows about highschoolers, to be shown mostly to elementary grade girls?

Why do my neighbors think that President Obama poisoned tap water?

19. Hannah, 13, Texas

How are primary colors made when they can't be created from other colors?

If money is made from paper, and paper comes from trees, then where did the saying, "money doesn't grow on trees" come?

Why does waiting take so long?

How come parents say to their children that they can't grow up when the parents have no control?

Why are children given homework? Is it to see what they have learned or make them hate school?

20. Noah, 11, Texas

What is the use of being sick?

Why do moms need coffee so bad?

Does the size and shape of wheels impact speed?

Why can't we remember everything?

Why do kids like sweets?

21. Benjamin, 12, West Virginia

What happened to the so-called 'Lost Colony of Roanoke'? Did this have something to do with a previous investigator? -GvS

I asked Elder Haffghr. He muttered something like, "everyone makes mistakes" then walked away. -ASH

Who came up with brushing your teeth?

Why is it that, whenever someone makes a point, someone will create and argue for an opposing point, sometimes because they disagree with the first point but sometimes just because they want to oppose the first person?

How do you come to the conclusion that your logic is logical without using logic when using logic is defying the question and therefore, illogical?

Is it true that collectors of antiques see things that someone 150 years ago thought were worthless or everyday as valuable and rare? If we kept everything we owned, could this principle apply profitably to the future as well?

22. Elijah, 11, Illinois

Is a good question one without an answer?

Why do people say "ow," is it for people to feel compassion?

If you have a good imagination, do you actually see things differently?

Is the world in agreement on anything?

Why do people think you make decisions in your heart?

23. Candace, 9, Minnesota

Must sharks have such big teeth? And why so predatory? Is it possible for nature to create an herbivorian shark?

Why so much criticization?

Great Aunt Jenny's candy dish, how many slaps do you wish? (A poem)

24. Malia, 11, Arizona

Why are Basenjis' larynx formed different from other dogs', so that Basenjis' howl, yodel, but do not bark?

Why do people strive to meet other people, to form friendly relationships with people, and sometimes befriend animals?

Why do people laugh when they see people get hurt in videos and video games, but do not laugh when they see people get hurt in real life, right in front of them?

Why do people lie, even when they know it will come with consequences to themselves, or other people such as friends and family?

How do chemists come up with such long and ridiculous names for chemicals, such as " Buckminsterfullerene" which is a real chemical, and not forget the name and pronunciation of said chemical?

25. Naomi, 10, Alberta

Why isn't a potato a pizza topping in North America?

If you are stuffed with fluff, does falling still hurt?

Why is pink considered a girl colour, and blue considered a boy colour?

Is Daniel a space alien like GVS?

Why is read (reed) spelled read (red)?

26. Nathan, 12, Maryland

Why is everything so expensive?

Why are peaches furry?

Why do tornadoes form?

Why are roses red; why not blue?

Why does Daniel Schwabauer dress the way he does?

27. Logan, 12, Kansas (Winner, magnifying glass)

Why do leaves turn colors before they fall off?

Why did ancient Egyptian pharaohs wear false beards?

Why do cats dislike water?

How many species have opposable thumbs?

How much poop do people make per day worldwide?

28. Jadon, 12, North Carolina (Honorable mention)

Why do people eat naturally out of boredom?

How is it possible that 99% of bodies consists of water?

Why does a thing you are looking at project upside down in your eye?

Does your name influence your actions?

Why do kids like to drink soda because all it is, is water, sugar, and food coloring?

29. Lauren, 12, Washington

Why is Mr. Steuben invading Earth?

Why does raw dough have a distinct smell?

Why do people raise their voices when they're angry?

Why do people think dogs look adorable in people's clothes?

Why have people always wanted to fly?

30. Morgan, 12, Ohio

Why are some animals tame and some wild?

Why are words not spelled like they sound?

Do animals talk like us, in their own language? And if so, do they all share one or do they have separate ones?

Why do the leaves change color only in the fall?

Was the world once one big piece of land?

