

A QUICK NOTE TO TEACHERS:

What role does questioning play in your classroom? Who's doing the asking?

It has been said that teachers ask, on average, more than 300 questions a day. One particular study found that we ask between 6 to 12 times as many questions as our pupils*.

But, is this right? And are the questions that do get asked well-framed and open-ended?

'Think of a Question' is a series of stimuli aimed at encouraging your class to think about the sorts of questions they ask and how/if they can be answered. Sometimes it's useful to frame questions just for the sake of it.

This black and white PDF file has been designed to be printed out for use as posters or flashcards. A much more colourful Flash slideshow, for use with Interactive Whiteboards is downloadable from the resources section of our website.



* 'Classroom Assessment – a survey of current practice in Suffolk schools', Suffolk County Council (2000)

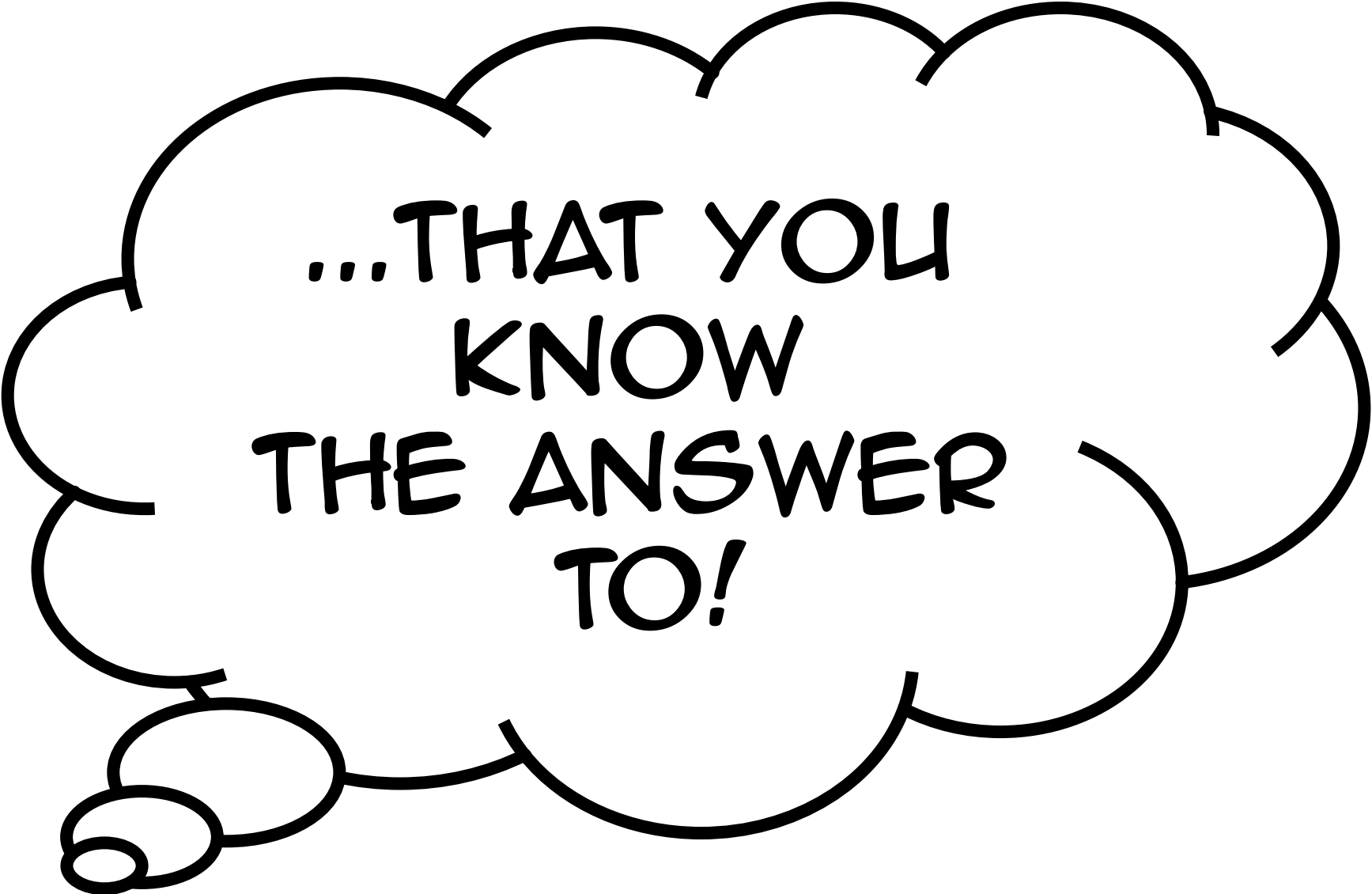


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THINK OF A QUESTION...

