



2020 Curious Questions Contest Entries

The questions we featured in the Curious Questions webinar are in bold red font.

ADAM S., 13, ILLINOIS

Will Google overtake the world?

How old is the oldest tree and how many rings does it have?

Is heaven in the cosmos or is it a state of being?

Why does green, the color of nature, represent disgust?

Does God know unimaginable math?

KEIRA P., 13, RHODE ISLAND

Who figured out it was okay to milk a cow?

What would happen if we had no gravity?

Where does a gust of wind start?

Why do we celebrate it when someone is one year closer to dying?

What is the feeling when you finish a really good book called?

Rebekah W., 13, GEORGIA

How is a question curious?

What would happen if the world was flat?

Why are there 88 keys on a piano?

What color are atoms?

Why do they make roof shingles black when black absorbs heat and makes it hot so you are actually heating your house in the summer?

REBEKAH V., 12, ONTARIO, CANADA

Why do peoples' cheeks or ears turn red when they are embarrassed?

Why do people get cranky when they're tired?

Why does some peoples' hair not grow long?

Is Covid 19 going to become a big part of history?

Why do you have to have a washing machine and a dryer, couldn't the two be combined?

NAOMI V., 12, ONTARIO, CANADA

Why are bad moods catching?

Why do we resist going to bed at night and then resist getting out of it in the morning?

How do certain people like certain flavours, don't we all have the same taste buds?

Why is it not okay to kill a big animal, like a giraffe or an elephant, but it's okay to kill a bug or a mouse?

Why does a lion have a mane in the hot savannah?

KYLE V., 10, ONTARIO, CANADA

Why doesn't grass turn red in the fall?

Why are most frogs green?

What makes the sky blue?

Why can't I think of questions when I need to?

ALYSE T., 13, WISCONSIN – 5th Place

When a cyclops closes its eye, is it winking or blinking?

Why do little girls dream of being princesses rather than queens?

Why do clothing designers put pockets in the seats of pants? It's not very practical because you have to sit on whatever you're carrying.

Are legal documents intentionally confusing and dull?

Do all healthy humans have the same potential for learning but are influenced by their circumstances? Or are some born less intelligent than others?

ESTHER P., 13, MINNESOTA

Who, What, When, Where, Why?

How do planets and stars float in space?

Who decided English had to be so complicated?

Why do you need fancy words?

How does a pencil sharpener work?

EVERETT W., 13, CALIFORNIA

Why do people remember minor things, but forget important things?

Who discovered energy?

Why is dirt brown when most rocks are gray?

What is the world's least liked color?

What was the first written language?

JAYEL H., 12, VIRGINIA

How do I never get sick of pancakes?

Why does the guy in my writing video have so many clocks that all have different times?

If you turned on headlights on a vehicle moving faster than the speed of light what would happen?

Why is it so hard to lick your elbow?

Why is abbreviation such a long word?

ERILYN N., 12, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Why is the sky blue?

Is Professor Gunther von Steuben from another dimension?

Is Professor Gunther von Steuben an alien in disguise?

Are chihuahuas from Chihuahua, Mexico?

How fast can lava spread?

JAKE T., 11, ILLINOIS

Do cats always land on their feet, as the saying goes?

Why are some words pronounced the same, but spelled differently?

Why do we yawn?

Why are some people smarter than others?

Why can't we teach dogs to speak a human language?

ANNA W., 13, BAHAMAS

Why do Tech Companies release new software updates that do virtually nothing to your phone?

What's the real point behind the sport of boxing?

What is it about animals that make them somehow cuter than humans?

Is it possible that people in the past developed an advanced technology that was somehow forgotten after The Flood?

How do you start a conversation with people that only respond to your messages with one word?

JUDE W., 10, BAHAMAS

How do cats purr?

Can you make plastic into metal?

Will plants in the future be blue?

How do you make a DVD out of wood?

Is there a man-made planet in space?