31. Aron, 12, South Carolina

Why were TVs once so big?

Why are there so many pine trees in the country?

Why do cacti grow in deserts?

Why do oceans have salt in them but lakes and rivers don't?

What happens to matter when it goes into a black hole?

32. Ruth, 13, Florida

Why do people think the forbidden tree in the garden of Eden was an apple tree?

If dogs are a man's best friend then what is a woman's best friend?

Is a book only on the internet really published?

Why do people live in darkness when they are presented with light again and again, preferring lies over the truth?

Why are names in the Bible so hard to pronounce?

33. Judah, 10, Georgia (Honorable mention)

Why does Mr. S. wear funky clothes for middle school kids who are so grown up?

34. Abi, 13, Georgia

Do penguins have knees?

Why are diamonds precious?

What is the most nutritious meal ever eaten?

Why can't we remember dreams when we think about them?

Who invented spelling books? (I strongly dislike spelling books.)

35. Jeremy, 11, Pennsylvania

Why do people have to clean everything?

Why do allergies only effect some of the population?

How does Michael (Carbinaro) do his tricks?

How much is a shilling worth?

Why does time seem to slip away?

35. Connor, 14, Pennsylvania

Why do I like roller coasters while Jeremy (my brother) does not?

Why is Disney World the happiest place on earth when so many people there are unhappy?
Why doesn't getting a hair cut hurt?
Why can't I stay away from my computer?
Why are songs with lyrics bad to listen to during school?

36. Hayden, 13, Georgia

How many colors are there that we can't see?
Why do we want to know when the world will end so much?
How many legos would it take to build a house?
How many times will I go to Walt Disney World in my lifetime?
Why does everyone have to have a logical explanation for everything?

37. Will, 12, Alberta (Winner, Magnifying glass)

What is in the Bermuda Triangle?
Why has the world changed so much since the previous generation?
Why is it so hard to write a book when it is so easy to read one?
Why do the dentist's tools look like torture instruments?
Do camels' humps get floppy when they are dehydrated?

38. Jack, 12, North Carolina

Why are the meals called what they are?
Is life just one big dream?
Will the world ever end?
Why do birds fly?
How do airplanes fly?

39. Robby, 12, California

Who invented waving our hands when we say "goodbye"?
Why is the tenth month, October, when "octo" means eight?
How does hydrogen and oxygen mix together to make water?

Why are girls afraid of rats and mice when they are just cute and fuzzy animals?
Can an elephant eat a cantaloupe in one bite?

40. Sarah, 14, Virginia

What makes people forget — is it really because it goes in one ear and out the other, or is it because it gets lost in your brain?
Why is life mostly about work?
How does spaghetti squash turn into spaghetti when it cooks?
How can a flashing light wake somebody up since people close their eyes when they sleep?
Why do people try to be like everybody else?

41. Gabrielle, 12, Indiana (Honorable mention)

Why does the first Cover Story CD smell like a hardware store and the second smells like that and chicken noodle soup?
Why is there a heater and a fan right beside each other in Mom and Dad's bedroom when it's like 85 degrees or higher outside and you would be a moron to turn the heater on? (Thankfully they don't turn the heater on b/c they're not morons.)
Why is it that kids have a hard time focusing on stuff like school and chores b/c things around them that are cool distract them but then later they can be bored out of their mind?
When the cost of products goes higher, why doesn't everybody get paid more?
Why is it that trees and grass and weeds and all sorts of other plants do perfectly fine without being watered, except by the rain, and the plants you're trying to grow have to have special watering?

42. Savannah, 12, Nebraska

What does death feel like?
What does night look like in space?

Why are lava lamps called lava lamps when they don't have real lava in them?

Why are there only four seasons, if there had been more, what would the fifth season be like?

Why do people judge other people by their looks and clothes? Also, why do people wear high heels?

43. Keely, 10, Iowa (Honorable mention)

Why can't adults accept their children's love for cardboard?

Why are weeds bad?

If businesses have enough customers why do they still need to advertise?

How do roosters know to crow every morning?

