

Daily Thunks

These questions are all based on THUNKS by Ian Gilbert – a thunk being “a beguiling question about everyday things that stops you in your tracks and helps you to look at the world in a whole new light.”

1. What colour is Tuesday?
2. Is there more happiness or more sadness in the world?
3. If the answer is “Once with a fish”, what is the question?
4. If elephants ruled the world, what changes would you see?
5. What would you get if you crossed a rabbit with a cabbage?
6. Which is more important, being right or being nice?
7. Is there more future or more past?
8. If you paint over a window, is it still a window?
9. If I borrow a million pounds, am I a millionaire?
10. Is a millionaire who is marooned on a desert island still a millionaire?
11. If you say sorry but don't mean it, but the person you say it to thinks that you do, does it count?
12. Is black a colour?
13. If I switch the lights off, does the wall change colour?
14. In a dark room, what does a mirror reflect? If nothing, does that mean it is not working?
15. Can you cast a shadow into a dark room?
16. If you read a paper in a shop without paying for it, is that stealing?
17. If I ask if I can steal your pen and you say yes, is that stealing?
18. If we borrow every single book from a library, is it still a library?
19. If we moved the entire school, with everything and everyone in it, to Africa, would it still be the same school?
20. If we moved the school building to the other side of town, but left everything and everyone here, where would the school be?
21. Can I be accused of cheating if I don't know the rules?
22. If I composed a piece of music but it was never played, would it still be music?
23. What colour would a zebra be if it lost all its stripes?
24. If the hands fall off my clock, is it still a clock?
25. Are clouds in, under or above the sky?
26. What is the most important part of a fork?
27. How many bricks is a wall?
28. Do ideas come from inside or outside your head?
29. When does loud start?
30. Is something boring because of it or because of you?