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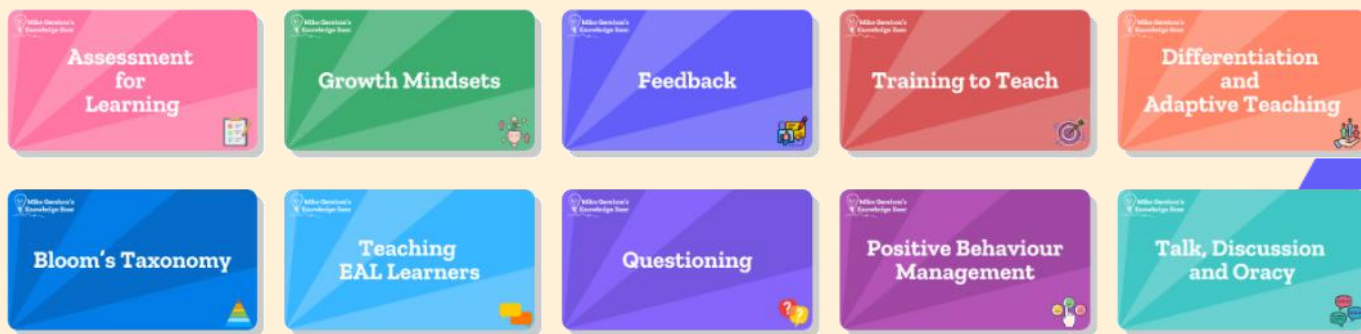


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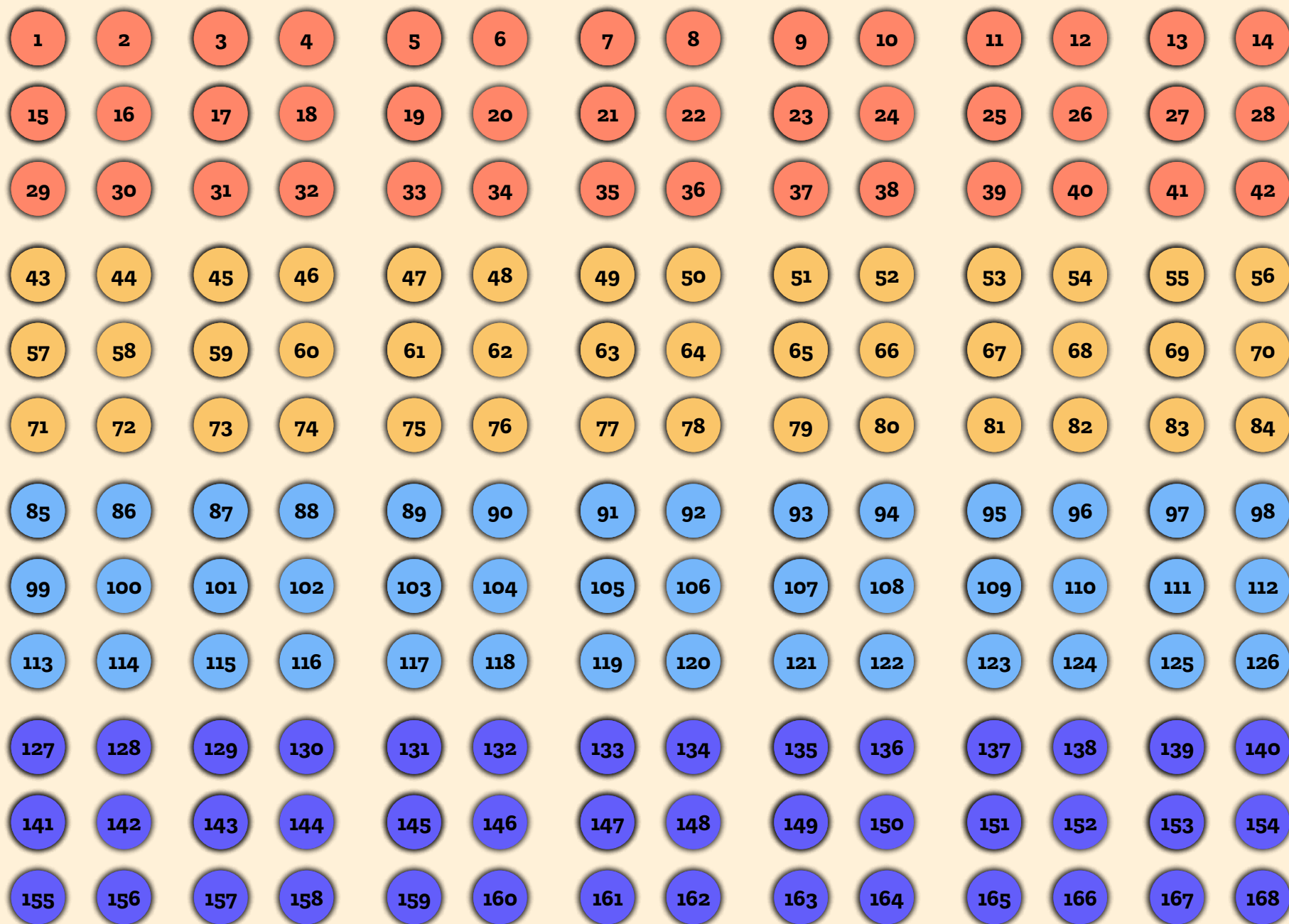
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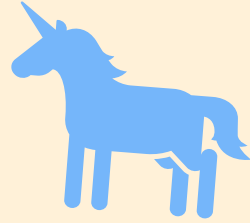
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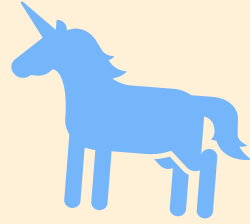
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What if you could turn invisible for a day?

