

180 THINGS THAT WORRY TEENS

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My seventeen-year old daughter and a few of her friends put together a list of things they ponder upon. Could these be keeping them up at night? Let's hope not!

In any case, get a glimpse into the minds of our future leaders and be very afraid.

Could it possibly be true that our teens spend brainpower on these? Stranger things have happened. Read these and ponder on. Better yet, which of these can you answer?

WHAT KEEPS TEENAGERS UP AT NIGHT?

1. Why doesn't "onomatopoeia" sound like what it is?
2. Why does flammable and inflammable mean the same thing?
3. Why does an alarm clock "go off" when it begins ringing?
4. Why does "slow down" and "slow up" mean the same thing?
5. Why do we wash bath towels? Aren't we clean when we use them?
6. Why do we sing 'Take me out to the ball game', when we are already there?
7. Why do we put suits in a garment bag and garments in a suitcase?
8. Why do we play in recitals and recite in plays?
9. Why do we have hot water heaters when it's cold water that we're trying to heat?
10. Why do we drive on parkways and park on driveways?
11. Why do "tug"boats push their barges?
12. Why do they sell a pound cake that only weighs 12 ounces?
13. Why do they report power outages on TV?
14. Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?
15. Why do they call them "apartments" when they are all stuck together?
16. Why do they call it a disposable douche? Is there a kind of douche you keep after using?
17. How come Superman could stop bullets with his chest, but always ducked when someone threw a gun at him?

18. How can there be "self help GROUPS"?
19. How can the weather be hot as hell one day and cold as hell another?
20. How can someone "draw a blank"?
21. How can overlook and oversee be opposites, while quite a lot and quite a few are alike?
22. Have you ever imagined a world with no hypothetical situations?
23. Does the Postmaster General need a stamp of approval?
24. Does the little mermaid wear an algebra?
25. Do Roman paramedics refer to IV's as 4's?
26. Do one legged ducks swim in circles?
27. Do Lipton employees take coffee breaks?
28. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
29. Do fish get cramps after eating?
30. Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in a car, he sticks his head out the window!
31. Did the early settlers ever go on a camping trip?
32. Did Adam and Eve have navels?
33. Could someone ever get addicted to counseling? If so, how could you treat them?
34. Can you be a closet claustrophobic?
35. Since you will get arrested for running into a movie yelling "Fire! Fire!", will you get arrested for running into a Fire House yelling "Movie! Movie!"?
36. Do you need a silencer if you are going to shoot a mime?
37. Can atheists get insurance for acts of God?
38. Aren't all generalizations false?
39. Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to?
40. If a cow laughed really hard, would milk come out her nose?
41. Why do they call it an asteroid when its outside the hemisphere but call it a hemorrhoid when it's in your a#*?
42. If you lived in Siberia and you wronged the Russian government, where would they send you?
43. How can military troops be deployed if they have never been ployed to begin with?
44. What should one call a male ladybird? What do you call a male ladybug?
45. What would you use to dilute water?
46. How come overtones and undertones are the same thing?
47. If you take an oriental person and spin him around a few times, does he become disoriented?

48. Why does Donald Duck wear a towel when he comes out of the shower, when he doesn't usually wear any pants?
49. If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
50. I know you can be overwhelmed, and I know you can be underwhelmed, but can you just be whelmed?
51. Why are turds pinched off at the end?
52. What does Cheese say when it gets its picture taken?
53. What would Geronimo say if he jumped out of an airplane?
54. If you're in hell, and are mad at someone, where do you tell them to go?
55. If you get cheated by the better business bureau, who do you complain to?
56. How does Santa get into a house that doesn't have a chimney?
57. Do illiterate people get the full effect of alphabet soup?
58. Why do the ABC song, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, and Baa Baa Black Sheep all have the same tune?
59. Why do grocery stores have so many checkout lines if they only keep three or four open?
60. Why did they name that underwear company fruit of the loom?
61. Is Disney World the only people trap operated by a mouse?
62. How can something be new and improved? If it's new, what is it improving on?
63. Why is it good to be a Daddy's girl, but bad to be a Momma's boy?
64. Why do you get on a bus and a train but get into a car?
65. If the speed of movement is slower than the speed of light - how fast is a moving light?
66. If electricity comes from electrons, does morality come from morons?
67. Why is it you get a penny for your thoughts, but have to put in your two cents worth?
68. If you fed a bee nothing but oranges, would it start making marmalade?
69. Why is it that when a person tells you there are billions of stars in the universe you believe them, but if someone tells you there's wet paint somewhere, you have to touch it to make sure?
70. If a Man is talking in the forest and there is no woman there to hear him, is he still wrong?
71. If The Flintstones were B.C. and before America, why did they have "A Flintstones' Thanksgiving" and "A Flintstones' Christmas?"
72. How come thaw and unthaw mean the same thing?
73. Is a hot car cool or is a cool car hot?