Why do we put so much drama in kids movies?

44. Kaeli, 13, Texas (Winner, *Runt the Brave*)

Why don't we make some kind of common language so we can all understand each another?

Why do people act as if the world revolves around them, when in reality, they are a speck of dust, on a small planet, in a vast universe?

How do we describe something as the word "cute?" What even makes it even have that characteristic?

Why do people make up holidays such as "National Hot Dog Day?" Just because you wanted a hot dog doesn't mean you need a special day to eat one.

If people can discuss and figure things out faster by working together, then why don't they work together more?

45. Rachel, 12, Ontario

Why are regular pencils orange?

Why is speed walking in the Olympics? Obviously it's considered a sport, but why? Is it because you're being active? Is every activity where you're being active considered a sport? Why isn't skipping or dancing in the Olympics?

Why do we call make-believe books fiction and true books non-fiction?
You would think it would be the other way around!
Why do we judge people but we don't want them to judge us?
It was smart to put two knives together to cut things better. Who
invented scissors?

46. Aidan, 11, Wisconsin

Why do people shave certain places on their bodies when it will grow
back?
Why do cats hunt certain animals when they could eat burgers?
Why is most people's ticklish spot their armpits?
Why are some women so insecure?
Why do bunnies need to be social? I thought loud noises scared them.

47. Rebecca, 13, Texas

Why aren't carrots 4 foot long here like at home?
Why do humans eat mini trees?
Why do they have pink chickens in Florida?
Why are there 5 foot tall jack rabbits in Australia?
How do they turn salt water into salt crystals?

48. Lia, 10, Ontario

Why, why, why, is why so commonly used?
Why do people like art? It is useless! All people do with it is put it
somewhere and leave it. Well, I guess it is okay looking.
Why do people eat a lot of stuff instead of just what they need?
Did dinosaurs have scales, fur, or feathers?
How does the brain work?

49. Olivia, 12, Tennessee

What does water taste like?

How did God decide on making the platypus?

50. Austin, 12, South Carolina

Why do dogs always bark at the mail man, are they sworn enemies?

Why can't I think of the next question?

Where are Dad's socks?

Why do pigs take a mud bath?

Did the chicken really cross the road?

51. Amber, 13, Wisconsin

Do fish get hungry like people?

Why are boys so hard to understand?

Why does the school year take up 180 days of our 365 day year?

Why does our dog bark every time you throw her ball down the stairs?

Why are there different styles of writing?

52. Alexis, 10, Florida

Why do people get cancer?

Does TV actually rot your brain?

Why do people do drugs/alcohol?

Why can't dogs talk?

Why do people judge others by what they look like?

53. Oliver, 12, California (Winner, *Runt the Brave*)

Why can't you take more than 2 vitamins a day?

What is the difference between race and ethnicity?

Who discovered allergies?

Is there a fear of sleeping?

Which is the silent letter in "scent?"

54. Caleb, 10, North Carolina (Honorable mention)

How come some packages of hot dogs only have 6 hot dogs when hot dog buns always come as packages of 8?

Why does gasoline create a rainbow on the ground?

Why are fish oils good for humans?

If you replace one part of a boat with a new part every day until there is only new parts on the boat, would it be the same boat?

Where does a black hole lead to?

55. Reed

What does the 4th dimension look like? the 5th? the 23rd?

Why are fractals all around us and yet we never notice them? What purpose do they serve?

What would the world be like without war--can our thoughts influence our world?

Why doesn't everyone speak the same language? Why can't we speak the language of peace?

If I could run at the speed of light, would I be able to feel anything?

56. Haven, 12, Tennessee

Why does the English language break its own rules?

Why will people pay so much money for such little things?

If aliens existed, what would they eat?

How do clouds so easily stay in the air when it is so hard for us?

Why are dogs always sweet and forgiving and love you even if you don't love them?

57. Addison, 13, Tennessee

If people are located on earth, and earth is located in space, and space is located in the universe, where is the universe located?

Why do we have an appendix?