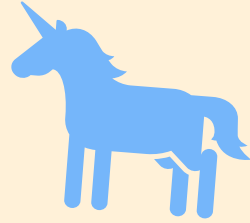


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What if humans had tails?





**What if there was someone
exactly the same as you?**



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What if you had a secret ability?



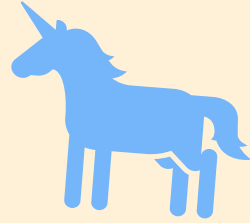
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What if humans could only remember certain information?



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What if the government gave up?



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What if you could go to school
whenever you wanted?



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What if you had to work from the age of fourteen?



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What if weather forecasters were paid to get things wrong?



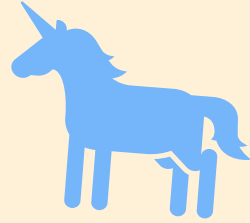
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What if the government controlled everybody's wages?



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What if every job paid the same money?



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What if bankers had to live in council estates?



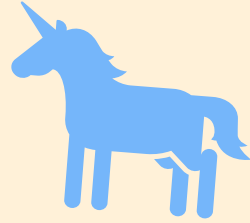
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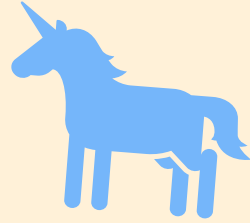
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What if showers were made illegal?



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What if your dog is actually taking you for a walk?



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**What if what you think is true
isn't true?**



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What if society was more equal?



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What if society was less equal?



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What if taxes were raised?



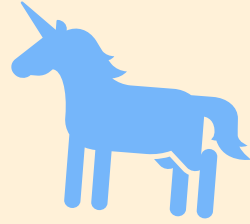
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What if the government got rid of taxes?



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What if movies came true?



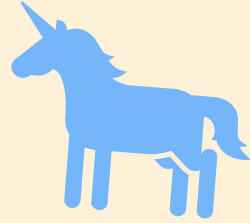
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What if World War Two had never happened?



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What if slavery had been banned earlier?



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What if there had been no French Revolution?



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What if nuclear weapons had not been invented?



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What if televisions had not been invented?



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**What if you could change one law?
What would it be?**





What if you could change one thing
about the world? What would it be?





**What if you could change one thing
about school? What would it be?**



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What if you could change one thing
about yesterday? What would it be?





**What if you could choose what subjects
to study from the beginning of the year?**



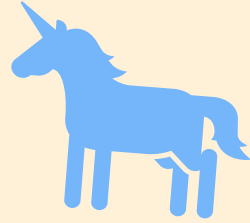
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What if all schools were for 3–18 year-olds?



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What if newsreaders are lying?