74. Is a man full of wonder a wonderful man?
75. If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, then what is baby oil made from?
76. How can you hear yourself think?
77. How can you chop down a tree and then chop it up?
78. If Americans throw rice at weddings, do the Chinese throw hamburgers?
79. What's the difference between a wise man and a wise guy?
80. What would happen if an Irresistible Force met an Immovable Object?
81. Why do banks leave the door wide open but the pens chained to the counter?
82. Why do they sterilize needles for lethal injections?
83. If quizzes are quizzical then what are tests?
84. Where in the nursery rhyme does it say that Humpty Dumpty is an egg?
85. What if the "hokey-pokey" really is what it's all about?
86. Why do they call it taking a dump? Shouldn't it be leaving a dump?
87. What happens if someone loses a lost and found box?
88. Why do they have handicap parking spaces in front of skating rinks?
89. Why do we leave expensive cars in the driveway, when we keep worthless junk in the garage?
90. Why is a person that handles your money called a BROKER?
91. Isn't it weird that if you rearrange the word "teacher" you get "cheater"?
92. How come whenever you start to sing, you automatically sing in a higher voice than you talk?
93. How come people say they ate the last piece of gum, when they really just chewed it?
94. If the pope goes to the bathroom, is it considered holy crap?
95. You know the saying "throw ya hands in the air like ya don't care"? Why bother doing that if you don't care?
96. Why is there no pine or apple in pineapple?
97. If "Fantasy Island" really granted wishes, why wasn't Tattoo 6'6" ?
98. Why do water bottles have a "best if used by" date?
99. If you called the police station to talk to an officer and he was not there, would that be considered a cop out?
100. Can bald people get a hairline fracture?
101. Why do they put holes in crackers?

102. How come on TV the bell always rings and then the kids go to class, but in real life you need to be in class before the bell rings?
103. Why can the saying "it's all downhill from here" mean both that it will be easy and that it is going to get worse?
104. If all of ACME's products backfire, why does Wile E. Coyote keep buying them?
105. Why do "cool" and "hot" mean the same thing?
106. If you sneeze and fart at the same time, does a vacuum form in your stomach?
107. Why does triangularly cut bread taste better than square bread?
108. Does a baby feel the umbilical cord being cut off?
109. Is it legal to name your kid "Anonymous"?
110. Why is it that no matter what color bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white?
111. If you have a pet with 2 heads do you have to name both heads?
112. Why can't liquor freeze?
113. If you dig a hole in the South Pole are you digging up or down?
114. How come they don't add the time that we are in our mom's wombs to our age?
115. Why do people squint their eyes when they can't see? Isn't that less space to see out of?
116. What is a "hacky", and why is it in a sack?
117. In the song, "Someone's in the Kitchen with Dinah", who was in the kitchen with Dinah?
118. Why do we have to pay a toll on some "freeways"?
119. Why do they call them pepperoni if there is no pepper in it?
120. How old does something have to be to become an antique?
121. Can a schoolteacher give a homeless child homework?
122. Why do they say "an alarm going off" if it is really going on?
123. Do babies produce more spit than adults?
124. How come French fries are not considered a vegetable? Aren't they are just deep fried potatoes?
125. Do cows have calf muscles?
126. Why is shampoo clear but conditioner is not?
127. If conjoined twins participate in sports, do they count as one or two players?
128. If a singer sings their own song during a karaoke party, is it considered karaoke?
129. Why do mattresses have designs on them when they're always covered with sheets?

130. If you died with braces on would they take them off?
131. If a person suffered from amnesia and then was cured, would they remember that they forgot?
132. Can someone have their head in the clouds and be down-to-earth at the same time?
133. Why is Joey short for Joe, when Joey has more letters?
134. If you were a pastor, and you were getting married, would you hire a pastor, or would you do the wedding yourself?
135. Is there a certain temperature at which it stops being qualified as cold? At what temperature does it qualify as hot?
136. Why is most lunchmeat bigger than the bread?
137. Why is it that whenever you sing to the radio, your voice is higher? Even when you have a low voice?
138. How come toy hippos are always blue or purple, when real hippos are brown?
139. Have ex-punsters been expunged?
140. Have ex-mathematicians become dysfunctional?
141. Have ex-locomotive engineers been derailed?
142. Have ex-civil lawyers been distorted?
143. Have ex-bankers become disinterested?
144. Are there "seeing eye" humans for blind dogs?
145. You know that little indestructible black box that is used on planes, why can't they make the whole plane out of the same substance?
146. After eating, do amphibians have to wait an hour before getting out of the water?
147. Can fat people go skinny-dipping?
148. You know how most packages say "Open here". What is the protocol if the package says, "Open somewhere else"?
149. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
150. Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
151. Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?
152. Why isn't "palindrome" spelled the same way backwards?
153. Why is there only ONE Monopolies Commission?
154. Why is there an expiration date on SOUR cream?
155. Don't you have to get up to get to the tape?
156. Why is the word "abbreviate" so long?
157. Why is the alphabet in that order? Is it because of that song?
158. Why is Mickey Mouse bigger than his dog Pluto?
159. Why is it, whether you sit up or sit down, the result is the same?
160. Why is it when two planes almost hit each other it is called a "near miss"?

161. Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?
162. Why is it when a door is open it's ajar, but when a jar is open it's not ajar?
163. Why is it so hard to remember how to spell MNEMONIC?
164. Why is it called 'after dark', when it is really after light?
165. Why is it called a TV "set" when you only get one?
166. Why is it called a bust, when it stops right before the part it is named after?
167. Why is it called a "building" when it is already built?
168. Why is a women's prison called a penal colony?
169. Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist, but a person who drives a race car not called a racist?
170. Why don't you ever see baby pigeons?
171. Why don't you ever hear about "gruntled" employees?
172. Why are dandelions considered weeds when daisies are considered flowers?
173. Why does Sea World have a seafood restaurant?
174. Whenever an adult is kidnapped, why isn't it called adultnapped?
175. Why do blacklights look purple?
176. Did Yankee Doodle name the feather, hat, town, or his pony Macaroni?
177. Why is it that people duck in the rain? Do they really think the rain won't hit them?
178. How come the Bible is the most stolen book, and one of the Ten Commandments is "thou shall not steal"?
179. Why isn't the caps lock capitalized?
- 180.** If there's a hole straight through the earth, from the South Pole to the North Pole, and you jump through it, what would happen? Would you keep falling forever, or fall back down when you get to the middle, or is it physically impossible?