Who decided it was normal to have cats and dogs as house pets?

Why is American money green?

Why do we dream every night but don't always remember them?

58. Jace, 12, Tennessee

Why does having money affect everybody in the world?

Why does people's hair turn gray as they get old?

Why do some people collect bottle caps?

Why are there so many Elvis wannabes?

Why are there so many flavors of Gatorade?

59. Jonathan, 15, Tennessee

People have to have a certain level of physical development before they can have children. Why is it that they don't have to have a certain level of character development before they have children?

How fast do hot cakes sell?

If nobody is perfect, how come people aren't happy being a nobody?

Why is a carrot more orange than an orange?

Why isn't a coffee mug a mug made of coffee?

60. Katherine, 15, Tennessee (Winner, steampunk goggles)

Why do people expect you to be happy to go to the beach?

Why do some days or numbers feel more important than others?

Why is the anarchy symbol a capital A in a circle instead of a mushroom cloud?

Why do people find the ticking of clocks to be annoying?

Did you ever get to meet Thomas?

61. Timothy, 12, Tennessee

Why are old statues creepy?

What is the Illuminati?

Why do the kids on the Cover Story cover look like they're not in middle school?

Why is Apple called Apple, if apples are natural and phone and iPads aren't?

Why is Gatorade called Gatorade if it has nothing to do with alligators?

62. Marti, 12, Tennessee

Why do some people not like to operate the action of learning useful and interesting knowledge and wonderful brainstorming ideas to bounce around in your brain called reading?

In the "olden days," did people find as much entertainment and fun without electronics as we do today with?

If we never existed, what would it feel like?

Why must people always be inventing things and making people grow farther and farther from the real purpose in life?

How did Daniel Schwabauer think up all of the witty questions in this book?

63. Phineas, 13, Washington

How long did it take giraffes to evolve their long necks to gather tall leaves?

What is a strawberry classified as, considering it has seeds on the outside and berries have seeds inside?

Is vanilla the only bean considered a spice?

What makes an action "humane" and can something nonhuman (e.g.) computers, animals, etc.) enact a "humane" deed?

Do people have any more *physical* senses than the 5 currently described, beyond the metaphorical "6th" sense?

64. Don, 13, Missouri

Throughout history, why did more advanced people always find less advanced people, instead of vice versa?

Why are stoplights, stop signs, etc., red in all countries, instead of some having blue, purple, or brown stop lights and stop signs?

Why do you usually find conical bowls as opposed to cylindrical bowls or other shapes that make sense?

Why did the Bree-folk call Aragorn, son of Arathorn of the house of Isildur, "Strider?"

Why would someone name a product "Lalaloopsy?"

65. Jewell, 11, California

Why are parents so irritating and lovable at the same time?

Why are some people mainly evil and some mainly good, almost regardless of their childhood atmosphere? For example, if there are two people who grow up with horrible parents in a horrible neighborhood, one might grow up to be terrible and cruel, but the other might think, "This is awful. I don't want the rest of my life to be like this!" and grow up to be good and successful.

When you get sick and feel cold and are shivering, why do you have a hot forehead?

What is more fun- childhood or adulthood? Dad prefers being an adult. Mom wishes she was a kid again, but says to enjoy where you are. Is that simply because she stays home with me????

Who invented tape? I'd like to shake hands with the genius who did.

66. Camden, 10, Michigan (Honorable mention)

Is there a certain type of wood that becomes driftwood quicker than others?

How fast can the fastest car go on a straightaway?

What is the purpose of tonsils if mine have been removed and I'm still okay after many years?

Who paid the highest bid ever at an auction?

How long does something have to trend before it's considered a "trend"?

67. Jael, 11, British Columbia

Is anything better than everything?

Why don't people who have big noses grow into them?

Why is money so stressful when you have none?

Why can't you be small when you know it all?
Does a fish really like to live in a dish?

68. Elizabeth, 13, Florida

Why do movie commercials say "Now Watching" when we are not watching the movie?
Why do people say that blondes have more fun than other people? Don't people have equally as much as blonde's do?
Why do movie stars wear sun glasses all the time?
Why do birds fly in a v shape?
Why do seals like to bounce round things on their noses?