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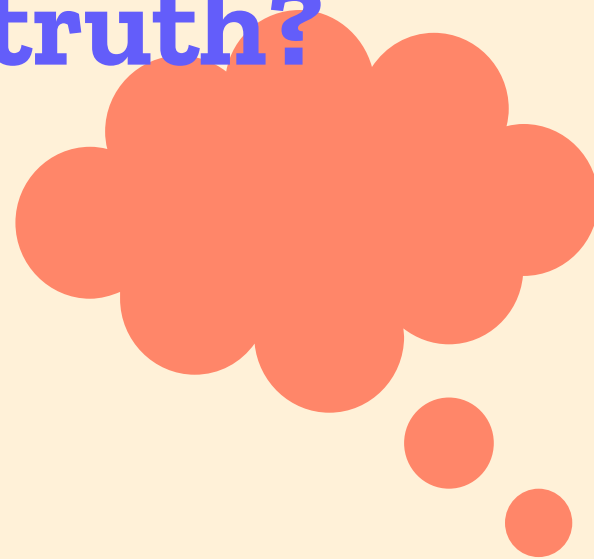
What if newspapers don't tell the truth?



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What if there is no such thing as truth?



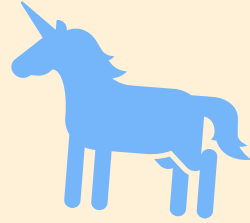
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What if farming was banned?



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What if global warming continues?



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What if free speech was curtailed?



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What if human rights were ignored?



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What if police officers were given more power?



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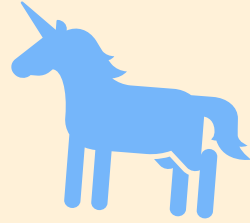
**What if law courts were painted in
bright, pretty colours?**





What if you had to get a permit
to play in the park?



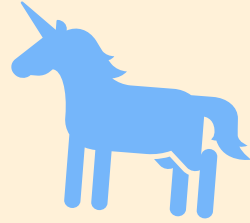


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What if you had to move country?



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What if Shakespeare had never written anything?



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What if Charles Dickens had had a different job?



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What if the Bible had never been translated into English?



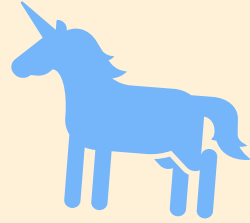
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What if Britain was a republic?



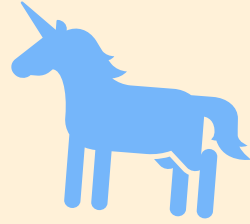
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What if wood was more valuable than gold?



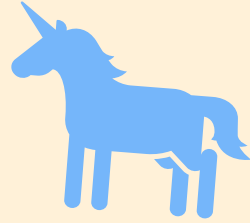
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What if clothes grew as you grew?

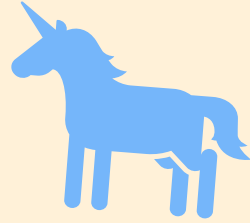


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What if insects were the size of mammals?





What if buildings could talk?



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What if London was not the capital of England?





What if Paris was the capital of England?



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What if you had an elevator that could take you into space?





What if America closed all its airports?



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What if the internet was shut down?



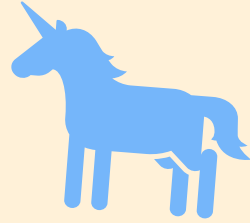
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What if you started your own business?



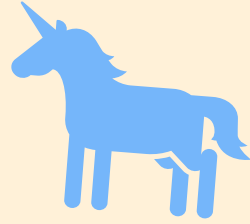
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What if you went to Mars?



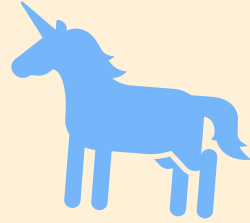
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What if the sun took holidays?



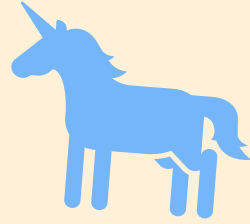
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What if money was banned?



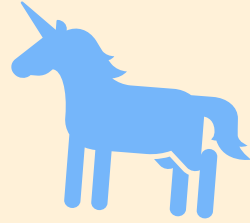
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What if time went quicker than it does?



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What if right is wrong?



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What if tomorrow never comes?



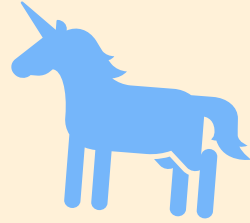
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What if science gets things wrong?

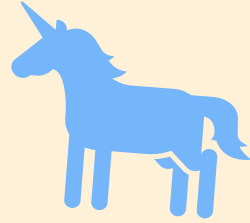


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What if evolution continues for another million years?





