

Types of questions...

Questions	Answers
What would/could happen if...?	it would die / they would multiply / they could fail / it would explode / they could misunderstand
What happens when...?	it boils / they start talking / they get bored / they fall asleep
What do you do when...? How would you react if...?	you panic / you call your mum / you have a whisky / you remain calm / you ignore it / you Google it
What does X do...?	it regulates blood sugar / it supports and protects a cell / it stores enzymes and waste products / they break down food / they transport oxygen in blood / it contains genetic information
What's the role of X?	it's involved in photosynthesis / they're involved in digestion / it's a lingua franca
What's X (used) for?	for observing tissue, for imaging the brain, for providing energy, for sharing information
Why...?	because they enables us to breathe / because there is no research evidence / because they are lazy / because they are embarrassed / because it's expensive / because it's painful
Why do you...?	to avoid sunburn / to assess the students' level / to see if students have understood / to get them to think
Why would/might...?	because you wouldn't be able to breathe because the intense heat would kill you to see if they were anaemic to see if you were pregnant because you wouldn't be able to see the chromosomes if they weren't stained. (Why would it be difficult to construct a karyotype of unstained chromosomes?)
How can you...?	by completing a PhD / by going to an Anglophone country
How would you (find out)...?	I would taste it / I would read it / I would measure it / I would weigh it
How would you know if...?	he would not have a pulse / her pupils would be dilated / their answers would be the same
How do you (find out /know)...? What's the best way to...?	you measure them / you test it, by Googling it / by revising / by going to bed early
What would you do if...?	I would change it / I would ask to see their supervisor / I would check
How would you feel if..?	I would be proud / I would be angry
What is the cause of / causes / spreads / helps to / contributes to...?	smoking, mosquitoes, poor diet, sport/exercise, greenhouse gas emissions)
What does X cause / lead to / help with?	high blood pressure, backache, insomnia, stress, global warming
<p>MODALS...eek! Compare:</p> <p>How <u>will/can</u> you know if your cell culture <u>is</u> contaminated? (e.g. your students have a cell culture, they are doing an experiment, you are asking them to tell you about it...)</p> <p>How <u>would/could</u> you know if your cell culture <u>was</u> contaminated? (e.g. you are asking your students to <u>imagine</u> they doing an experiment, to <u>imagine</u> what would happen...)</p>	

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Possible questions: A

<i>Why would it be impossible to live on Mars?</i>	<i>What would happen if you didn't feed your pet hamster?</i>	<i>How would you feel if someone stole your research idea?</i>	<i>What happens when water reaches a temperature of 100°C?</i>	<i>What leads to malnutrition / obesity?</i>
<i>What do you do when you get to a lecture and realise you've forgotten your PPT?</i>	<i>How do you catch up on sleep?</i>	<i>What is the role of chlorophyll?</i>	<i>How do young children learn?</i>	<i>What happens when you talk monotonously for too long in a lecture?</i>
<i>Why do you use sun cream?</i>	<i>What would you do if you spilled coffee on your shirt before a presentation?</i>	<i>What is a major cause of lung cancer?</i>	<i>Why don't students like to speak in front of their peers?</i>	<i>What does too much caffeine lead to?</i>
<i>Why would you test someone's haemoglobin?</i>	<i>What is the role of insulin?</i>	<i>How would you find out how much your pet hamster weighed?</i>	<i>How could you tell if two students had been cheating?</i>	<i>What's a microscope for?</i>

Possible questions: B

<i>What is the major cause of global warming?</i>	<i>What can physical inactivity or excessive alcohol lead to?</i>	<i>How would you feel if your son became a doctor/ president...?</i>	<i>How can you improve your English?</i>	<i>Why are lungs important?</i>
<i>How do students pass exams?</i>	<i>How would you know if your pet hamster was dead?</i>	<i>Why do you ask students questions?</i>	<i>What would happen if you put bacteria in a warm, moist petri dish and gave them food?</i>	<i>What do gut bacteria do?</i>
<i>What's the role of English in the scientific community?</i>	<i>How can you see if your hypothesis is right?</i>	<i>Why don't people like having a tooth extracted?</i>	<i>What would you do if you won the Nobel prize?</i>	<i>Why would a woman do a pregnancy test?</i>
<i>How would you know if your coffee had sugar in it?</i>	<i>What's an MRI scanner for?</i>	<i>What spreads malaria?</i>	<i>Why couldn't you travel to the centre of the earth?</i>	<i>How do you find out ...?</i>