NEEL D., 13, WISCONSIN

Did Daniel Schwabauer actually eat a cigar in Lesson 30?

Why is so much of society based around mealtimes?

What will our planet be like in 100 years?

What will cause the extinction of humans?

Why do you have to be 18 to vote and 35 to run for president?

HAEL D., 11, WISCONSIN

Who came up with the rule that "I" should always be capitalized?

What caused the Big Bang?

What does it feel like when you are being born?

What happens when we die?

Did Daniel Schwabauer ever try a sip of the Guacamola Cola?

MEGAN M., 13, INDIANA

Where did the word toilet come from?

Why do chickens and humming birds both like the color red?

Why is there two different sides to the brain?

Why do girls stop growing before boys?

Why does Mr. S. hate grammar so much?

ARIELLE J., 13, MARYLAND

Why, on sunny days do people open their windows to let the breeze in, and then leaving the windows open, lock their doors when they leave the house?

Why do questions end in curved marks with a dot and not in a line? Is it because people think that questions are curved sentences?

Why isn't there more color?

Can people die of happiness?

Why make an eraser a cool shape when it's just going to disappear eventually?

JADEN C., 13, ONTARIO, CANADA

Why are animals so delicious if they weren't supposed to be eaten?

Why do people say "I'm going to let you go" if they are the ones who need/want to go?

Why is friendship so important and enjoyable?

Why are some people afraid of heights while others jump out of planes just for enjoyment?

Why are fall leaves so beautiful if they're dying?

SOPHIA N., 14, FLORIDA

Why do trees grow up if gravity is pulling them down?

Why do people get angry but do nothing to help?

What would the world look like if we had more color receptors in our eyes?

What is it like to have absolutely no empathy?

What it is like in a black hole?

EZRA N., 12, FLORIDA

Do trees have a maximum height?

Why do different kinds of birds sing different songs?

What is a tornado?

How do planes work?

How fast can a shark go?

ELLIE J., 12, QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

Isn't cheese basically a big loaf of milk?

Why does hair seem to grow faster when you cut it?

What chemical processes occur to cause leaves to change their colours?

Why are words powerful enough to cause strong emotions?

How can time seem both slow and fast?

BETHANY T., 15, NEW ZEALAND

Why do Latin words change depending on the grammar of the sentence? Why do they have ten or more different endings?

NICHOLE C., 12, IDAHO

How could anyone be so heartless as to mistreat and even torture chickens for their eggs?

Why does everyone always say hairless animals are ugly, when we ourselves are almost hairless?

My dog doesn't chase her tail, nor does any other dog I've met, so why is it commonly believed that they do?

How are molds made if there are no molds to make the molds?

If our bunnies had the choice, would they stay here or leave?

EMILY G., 13, TEXAS – 4th Place

How often do you really feel pain and how often do you expect to feel pain?

What is it called when you expect to feel something but feel the opposite?

How many people are really being their true self on the outside?

ALLISON C., 14, IDAHO

How would the world be different if our imaginations became reality?

If I could talk to animals, what would they say, and would I make more friends or more enemies?

Does each person have their own guardian angel, and if so, what's the name of mine?

Why do dogs wag their tails to signify joy, while cats wag their tails to signify anger?

Why do trees shed their leaves in winter, if that's when they need their leaves the most in order to stay warm?"

SAMANTHA M., 13, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Why do we have to change the clocks twice a year?

Why do I almost always look at the clock at 9:41?

How long will my pet turtle live?

Why do turtles look like hamburgers?

Why do morning glories wither in the sunlight?

PETER L., 12, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

What is Goliath's eye colour? The Bible doesn't say—does Google know?

Do blood cells bleed when they die? If they did bleed, wouldn't they bleed blood cells?

Why is cow tongue so tasty until you find out what it is?

Sound travels slower the colder it gets. Can you freeze sound? And can you make it go faster than light?

Why doesn't a knife sharpen a knife sharpener?