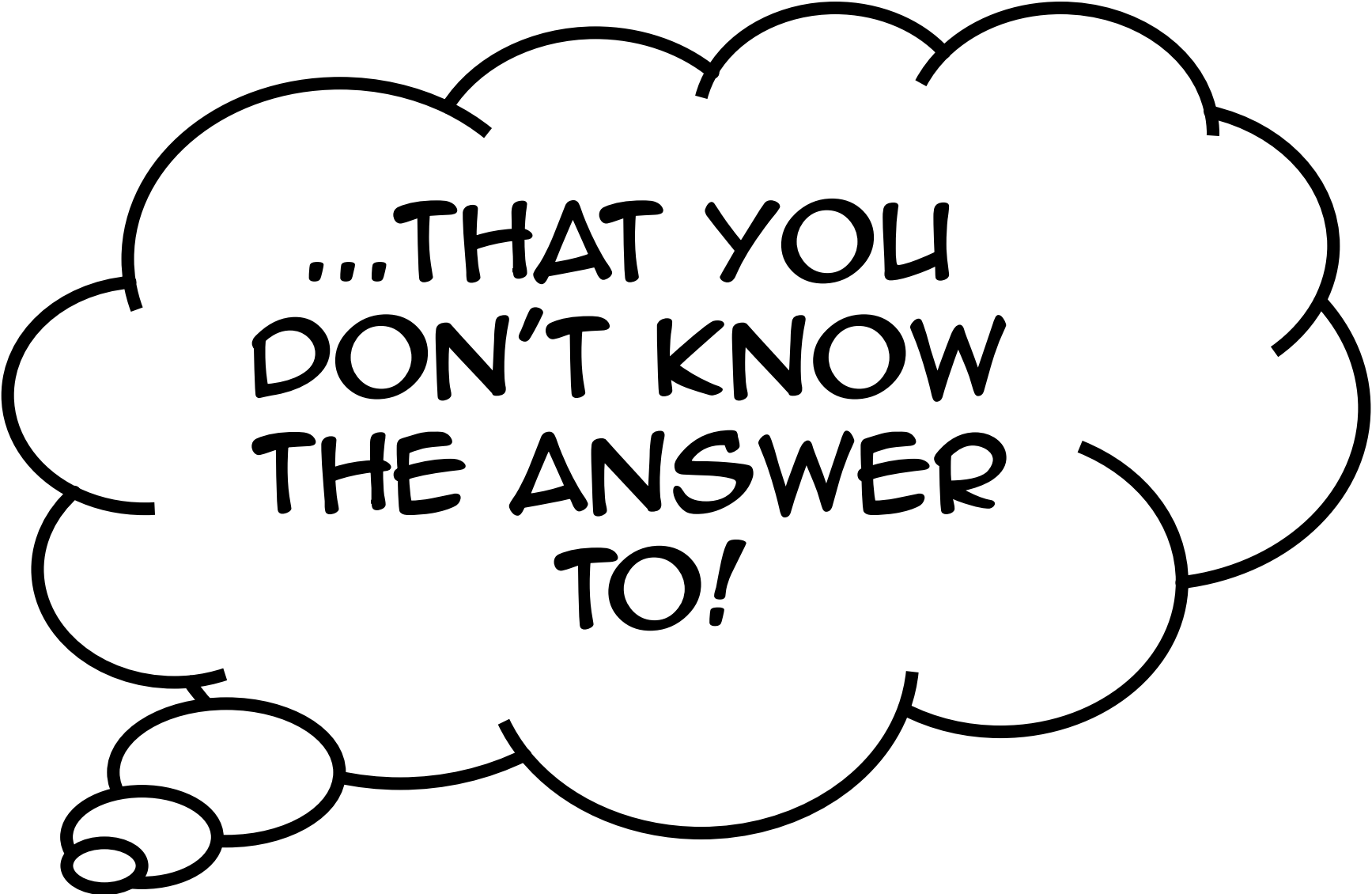
WHEN?
HOW MIGHT?
HOW MANY?

