



2025 Curious Questions Contest Entries

Our students come from different backgrounds. Some of their honest questions are on some controversial or religious topics. Sharing these questions does not constitute an endorsement.

Levi S., 12, Colorado – **HONORABLE MENTION**

1. How many Carls are in the world?
2. What makes a word fun to say?
3. How do you perfectly cook meat?
4. Why are green gummy bears strawBEARY?
5. Why do people drink coffee even though it doesn't taste good?

Andrew S., 11, Wyoming – **HONORABLE MENTION**

1. Why is Wyoming square?
2. How does gold form?
3. Why do roosters crow at sunrise?
4. Why is the full moon brighter in the winter than in the summer?
5. Why are giraffe's tongues blue?

Ruth S., 12, Wyoming

1. Do plants have DNA?
2. Why do you cry when you cut open an onion?
3. How do planes fly?
4. How do they make paper different colors?
5. Who was the first person to create math?

Jasmine S., 12, New Hampshire

1. What would happen if the moon exploded?
2. Why does it feel like I complete one project in Minecraft and the entire day is gone?
3. How long does it take a gallon of ice cream to melt in the microwave?
4. What is the oldest makeup ever used?
5. Who built our home?

Melody S., 15, New Hampshire

1. Why do individuals have preferences when it comes to food and color?
2. How does tar form?
3. How do you use the bathroom in the Arctic?
4. Who names streets?
5. Where did the word 'apothecary' come from?

Anna L., 14, Alaska

1. Does a sea lion burp?
2. How do people like candy corn?
3. Why do I like school this year?
4. How do I have over 1,900 songs memorized?
5. Why does music work better than therapy?

Evelyn T., 12, Wyoming – HONORABLE MENTION

1. What was the first photo taken of?
2. What was the first popular brand of shoes?
3. Can fish see water?
4. What was the first board game invented?
5. When was the first constellation named?

Madison F., 11, Wyoming

1. What is the difference between leopard and cheetah print?
2. How do you tell the time by the sun?
3. Are tiger stripes black with an orange background or orange with a black background?
4. If you drop soap on the floor, is the floor clean or is the soap dirty?
5. If you tried to fail and succeeded, which one did you do?

George M., 14, Connecticut 1st PLACE

1. Why was there an anchor in the old bathtub that my friends and I found in the woods?
2. If animals could perfectly understand language, which species would become the most philosophical?
3. If time was a physical thing, what would it feel like to touch?
4. What would it be like if humans discovered another more intelligent species that was completely invisible living among us for years?
5. How many words does one say in a lifetime?

Toby M., 12, Burundi

1. Who founded units of time, and how did they decide 60 minutes in an hour?
2. Why are tests so formal and stressing?
3. When is the end of the world?
4. Why do we only have 4 limbs? Why not 7?

Tracy N., 11, Burundi

1. Where does the sky end?
2. Why does sweat smell bad?
3. Why are clouds white? Aren't they supposed to be transparent?
4. Why is jail meant to stop crimes, but people do crimes anyway? Do they enjoy crimes like a hobby?
5. Do people who do evil things love themselves? Do they realize what they are doing is affecting them too?

Toby J., 10, Burundi

1. Can trees die because of bug spray?
2. Why do onions make you cry?
3. Do people ever put earrings in their armpits?
4. Why do birds barf up their food to the chicks?
5. What's in area 51?

Linus C., 12, Tennessee

1. Dogs will often bark at walls. Why do dogs do that? Are they preparing for battle? Or is there another reason?
2. Why do people want to be robots?
3. How are we made after God's own image when God is a Spirit?
4. The Earth will eventually go. Why does man feel a need to add to an earth that will eventually go away?
5. Are dragons real? Or were they ever real?

Izzy S., 13, Michigan – HONORABLE MENTION

1. Did the person who invented junk food intend of killing people?
2. What keeps flies entertained?
3. If a dog did everything backwards, would it shake its head instead of its tail?

Christa H., 11, Pennsylvania

1. Why do my eyes twitch when I'm tired?
2. Why do people stick gum onto public places?
3. Why do poems never make any sense?
4. How do I get the eraser out of my pencil without wasting a ton?
5. Why do our teeth chatter?

Benjamin H., 13, Pennsylvania – HONORABLE MENTION

1. Why do birds land on electrical wires and sit there doing nothing?
2. How does hair get everywhere in the house?
3. Why do people dye their hair vibrant hues?
4. Why did America choose to make yardsticks just a few inches less than a meter?
5. If had to walk on the ceiling of our house, would walking out the door mean falling forever?

James J., 10, Montana

1. Why do people ride horses?
2. Why is gold worth so much money?
3. How do you pronounce Schwabauer?
4. When did science become a word?
5. Who named solar eclipses?

Wyatt D., 12, California

1. Why does it seem like the years are going faster? It feels like they are speeding up.
2. Why do we emotionally attach ourselves to inanimate objects?
3. Why does a Latin sentence "ping pong" around?
4. How are doves not extinct by now? They are just not bright.
5. Why do professional football players make so much money? Are they worth it?

Priya S., 14, Alaska – HONORABLE MENTION

1. Why don't we still trade stuff for stuff?
2. Why do lamps have shades when we always turn them on to have more light?
3. How come we insist on packaging everything in plastic when we know it is hurting the planet?
4. Who defines what is work and what is play?
5. How can every fingerprint be different?

Peter S., 11, Alaska – 3rd PLACE

1. What do fish think about air?
2. What makes trees survive the winter?
3. Who invented grafting? (Like grafting trees.)
4. Who sang the first song?
5. Why ask why?

Clara G., 11, Maryland

1. Why does five minutes feel like an hour when I am doing math?
2. Why do people think making independently functioning robots is a good idea?
3. Why do people think kids are dumb?
4. Why are you tired, and then when you lie down, you are not tired anymore?
5. Why do people hate God?

Nathan G., 13, Alberta

1. Why is everything usually boring and the same and nothing has personality or cool unique features?
2. Why don't people settle things with competitive games or sports instead of wars?
3. Why is it so hard for people to be content with what they have?

Matthew B., 14, Ohio – 2nd PLACE

1. Why is it when a car is hauling supplies, it's called a shipment and with a boat it's called cargo?
2. Why do humans itch scabs if it harms them?
3. Why does hard root beer exist if regular root beer tastes better?
4. Why do people text "lol" if they aren't actually laughing?
5. If ghosts were real, could we convince them to levitate us to work?

Lucy B., 12, Ohio

1. Who made it so that scientific names are so confusing?
2. Why are there so many Main Streets in the world?
3. If there is a foot-long hotdog, why not a foot-long hamburger?
4. Why doesn't Peter Pan get rich by teaching people how to fly?