ANDREW R., 13, NEVADA

Why are people alive?

What REALLY happened in the "Big Bang"?

Why can people be so heartless?

How does a TV actually work?

Why & how can people think alcohol tastes good?

LANE W., 13, WYOMING

How is it that some sharks must always be moving to get oxygen when everything needs sleep, and sleep requires stillness?

Why do people like coffee so much?

Who is professor Gunther von Steuben?

Why do people these days seem to worship phones?

What is the biggest number someone could possibly count to?

AUTUMN B., 12, VIRGINIA

Why did the kids bring their teacher an apple back in the old days?

Why do some people say, "I love you" if they don't really mean it?

Why does the color of a person's skin define who they are to certain people?

Why do some people take baths instead of showers, knowing they are sitting in dirt and germs from their own body?

Why does gas exiting from the human body have a vile smell?

AVERY R., 11, MISSISSIPPI – 1st Place

How many days would it take to go all the way across the entire world?

Why is it so easy to do evil and hard to do good?

If you're born without any arms or legs, how can you get a job?

Was Adam and Eve black or white?

What makes sugar sweet?

CHARITY K., 12, MICHIGAN

Why do hot drinks help you cool down?

How does the unspillable cup not spill?

Where did Daniel Schwabauer get his last name?

Why do people like selfies?

Why is pink a girl color?

RILEY G., 12, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Why do dogs bark so much at nothing?

Why does it rain diamonds on Jupiter?

Are oranges named after the color or vice versa?

How does the small battery in my watch have so much power?

What happened with my white boxer's genetics that made him deaf?

ISABELLE C., 12, ONTARIO, CANADA

Why is math sometimes so hard?

Can bees see colour?

Who invented dragons?

FERN M., 16, NEW ZEALAND

Are we friends with people because we like who they are or because we like how they make us feel?

Would it be possible to have a society that is not controlled by money or trade?

Why does the weather affect people's moods?

Do our personalities change us? And does experience change our personalities?

Are blind people better friends and better at making friends because they don't judge outward appearances? Also are they better at accepting people?

AIDAN R., 14, CALIFORNIA

Can they really create a vaccine within a year?

Why do mosquitoes exist?

Why do people let go of creativity as they grow—don't they know it's not just child's play?

Can you change fate?

If potassium is so combustible, why don't bananas explode?

JAZ J., 12, CALIFORNIA

Why are felines so fluffy?

How do electric companies work?

Why do old people lose their memory?

Why do potatoes grow eyes?

What is a turtle shell made of?

LEAH P., 11, NEW JERSEY

How many Skittles are made each day?

Why do teachers always have apples?

Why are grown-ups always telling kids of all ages that they are at a good age?

Why do people think the brain is pink?

What would people look like without chins?

LUKE M., 13, ONTARIO, CANADA

Why do authors try to ride on the success of their previous book by writing many more worse ones?

Why do dogs circle thrice before lying down?

Why is produce more expensive than junk food?

Who invented cigarettes?

Why do your eyes close when you sneeze?

LEO S., 13, ALASKA

How are we still evolving?

Why is north “up”?

Why do people enjoy being scared?

Why do people like reading about dystopias?

Why do apple seeds have cyanide?

ELEANOR C., 12, WISCONSIN

What is soda also called a soft drink?

KAMI R., 11, PENNSYLVANIA

Who or what was the first person or animal to get rabies?

If the sun rises at 5 am, how come I don't see light until 7 am where I live?

Why do people tie shoes onto electric wires?

What happens if you fall into a black hole?

Why do some flowers have no smell?

CHLOE R., 13, PENNSYLVANIA

Why are clowns so scary?

Why is the earth mostly made of water?
How do flowers and plants breath— or do they need to?
How does chocolate turn into hot chocolate powder?
Why do belly flops hurt when you jump in the pool?

AMELIA L., 11, TEXAS

Why does the moon create waves in the ocean but nowhere else?