THINK OF A QUESTION...



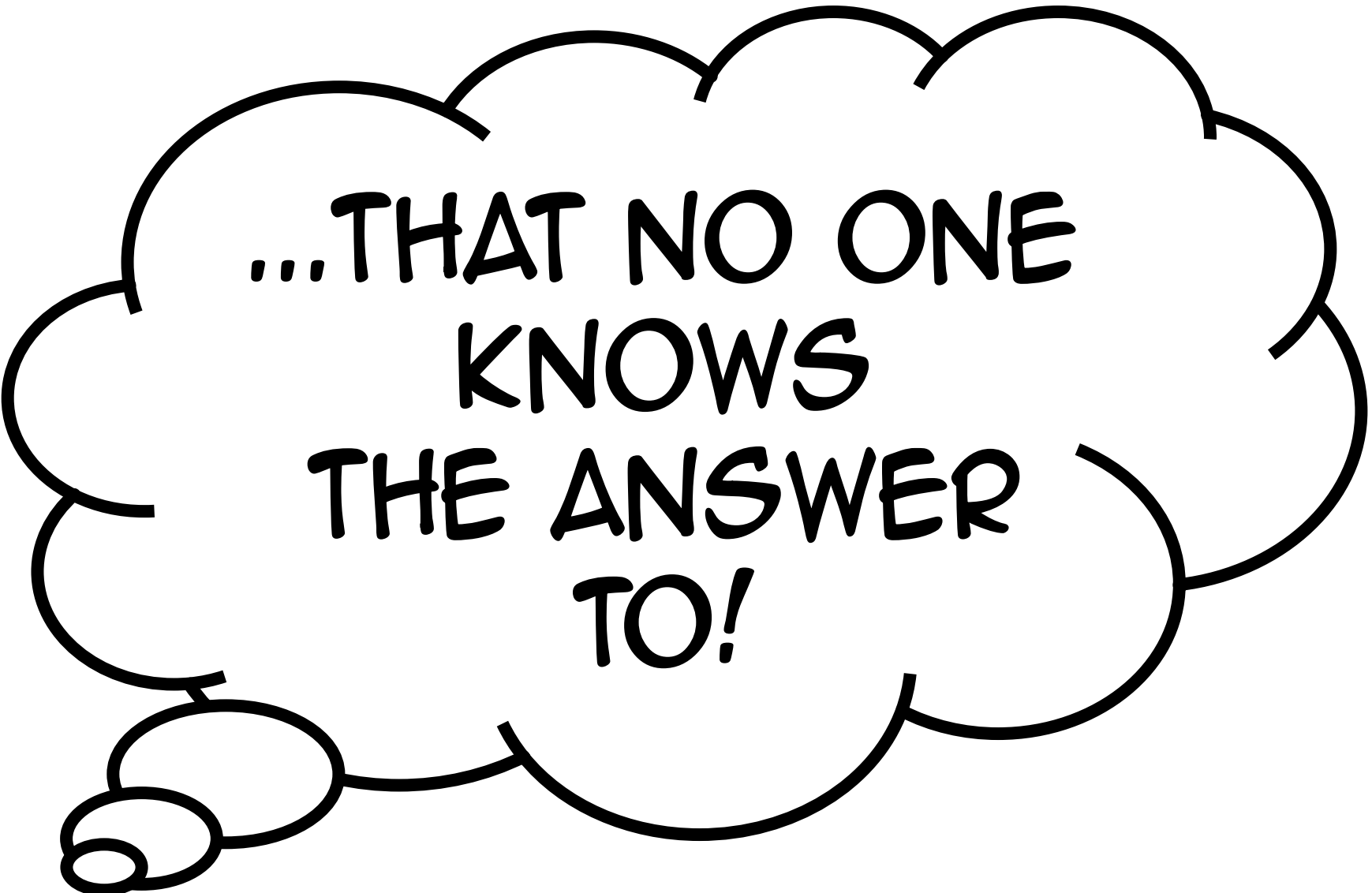
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TO!

