

# Small Questions, Big Answers



*Philosophy for the  
Incurably Curious.*

## Possible Ways to Gamify

Have argue the opposite or your opinion cards. People have to guess if which is your belief. You have to write it out first. Points to who guess correctly, 1 point for each person got it wrong to speaker

*The Curiosity Problem*

Are there things we're  
better off not  
knowing?

What is something  
you wish you could  
un-learn?

*The Brain Swap*

If you and your friend  
swapped brains but  
not bodies, which one  
would you be?

Is your “self” in your  
body or in your  
brain?

*The Lost Belief*

Is there anything you  
used to believe in but  
don't anymore?

What made you  
*change your mind?*

*The Unknown*

Are there things  
impossible to know?

How can you tell the  
difference between  
something *unknown*  
and something  
*unknowable*?

*The Big Priority*

What's the most  
important thing in  
life?

Would everyone  
agree with your  
answer?

*The Rebuilding Body*

98% of the atoms in  
your body are replaced  
every 5-10 years. Does  
that make you the  
same person or  
someone different?

Do you feel  
*fundamentally* the  
same or different to  
your child self?



*The Memory Loss*

If you lost all of your  
memories, would you  
still be “you”?

Are you your past,  
your personality, or  
something deeper?

*The Thinking Brain*

Can you ever stop  
thinking?

What happens in  
your mind when you  
try?

*The Changing Mind*

Is changing your  
mind a sign of  
weakness or wisdom?

Why is it so difficult  
to change our mind?

*The Crux of Colour*

How would you  
describe colour to  
someone who has  
been blind their  
whole life?

Can we imagine  
something we have  
never seen?

*The Colour Mystery*

How can we prove  
everyone sees the  
same colours as each  
other?

Would that change  
how you think about  
reality?

*The Endless Number*

Can infinity exist in  
the real world?

What things do you  
think are “infinite” in  
nature?

*The Numbers Game*

Are there things in the  
universe mathematics  
cannot describe?

Could our  
mathematical theories  
eventually catch up?

*The Pinocchio Paradox*

What would happen  
if Pinocchio said, “My  
nose will grow now”?

Can truth and lies  
exist simultaneously?



*The Past Question*

Does the past exist? If  
so, where does it go?

How can we live in  
the present when it  
disappears the  
moment we notice it?

*The Second Death*

Is 'legacy' just an  
attempt for humans to  
circumvent death?

Does it make you  
uncomfortable to  
know, one day, you  
will be forgotten  
forever?

*The Dream Test*

If we can't tell we're  
dreaming while we  
dream, how can we be  
sure we're awake  
right now?

What would count as  
proof that this isn't a  
dream?

*The Strange Ape*

If aliens were  
studying humans,  
what would confuse  
them the most?

What might they find  
inspiring?

*The Love Question*

Is love just chemistry,  
or something deeper?

Would love exist if  
humans didn't need  
each other to survive?

*The Love Feeling*

Is love something we  
feel, or something we  
choose?

Is it always true that  
'the love you get is  
the love you give'

*The Evil Sex*

Are men more evil  
than women?

Is evil something  
we're born with, or  
something we learn?

*The Happiness Scale*

Is happiness the most  
important thing in  
life?

Can people live  
meaningful lives  
without being happy?



*The Happiness Paradox*

Is it possible for  
everyone to be  
happy?

Must some happiness  
come at the expense  
of others?

*The Happiness Puzzle*

What is happiness?

Can moments that  
make us happy lead  
to a fulfilling life?

*The Lottery Illusion*

If you won the lottery  
today, do you think  
you would be happy  
forever?

Is it necessary that  
happiness fades even  
after a good thing  
happens?

*The Eternal Life*

If you could live  
forever, would you?

How could you find  
meaning in an  
endless life?

*The Beauty Question*

Is something beautiful  
because of how it  
looks or how it feels?

Can something ugly  
still be meaningful?

*The Objective Wrong*

Are there things that  
are wrong, no matter  
the context?

Can kindness ever be  
wrong?

*The White Lie*

Is it better to tell a  
comforting lie or an  
ugly truth?