69. William, 11, South Carolina (Honorable mention)

How do they put a ship in a bottle?
Why do frogs have such a weird croak?
Why do we use Fahrenheit instead of Celsius?
How does Aden get Gunther's messages?
Why is "Let It Go" so annoying?

70. Landon, 12, Georgia (Winner, steampunk goggles)

Why aren't multiple intelligent dominating life forms on Earth?
Is the Universe never ending?
Can technology become a creative form of life? (Technology isn't alive, or is it?)
Is the common ancestor of all life still here?
Why do humans go to war when they can make negotiations?

71. Ryker, 12, Michigan

What is the typical profit for manufacturing a 2015 Ford F-150?
What was the horsepower of the Titanic's engine?
How high has someone successfully completed a cliff dive?

Why do car makers release next year's car model when it's not even that year yet?

How am I supposed to find something in a dictionary if I'm already confused about how to spell the word?

72. Joshua, 10, Florida

Why does a car take gas but it does not give it back??

Why do people sleep at night instead of day?

Why does a dog wag its' tail instead of its' ears?

Why do people spin in things when they know they will throw up?

Why do people judge others when they look bad themselves?

73. Joshua, 14, New York

Why do people eat fast food if they know it is killing them?

How did hot dogs get their name?

Why do we call our planet Earth if 70 percent of it is water?

Of all the sports in the world, why is soccer the most popular?

If inventions like flying cars have been invented, why are they not being sold?

74. Hannah, 12, Maryland

When did people start eating peanut butter?

What made us Americans be in so much debt?

Why are people making Math problems look extremely hard when its only $2 + 2$?

What is the real meaning of being "privileged" ?

Why do squirrels throw nuts at us?

75. Abby, 13, Texas

Who decided that the color for boys was blue and the color for girls was pink? (I read that at one time, the color for girls was blue and the color for boys was pink.)

I heard that chameleons can change the pigment in their skin to colors we cannot see with our human eyes. What do colors look like that we cannot see?

What makes cow tongues black, instead of pink like ours?

76. Marina, 12, Texas

What was the first sickness ever had?

How many different languages are there?

What was the first movie ever made called?

Did God make Adam and Eve white?

How many different kinds of animals did God make?

77. Linus, 10, California

Why do we love adventure?

For the evil, are the evil good and the good evil?

Is everything centered around pleasure?

What would happen if history was different?

Is there a world that is the opposite of ours?

78. Haleigh, 10, Kentucky

Why do people say "quiet as a mouse" if mice make sounds?

Why are so good books so long?

How do certain piano keys make certain sounds?

How do teeth grow?

Why do they make school hours so long if 50% of the kids don't listen?

79. Eli, 12, Kentucky

Why do random notes of music strung together sound good?

Why can't they make healthy cake?
Why is there designs on the bottom of your shoes?
Why do fake movies give us real emotion?
Why do we laugh?

80. Gavin, 14, Kentucky

Why is this boring?
Why does Mr. Schwabauer wear glasses on his nose and his hat?
Why do we have blinds and curtains on the same window?
What came first... 'x' or 't'?
Is it common for a chair to spontaneously explode?

81. Lara, 11, Washington

How heavy are clouds?
Why are there stars?
What is life?
Why do people think that rubber chickens are funny?
Why do people exist?

82. Isabella, 12, Tennessee (Honorable mention)

If fantasy or mythical creatures are not real, then where did the idea of them come from? How exactly was it born?
Who was the first girl to decide that wearing pants - as opposed to dresses - was okay, and how long did it take before other girls followed suit?
Are actual humans from other planets still considered aliens?
What was the first planet God created? What was the first animal He created?
What is the best material that a strong sword can be made from?

83. Samuel, 11, Washington

What is the difference between a church and a chapel?

Who invented slang?

Why is colored bubble bath always white?

Why do authors have weird last names?

Why do people put puppies in strollers?