If the universe is endless could there be other planets with humans on them?
Why can't some people see reason?
All humans are made the same way, so why are they all so different?
If there is no roof, walls, or ground, does the universe go on forever?

ALICE E., 13, COLORADO

Why do all say; "roses are red" but their colors vary?
Why do fun things fly by, but boredom seems to last forever?
Why does a ruler have twelve inches instead of thirteen?
Why do humans have more than one language?
Why do people make fun of "nerds" who love school?

JULIAN P., 10, NEW YORK

How do geese honk and why can't we?
How do your eyes get pigment?
If someone could travel around the earth at the speed of light, could they complete it in one second?
What will happen when another galaxy collides into this one, will aliens be on this planet like Gunther Von Steuben?
Does it really cost money to make money?

AZURI C., 11, MASSACHUSETTS

How does the plant live when Gideon knocks it down all the time?

How do we know God's real?
Why is tv so addicting?
Why are crickets so loud?
Why do robots answer the phone?

RAINE P., 13, PHILIPPINES

Can cats from different countries understand each other?

Does God ever get cold feet?
Who decided that a word for shortening other words is a long word like 'abbreviation'?
What really IS the Professor?
Who lives in a yellow submarine?

ALLISON R., 11, NEW MEXICO

Is there really a wheel of luck and if so are we all on the same wheel or does everyone have their own wheel?
Why do tides come in waves when the moon's gravitational pull is always there?
Are certain colors actually faster than others?
What would happen if everybody turned on all of their house lights at once?
Why do people portray panda bears as being cute?"

EVAN J., 12, KANSAS

Why is "W" said "Double U" instead of "Double V"?
Why do people like collecting things like spoons and thimbles from every new place they go to?
How did people change Easter to be about bunnies laying eggs instead of Jesus' resurrection?
Why did God make vegetation green and not yellow or pink?
If there was one more color we did not know about, what would it be?

ACACIA K., 12, WISCONSIN – 2nd Place

When are “new” things considered “old”?
Why should I care if a pop star now weighs three more pounds?

Why is there only one “Key to the Universe” if there is so much universe to understand?

Who is the most famous person in the world and why?

Why do some humans sleepwalk and others don't?

TIMOTHY N., 11, ONTARIO, CANADA

Why is pineapple acidic?

Why does giving a kiss make you feel loved?

How is music emitted out of speakers and why does it make sound?

Where do you make or find propane and why is it flammable?

Why does sand and other chemicals make glass and why is it see through?

MARIE G., 13, CALIFORNIA

What is the mosquitoes purpose?

Why do people have so many different languages, why not just one language?

How did people come up with the idea of fictional books?

Why do leaves change color in the fall?

How did the first people know that they had to drink water in order to survive?

MADISON O., 11, GEORGIA

Why do people wave when someone leaves?

Why are dogs not embarrassed when they pass gas but people are?

Do some dogs need glasses?

If the Earth moved slightly out of orbit, would we freeze or burn?

Do coasters really save a table from getting ruined? What if it has holes in it; is it still useful?

Are there water resistant coasters? Are there water resistant tables or tablecloths?

ELISE P., 14, TEXAS

If you throw a stone into the water every day for the rest of your life, how much would the water level increase?

If matter can't be created or destroyed then are we drinking the same water the dinosaurs did?

Where is Ghengis Khan's body?

What causes eye color?

Why is there a beauty standard to shave and look a certain way?

Why did Egyptians worship cats?

CHLOE D., 14, TEXAS

Why is it called biting down when we bite up?

Why are "seniors" in high school and also old people?

FRANKLIN H., 13., TEXAS

Why does the grass grow green?

Why do people like to hear music?

CHLOE T., 13, TEXAS

Why are children from the same couple so different?

Why do some trees lose leaves while others don't?

ALYSSA L., 14, TEXAS

Why do humans fight in wars and cause hatred and divide when we are all brothers and sisters, friends and family, humans?