What factors would  
change your answer?

*The Subjective Wrong*

Is it possible to do  
something wrong for  
a good reason?

Is it the thought that  
counts or the  
consequences of your  
actions?



*The Sentient Life*

At what point do  
living things deserve  
rights and respect?

Does intelligence  
decide who matters?

*Food for Thought*

Why is it okay to eat  
some animals but not  
others?

Can we judge other  
cultures for eating  
animals we deem  
precious?

*The Thought Clone*

Would the world be  
better off if everyone  
thought like you?

What would the  
world lose if  
everyone thought the  
same way?

*The Reward Paradox*

Is doing good for a  
reward still good?

Does motivation  
matter more than the  
outcome?

*The Reward Paradox*

Would the world be  
better if no one could  
lie - ever?

Would that make  
people kinder or  
crueler?

*The Reverse Lesson*

What can adults learn  
from children?

How does experience  
help us - and how  
might it hold us back?

*The Afterlife Question*

What happens to us  
after we die?

Should the answer  
change how we  
behave while we're  
alive?

*The Perfect World*

What does a perfect  
world look like?

Would a perfect  
world stay perfect  
forever?



*The Perfect World*

Would 'good' still  
mean anything if  
there were no 'bad'?

How do bad  
experiences shape  
your sense of  
meaning and  
gratitude?

*Peek into the Future*

Would you want to  
know the future?

Would knowing  
change your current  
choices?

*The Future You*

If you met your future  
self, what would you  
say to them?

What do you think  
they'd say to you?

*The Past You*

If you met your past  
self, what would you  
say to them?

Would you give  
advice - or just listen?

*The Smartest Animal*

Are humans the  
smartest animals?

What does “smart”  
really mean?

*The Disagreement Rule*

How should we treat  
people who disagree  
with us?

Can two people both  
be right?

*The Creativity Quirk*

Are some people  
more creative than  
others?

Is creativity  
something you're  
born with or  
something you build?

*The School Subject*

What's the most  
important subject at  
school?

What's the least  
important subject at  
school?



*The Opinion Trap*

Is “truth” just  
whatever most people  
agree on?

Can something be  
true if no one believe  
it?

*The Special Animal*

What makes humans  
different from other  
animals?

Does that make us  
better - or just  
different?

*The Butterfly of Action*

What act of kindness  
have you never  
forgotten?

How has it impacted  
you?

*The Butterfly of Action 2*

What act of cruelty  
have you never  
forgotten?

How has it impacted  
you?

*The Freedom Paradox*

Is freedom more  
important than  
happiness?

Are rules meant to  
control us or protect  
us?

*The New Thing*

What's something  
you learnt about  
yourself that  
surprised you?

Why should we try  
new things?

*The Worth of Life*

Are some lives worth  
more than others?

Are teachers more  
valuable than  
beggars?

*The Moral Culture*

Are some culture  
more moral than  
others?

Are there ways we  
can fairly judge other  
cultures?



*The Enemy Effect*

Do humans need  
enemies to feel  
united?

Can peace exist  
without something to  
fight against?

*The Online Self*

Are we more  
ourselves online or in-  
person?

Do we show our true  
selves when we're  
seen - or when we're  
hidden?

*The Victim Complex*

Does seeing yourself  
as a victim give or  
take away power?

Can empowerment  
exist without  
personal  
responsibility?

*The Freedom of Speech*

Should people be  
allowed to say things  
that are wrong or  
harmful?

How can we find  
truth without the  
freedom to be wrong?

*The Evil Excuse*

Can insanity excuse  
evil?

Where does  
accountability end  
and illness begin?

*The Problem of Evil*

If God exists, why do  
bad things happen to  
good people?

Can belief survive  
without explanation?

*The National Pride*

Is patriotism a form of  
love or of fear?

Can pride in one's  
country exist without  
seeing others as  
lesser?

*The Problem of Truth*

Does objective truth  
exist, or is it a matter  
of perspective?

If everyone sees the  
world differently,  
how can we ever  
know what's real?



*The Progress Problem*

Why do humans  
value progress so  
much?

At what expense  
should progress come  
at?