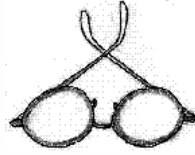


# MRS. KNOW-IT-ALL



You have questions? Ask Mrs. Know-it-all!

It is fun to be curious. Think about a question you'd like answered. **We'll publish your question and Mrs. Know-it-all's answer in the next issue ...** (though adults (even Mrs. Know-it-all) don't know all the answers to kids' questions).

Here are some suggestions to ask about:

Questions about how things work  
Questions about animals and plants  
Questions about outer space  
Questions about other countries  
and on ... and on...



## WHAT MAKES KNUCKLES CRACK ?



**A:** The cracking sound comes from the place two bones meet (called a joint). There is fluid (liquid) around these joints. When you stretch your fingers quickly, fluid rushes in to fill the empty space the stretching just made. The fluid rushes back fast enough to make the popping noise you hear. (Can you picture that? It has to rush pretty fast to make that popping sound!)



## WHY CAN I SEE MY BREATH WHEN IT'S COLD OUT ?

**A:** Your breath is very moist. When your breath hits cold air, the water vapor in your breath starts to condense (turn into liquid). What you are seeing are tiny water droplets hanging in the air. You are making your own cloud! How cool if it was a thunder cloud!

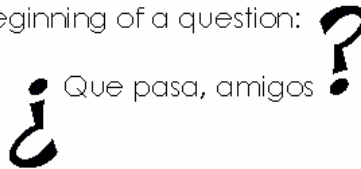


## WHAT'S YOUR QUESTION ?

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Send this question in and we'll publish it and Mrs. Know-it-all's answer in the next issue.

**Interesting fact about questions:** Spanish language writers use two different kinds of question marks. They add an upside down question mark at the beginning of a question:



¿ Que pasa, amigos ?