

What If

What if your school had no rules at all? Which rule would you bring back first, and why that one?

Brain note: choosing which rules matter uses the brain's slow, careful thinking.

What If

What if a rule was fair for most people but unfair for one? Should it stay? Who decides?

Brain note: fairness judgments light up feeling circuits before reasoning ones.

What If

What if you could add one rule at home? What problem would it fix, and what new one might it cause?

Brain note: the brain is a prediction machine;
it guesses side effects early.

What If

What if breaking a rule helped
someone? Does the reason change
the rule, or just how we judge it?

Brain note: moral reasoning blends emotion
and logic; both circuits work together.

What If

What if rules changed every single day? What would get harder, and what might get easier?

Brain note: the brain loves patterns; constant change makes predicting tiring.

What If

What if everyone got the exact same thing, always? When would that be fair, and when would it

not?
Brain note: comparing two unlike things is genuinely hard work for the brain.

What If

What if you could give the last
slice to anyone? How would you
decide who gets it?

Brain note: perspective taking runs a small
simulation of another person's mind.

What If

What if being fair meant someone
still felt sad? Is fair the same thing
as kind?

Brain note: kindness and fairness use
overlapping but different brain networks.

What If

What if the winner picked the rules
for the next game? What would
the tenth game look like?

Brain note: imagining ahead uses many of the
same regions as remembering.

What If

What if you had to split a prize
with someone who did less of the
work? What is fair here?

Brain note: the brain reacts to unfairness fast,
a bit like it reacts to an alarm.

What If

What if nothing you did had any consequences? What would you still choose to do, and why?

Brain note: your prefrontal cortex weighs choices, and it grows into your twenties.

What If

What if every choice showed you
its ending first? Would deciding
get easier, or harder?

Brain note: uncertainty makes the brain pay
closer attention, not less.

What If

What if saying sorry erased the harm completely? Would people be more careful, or less?

Brain note: regret compares what happened with what could have happened.

What If

What if small choices grew big
over a year? Which small one
would you change today?

Brain note: neurons that fire together wire
together, so small repeats add up.

What If

What if you could see who a
choice helped and who it hurt?

What would you check first?

Brain note: attention works like a spotlight,
and a good question aims it.

What If

What if the sun did not rise tomorrow? Name three things that would change by lunchtime.

Brain note: cause and effect is one of the earliest reasoning skills babies show.

What If

What if rain fell on only one town?

Follow the chain: what happens
next, and then next?

Brain note: following a chain holds several
ideas in working memory at once.

What If

What if a tiny change today
became a huge change in a year?

Which tiny change would you

pick?
Brain note: surprise, when a prediction fails,
is a powerful trigger for learning.

What If

What if you could remove one invention from history? What else breaks when it goes?

Brain note: mental simulation lets you test an idea with no real risk.

What If

What if all the bees disappeared?

Trace it: what happens to food,
and then to people?

Brain note: tracing a chain out loud makes the
memory of it stronger.

What If

What if you could be brilliant at
one thing but average at all the
rest? Worth it? Why?

Brain note: the brain strengthens the paths it
uses most, so practice matters.

What If

What if faster always meant
messier? When would you pick
slow, and when would you pick

fast?
Brain note: slowing down hands the wheel to
the brain's careful thinking.

What If

What if more free time meant less time with friends? What would you trade, and what would you keep?

Brain note: naming what you would lose makes a choice clearer than the gain.

What If

What if a shortcut saved an hour
but skipped the learning? Would
you take it? When?

Brain note: effort is what builds memory, so
the easy route often teaches less.

What If

What if you had to give up one thing to keep another? How would you decide which one stays?

Brain note: working memory holds a few items, so writing options down helps.

What If

What if telling the truth got a friend in trouble? What are your options, and what does each cost?

Brain note: holding two opposing ideas is hard; the brain wants one answer.

What If

What if you found money on the ground? Does it matter how much it is, or whose it was?

Brain note: emotion tags a memory, which is why honesty questions stick with you.

What If

What if everyone told the truth all the time? What would get better, and what would get harder?

Brain note: the brain runs on prediction, and honesty makes people predictable.

What If

What if you saw someone cheat
and nobody else did? What do you
owe the people who missed it?

Brain note: seeing unfairness stirs both feeling
and judging brain areas.

What If

What if being kind meant being dishonest? Which one wins, and how did you decide?

Brain note: values can conflict, and the brain has no single decider to settle it.

What If

What if gravity switched off for one minute? What would you grab, and what would we lose for good?

Brain note: novel questions wake up more of the brain than familiar ones do.

What If

What if the night never ended?

What happens to plants, then
animals, then people?

Brain note: your body clock is a real brain
circuit that tracks light and dark.

What If

What if animals could talk? What
would they ask us to change first,
and would we listen?

Brain note: imagining another mind uses a
network that grows through childhood.

What If

What if humans made food from
sunlight, like plants? What would
we stop needing?

Brain note: curiosity raises dopamine, which
makes new facts easier to recall.

What If

What if water flowed uphill?

Which everyday things would
simply stop working, and why?

Brain note: the brain builds mental models;
stretching one shows where it breaks.

What If

What if you never needed sleep?

What would you gain, and what
might your brain lose?

Brain note: sleep is when the brain files the
day's learning into memory.

What If

What if every colour looked the same to everyone? What would we have to invent to cope?

Brain note: your brain builds colour from signals; it is not out in the world.

What If

What if money did not exist? How
would people decide who gets
what, and would it be fairer?

Brain note: the brain sorts things into
categories; odd questions show the rules.

What If

What if everybody looked exactly the same? What would we notice about each other instead?

Brain note: recognising faces has its own dedicated patch of brain tissue.

What If

What if school were optional?

Who would go, who would not,
and what happens to them later?

Brain note: ideas you think up yourself stick
better than ideas you are told.

What If

What if you could only say 50 words a day? What would you save them for, and why?

Brain note: language and reasoning areas fire together when you argue a point.

What If

What if nobody could keep a secret? What would that fix, and what would it wreck?

Brain note: predicting other people is a full time job for the social brain.

What If

What if kids made all the laws for a year? What is your first law, and what goes wrong?

Brain note: planning far ahead is the prefrontal cortex's slowest skill to mature.

What If

What if everyone swapped jobs
every month? What gets better,
and what falls apart?

Brain note: a new task feels hard because the
brain has not built the path yet.

What If

What if you could undo one mistake? Which one, and what would you lose by undoing it?

Brain note: replaying what could have happened is how the brain learns.

What If

What if you could hear one
person's thoughts for a day?

Would you want to? Why, or why

Brain note: mind ^{not?}reading is not real, but
guessing what others think is constant.

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Also try: Divergent Thinking
Games, Open-Ended Story
Prompts, and Design Challenges.

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