What if a new source of energy was found?



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What if you received a mystery gift?



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What if you found a fifty pound note?



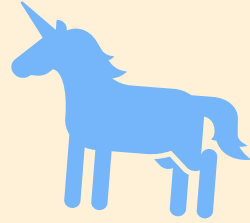
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What if you witnessed a crime?



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**What if you were asked to do
something you thought was wrong?**

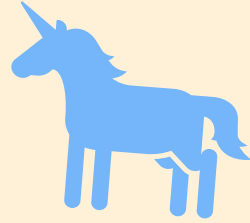




What if elections were decided through football matches?



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What if you were not allowed to speak when in school?



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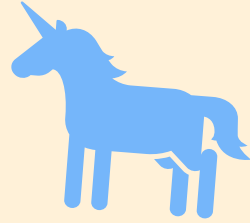
What if the government brought back corporal punishment?





What if the death penalty was reintroduced?

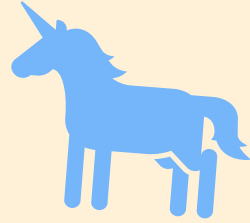




What if things were different?



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What if houses were upside down?



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**What if the bottom-placed team was
awarded the league title?**

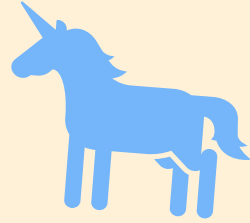




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What if humans had not invented sanitation?



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What if humans had not invented flags?



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What if humans had not invented fridges?





What if humans had not invented the mobile phone?

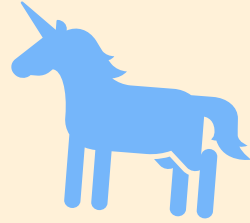


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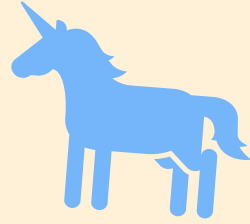




What if teaching was done by a computer?



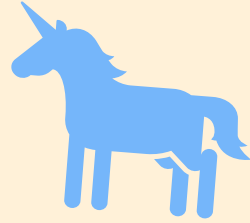
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What if a bus was your school?



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What if shoelaces were edible?





What if nothing ever changed?



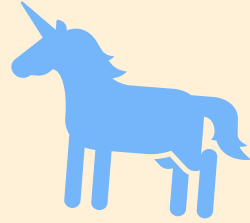
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What if things changed more
quickly than at present?



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What if the moon was a holiday destination?



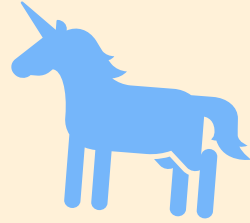
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What if wars were replaced by sports?



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What if someone invented a new religion?





**What if scientists had to share all
their ideas for free?**



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What if you could create a perfect world?



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What if you had to move abroad?



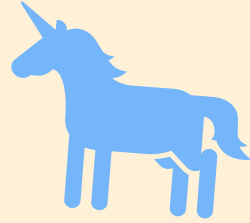
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What if only people with jobs were allowed to vote?



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What if only people without jobs were allowed to vote?



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What if adults were allowed to return to school?



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What if humans were ten feet tall?

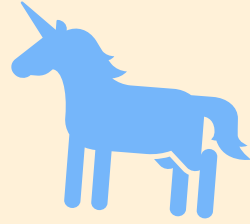


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**What if it was sunny and warm
every day of the year?**

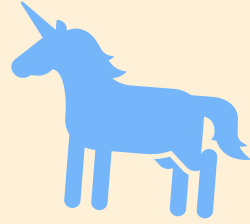




What if we were invaded?



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What if someone you know is a spy?



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What if it's true that money makes the world go round?



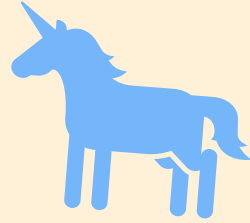
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**What if the grass really is
greener on the other side?**



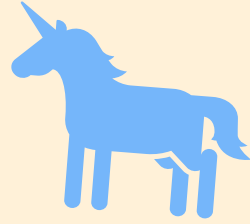
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What if colours had no names?



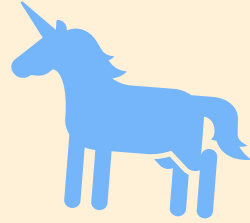
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What if everything was black and white?



