

100 Questions to inspire Home Ed Thinkers

Use these questions to initiate short but meaningful conversations and encourage contemplation, thinking and curiosity. You can cut them up into strips and put them in a pot and pull one out every so often or just choose one randomly or by completing a maths question to decide which number!

Some of the questions are more suitable for older or younger children but you really never know how a child is going to respond, so it is worth exploring the questions with an open mind.

There are no single 'right' answers — the fun part is exploring ideas together! Some children find it hard to accept that there isn't a 'right' answer to some questions. It can be helpful to talk about there being multiple correct answers and the concept of everyone having a different perspective. You might also want to use the terms "my truth" and "your truth"!

1. Why do leaves change colour?
2. Why do animals sleep?
3. Could plants feel something?
4. Why do we dream?
5. Why do people laugh?
6. What makes someone brave?
7. What makes someone a good friend?
8. Can someone be good and bad at the same time?
9. What is fairness?
10. What makes something beautiful?
11. Is it ever OK to lie?
12. Why do people make rules?
13. What would happen if the earth stopped spinning?
14. Could humans live on another planet?
15. Is space empty?
16. Why do stars twinkle?
17. What is time?
18. Could time stop?
19. What makes something real?
20. Can something be invisible but real?
21. Why do people disagree?
22. Why do people change their minds?
23. Is it important to always be right?
24. Why do people feel embarrassed?
25. What makes a place feel like home?

26. Why do we tell stories?
27. Why do people like music?
28. What makes something funny?
29. Why is something funny for you but not for me?
30. Can animals think?
31. Can animals be kind?
32. Do animals have feelings like humans?
33. Why do animals play?
34. What would the world be like with no money?
35. What would the world be like if nobody ever lied?
36. What would happen if people never slept?
37. What would you do if humans could fly?
38. What would happen if gravity disappeared?
39. Can robots think?
40. Can robots have feelings?
41. What makes humans different from machines?
42. Why do people like exploring?
43. Why are people curious?
44. Can you learn something from making a mistake?
45. Why do people sometimes break rules?
46. Is it possible to know everything?
47. Why do people argue?
48. Can two people both be right?
49. What makes an idea a good one?
50. What makes someone wise?
51. What is imagination?
52. What makes a question interesting?
53. Why do people like adventures?
54. Why do some things feel scary?
55. Can fear ever be helpful?
56. What makes someone confident?
57. Why do people help others?
58. Why do people sometimes act selfishly?
59. What makes something fair or unfair?
60. Should everyone be treated the same?
61. What makes something valuable?
62. Why do people collect things?
63. What makes something special?
64. Can ordinary things be important?
65. What would happen if nobody worked?

66. What if everyone shared everything?
67. What if animals ruled the world?
68. What if humans lived underwater?
69. Why do people celebrate?
70. Why are traditions important?
71. Can traditions change?
72. What makes a community strong?
73. Why do people enjoy games?
74. Why do people like winning?
75. Is losing sometimes a positive thing?
76. What makes something challenging?
77. What makes someone creative?
78. Where do ideas come from?
79. Why do people invent things?
80. What problem would you most like to solve?
81. Why do people care about the future?
82. What would the future look like without technology?
83. Could the world ever be completely peaceful?
84. What makes peace possible?
85. What does it mean to be free?
86. Are rules necessary for freedom?
87. What makes someone responsible?
88. Why do promises matter?
89. What makes someone trustworthy?
90. Why do people forgive?
91. Is forgiveness always possible?
92. Why do people say sorry?
93. What makes someone unique?
94. Can people change who they are?
95. What makes life meaningful?
96. What makes a good life?
97. Is it important to be happy?
98. What makes you happy?
99. Is happy the same as content?
100. If you could have 3 wishes what would they be?