THINK OF A QUESTION...



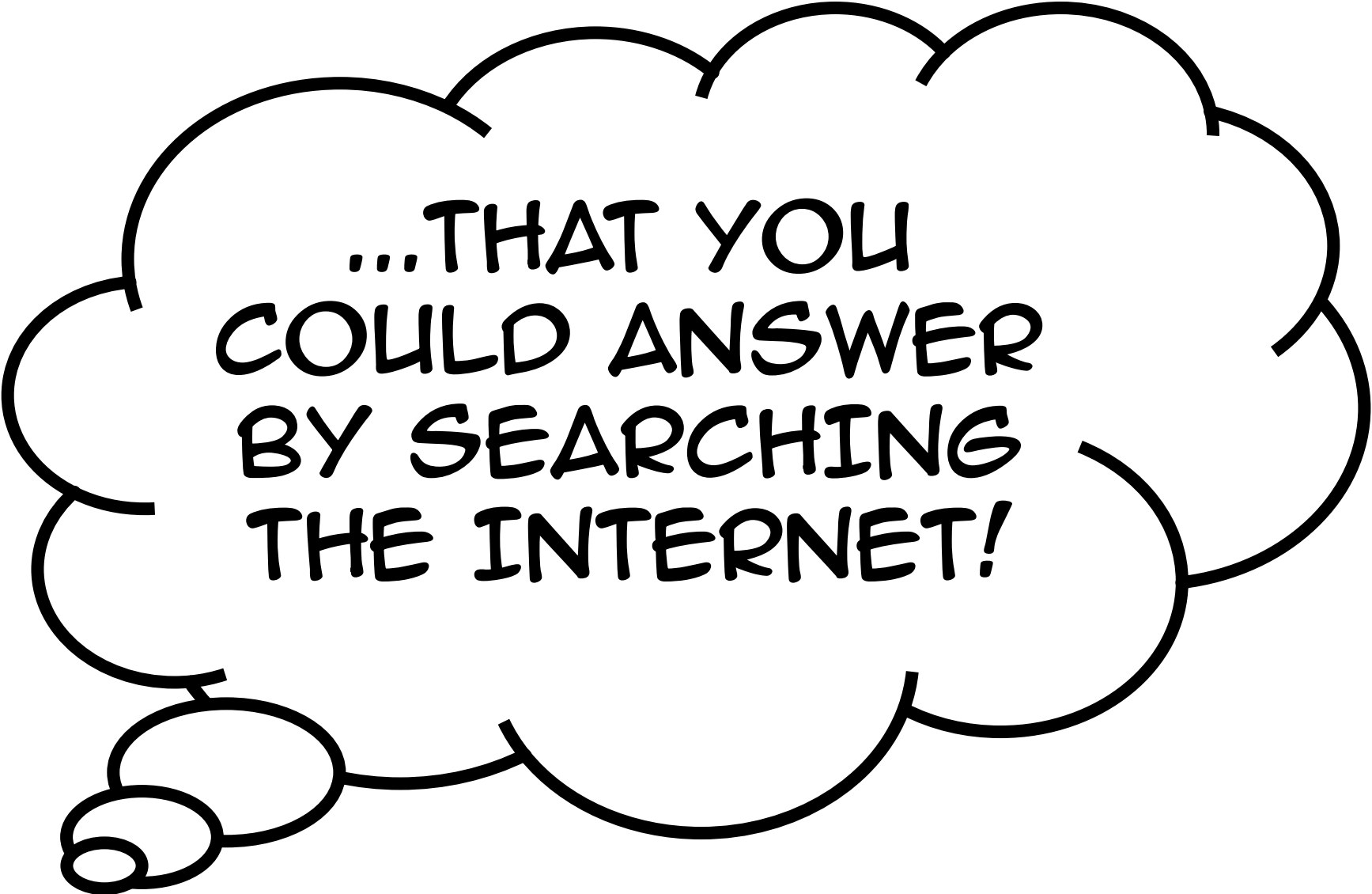
...THAT YOU
DON'T KNOW
THE ANSWER
TO!

