

Summertime "What-Ifs" by Kathy Silberberg, AART

Keeping children busy over the summer is a challenge for any parent! Relax and let your creative side take over as you have fun imagining these "What-Ifs" with the entire family.

1. What if Baskin Robbins asked you to create a new flavor of ice cream to be sold only in summer? What would it be? Design a magazine or TV ad to promote your new flavor.
2. What if you jumped into the pool and it was full of green jello? Close your eyes and imagine how would it feel to swim through it. Describe your swim in as much detail as you can.
3. What if you could have any summer job you wanted and get paid for it? What would you want to do? Why?
4. What if you suddenly heard a tiny voice coming out of the shell you brought home from the beach? What would be inside? Draw a picture of the creature. Write a story telling what you would do together.
5. What if you were outside blowing bubbles and blew a bubble big enough to ride in or on? Where would you go? What adventures would you have?
6. What if you could have any amusement park in the country all to yourself for one whole day? Which place would you choose? What would you do? Is there one ride that you would do over and over?
7. What if you could have anyone in the world come and spend summer vacation with you? Who would it be? What would you do together? Make an agenda showing how you might spend a day with this person.
8. What if the sand castle you built at the beach suddenly became real and you could shrink small enough to fit in it? What would you find when you got inside?
9. What if you purchased a box of "Instant Summer Fun" at the grocery store? Design the box and explain what you would find inside.
10. What if decorating a tree was a part of celebrating the Fourth of July? What ornaments would you hang on your tree? Draw a picture. Better still, make the ornaments and hang them on a tree in your yard!
11. What if you were asked to create a new outdoor game to be played only in the summer time? Describe the game, including the rules and object of the game, then try to play it.
12. What if you were given a magical camera and everything you took a picture of became 10 times bigger than the real size? What would you take pictures of? What if your camera made everything 10 times smaller than the real size?