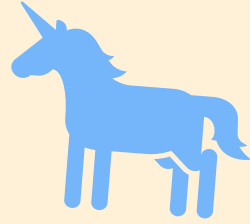
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What if lie detectors really worked?



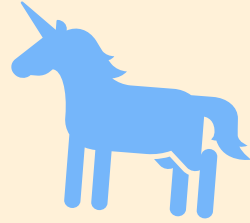
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What if things don't change?



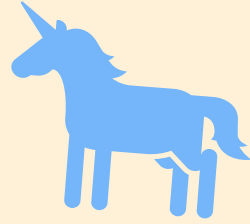
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What if things get better?



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What if things get worse?



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What if your mind plays tricks on you?



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What if we can't know anything for certain?



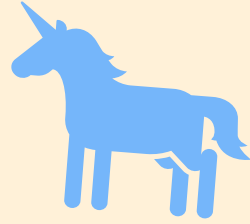
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What if money grew on trees?



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What if you went to a different school?



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What if you could change one part of society?



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What if you knew everything
there is to know?



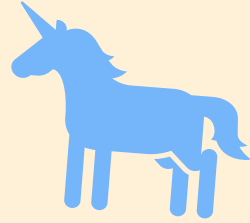
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What if you were ten years older?



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What if you had done things differently?



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What if you could control the weather?



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What if you could control the tide?



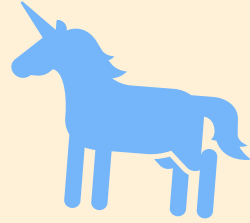
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What if humans went to live in outer space?



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What if you could read other people's minds?



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What if America was still a British colony?



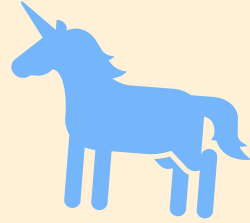
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What if the United Nations had its own army?



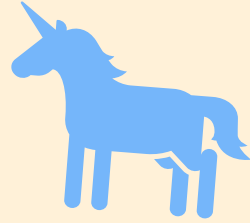
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What if everyone got to be Prime Minister for a day?



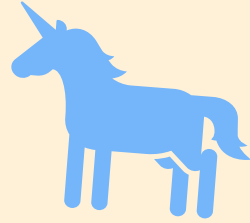
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What if you won the lottery?



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**What if you were offered a job in a
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What if you forgot how to make decisions?



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**What if you had lots of other
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What if you had no sense of smell?



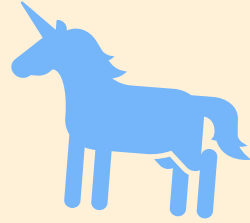
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What if you had no sense of taste?



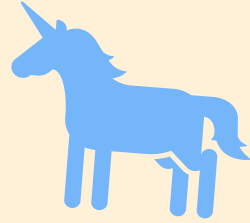
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What if everything was reversed?



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What if ice-cream was good for you?



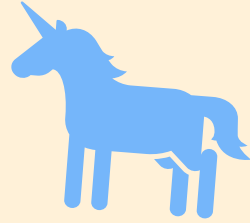
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What if children were allowed to drive?



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What if unemployment was 50%?



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What if everyone was vegetarian?

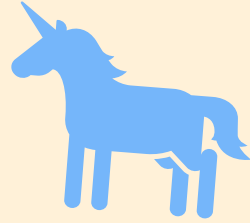


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What if the sea level went down?





What if there were no mountains?

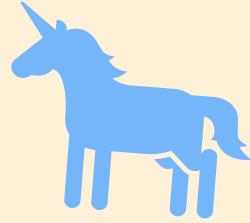


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What if $1+1=3$?

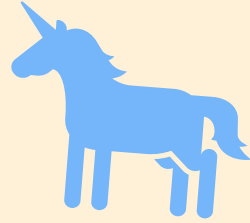




What if we don't control our own actions?



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What if our choices are determined by our past?



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What if humans aged backwards?

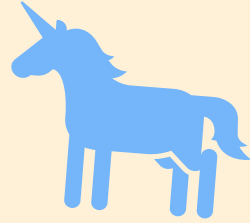


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What if aliens lived with us, on Earth?





What if the moon landings were faked?



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What if humans had to live under the sea?





What if computers could think for themselves?



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What if robots demanded rights?



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What if animals had the same rights as humans?