Why is growing up so much work? Having to grow up and learn the world takes a lot of time and makes you want to stay young forever.

Why does no sleep or little sleep affect our mood? Why can't a little sleep be enough for the next day?

BLAKE C., 12, TEXAS

Why does Gnats start with G?

Why is racecar backwards spelled race car? Who named it?

Why do clocks only go up to 12 and not 24?

CHARIS B., 14, TEXAS

Why do people like hair? Isn't it just dead stuff hanging from our heads? It gets dirty easily, it's hard to manage and requires so much effort to make it "look good".

Why do people want to look just like everyone else? Any time we see new clothes or pair of shoes come out we are all rushing to buy it. We all struggle so hard to be like the next, cooler-looking person. And then when a style becomes unpopular, we abandon our looks and move on to something new and popular.

Why do people change themselves just to make another person like or respect them? Surely we know that we cannot keep up a charade forever.

TROY T., 16, TEXAS

Why does music affect your mood?

How come some people are creative while some are not?

MARIAH W., 13, TEXAS

Why do people eat 3 meals a day why not 4 or 5?

Why do dogs bark and cats meow not the other way around?

AVERY L., 14, TEXAS

What causes people to have different tastes and opinions?

Do blind people see black, or is it just nothingness? Can they even compare it to anything?

KYLE C., 12, TEXAS

Are words just sounds that we are trained to understand?

Do erasers die for your mistakes?!?!?

Why did people think to make fake or artificial food when we have regular food?

LILA A., 13, TEXAS

Why do people drink such things as coffee and alcohol? Some people drink overly sweetened coffee from cute little cafes. But why would people willingly drink the poison that is black coffee? Does it make them feel good?

The same goes for alcohol. It is disgustingly bitter and takes years to adjust to. So why even start drinking it in the first place? Does it make you feel good? Adultish?

JOY G., 12, TEXAS

Why did this foreign Alien thing come here, and what are his intentions?

How far away is he, from our planet? Are there more of his kind, or is it just him?

ISABEL J., 14, TEXAS – 3rd Place

Do animals have everyday normal thoughts like humans do?

Who put the alphabet in order?

DALTON M., 16, TEXAS

Why did God create mosquitos?

Why is global warming more of a problem now than it was back then?

ZOE V., 12, CALIFORNIA

Why do certain marks on a page mean more than others?

How can anything become valuable?

How do your experiences affect who you are?

What determines what we remember and what we forget?

Does how we see the world affect how it sees us?

MAKENNA C., 12, CALIFORNIA

Why does one side of a spoon mirror you upside down when the other side shows you right side up?

How does a wireless keyboard react with a computer correctly?

How come dolphins are friendly with humans, but sharks are afraid of them?

Why do some people like to eat candy with bugs in it?

Why is it human nature to want to be right all the time?

GAVIN C., 13, TEXAS

Why do I incessantly ask questions that I already know the answer to?

Why do people say "He has lost his mind."? For isn't a madman a man who has lost everything but his mind?

ABBY W., 14, TEXAS

How is each person able to look so different from all the other people in the world? Someone who has brown hair and blue eyes looks so different from someone else who has brown hair and blue eyes.

Why are the days of the week named the way they are?

Why do some people have allergies and some don't? Why do allergies even exist?

Why is math so important? Why is math even called 'math'?

MIGUEL S., 11, FLORIDA

Why do people care so much for pets? I mean, dogs are cute, but I've seen people with pet tarantulas.

Why is my grandma stinky?

Will Halloween be canceled due to COVID? I want candy!

Where does my grandma hide her secret stash of Hersey's Kisses?

What is a 6 month quarantine called? A Hundred-eighty-nine?"

ELIJAH S., 12, ALABAMA

How many grains of sand are there on earth?

Are there alternate dimensions?

Where do wormholes go?

How many stars are there in the universe?

Is time travel possible?