

## What If????

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Last night, while I lay thinking here,  
some Whatifs crawled inside my ear  
and pranced and partied all night long  
and sang their same old Whatif song:  
Whatif I'm dumb in school?  
Whatif they've closed the swimming pool?  
Whatif I get beat up?  
Whatif there's poison in my cup?  
Whatif I start to cry?  
Whatif I get sick and die?  
Whatif I flunk that test?  
Whatif green hair grows on my chest?  
Whatif nobody likes me?  
Whatif a bolt of lightning strikes me?  
Whatif I don't grow taller?  
Whatif my head starts getting smaller?  
Whatif the fish won't bite?  
Whatif the wind tears up my kite?  
Whatif they start a war?  
Whatif my parents get divorced?  
Whatif the bus is late?  
Whatif my teeth don't grow in straight?  
Whatif I tear my pants?  
Whatif I never learn to dance?  
Everything seems well, and then  
the nighttime Whatifs strike again!

**Student A: What if .....**

If you had only 24 hours to live, what would you do?

If a classmate asked you for the answer to a question during an exam while the teacher was not looking, what would you do?

If someone's underwear was showing, would you tell them?

If the whole world were listening, what would you say?

If you bumped your car into another car, but nobody saw you do it, would you leave your name and address?

If you could ask God any one question, what would it be?

If you could be a bird, what would you choose to be?

If you could be a plant, what would you choose to be?

If you could be a superhero, which one would you be?

If you could be an animal, any animal, what animal would you be and why?

If you could be an animal, what would you be?

If you could be an animal, what would you choose to be?

If you could be another man or woman for a day, who would you choose?

If you could be another person for a day, who would you be?

If you could be invisible for a day what would you do and why?

If you could change one thing about your spouse or significant other, what would it be?

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

If you could choose how you were going to die, what would you choose your death to be?

If you could choose to live on a different planet, which one would you choose?

If you could commit any crime and get away with it, what would you do?

If you could date a celebrity, who would you choose?

If you could have only one food for the rest of your life (assuming that this strange situation would not affect your health), which food would you choose?

**Student B: What if .....**

If you could hear what someone is thinking for a day, who would you choose?

If you could live anywhere, where would you live?

If you could meet any famous person, dead or alive, who would it be and why?

If you could speak any other language (besides English) which language would you like to speak?

If you could spend a day with any celebrity, who would it be and what questions would you ask that person?

If you could take a vacation anywhere in the world for any length of time, where would you go?

if you could go anywhere in the world for a holiday, where would you go?

If you could travel back in time, where would you go?

If you discovered a new island, what would you name it and why?

If you found a suitcase full of \$1,000,000, what would you do?

If you found a wallet with £1,000 in it, what would you do?

If you had 25-hour days (while everyone else continued to have 24-hour days), what would you do with the extra time?

If you had one wish, what would it be?

If you had the opportunity to be different, what would you change?

If you had time machine, where would you go and why?

If you had to choose between a wonderful romantic relationship that would end after only a year, or a so-so relationship that would last your entire life, which one would you choose?

If you had to choose between love and no money or money and no love for the rest of your life, which would you choose?

If you had to choose, would you give up your sight or your hearing?

If you received lottery tickets as a gift at the office party, and you won \$30,000.00, would you share the winnings with the person that gave you the gift?

If you saw a robbery, would you report it?

If you saw your zipper was down and people had noticed, what would you do?

**Student C: What if .....**

If you speak two languages and your spouse (husband or wife) speaks only one, will you raise your children to be bilingual?

If you were a candy, what candy would you be?

If you were a monster, what monster would you be?

If you were a toy, what toy would you be?

If you were abducted by aliens, would you tell anybody? Why or why not?

If you were American/Chinese/Mexican, how would your life be different?

If you were asked to choose which time you would like to live in, which century would you choose?

If you were asked to speak to a graduating class, what would you say?

If you were given a chance to go to the moon, would you go? Why or why not?

If you were given a choice between being given great wisdom or great wealth, which would you choose?

If you were given an opportunity to be born again, in which country would you like to be born?

If you were given an opportunity to be born again, what kind of person would you choose to be?

If you were given one million dollars, what would you buy?

If you were given the opportunity to be born again, how would you change how you lived?

If you were given the opportunity to mold your partner the way you wanted, how would you mold your partner?

If you were given three wishes, what would you wish for?

If you were God, how would you transmit or let people know your message?

If you were going to a deserted island and could only take three things with you, what would you take? Why?

If you were invited to have tea with the Queen of England, what would you say?

If you were the leader of your country, what would you change?

If you were the President, what problem or concern would you work on first?

If you were to be stranded on an island, which 3 things would you bring with you?

If you were told that you were going to die tomorrow, what would you do today?