THINK OF A QUESTION...



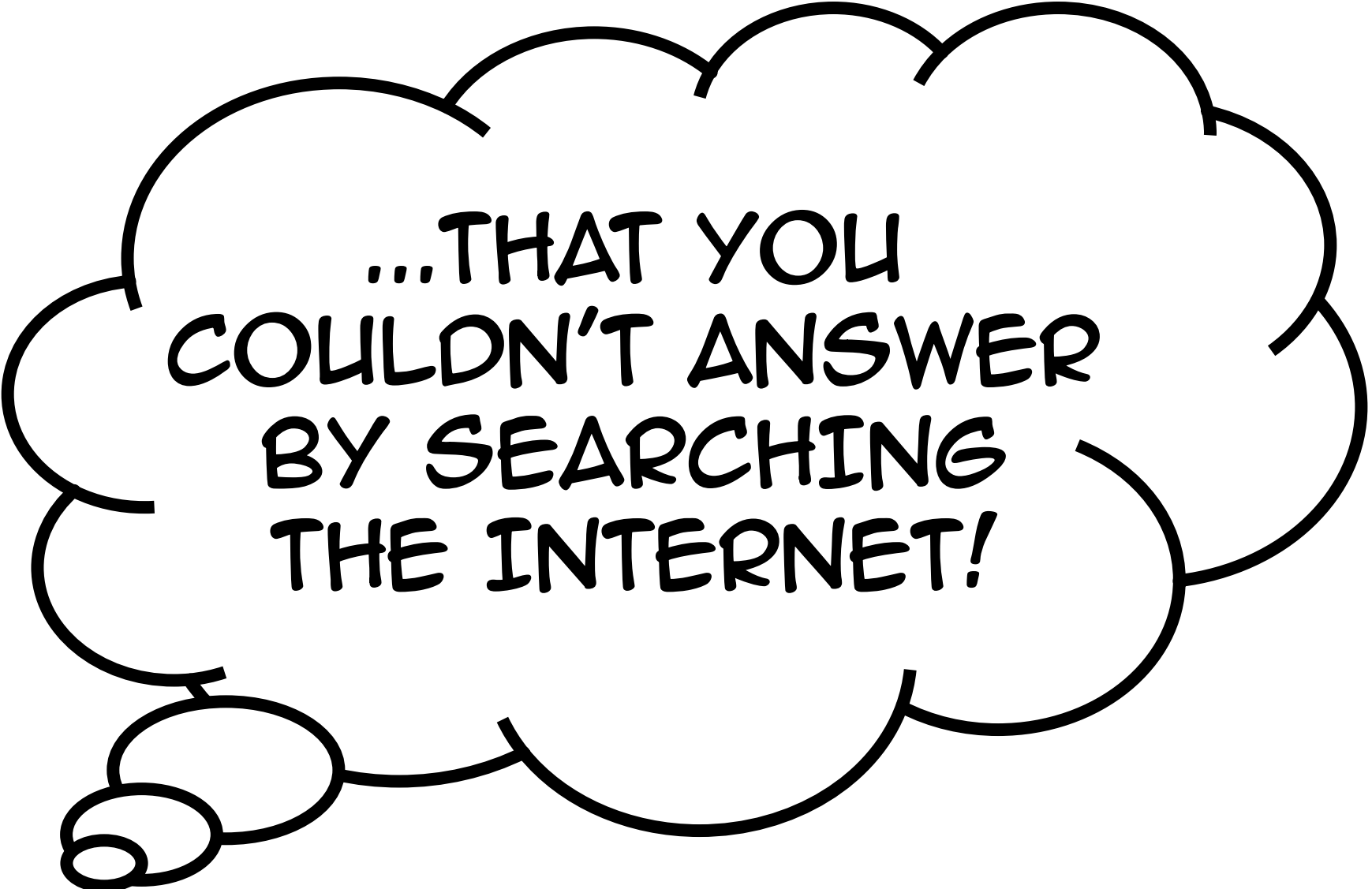
...THAT NO ONE
KNOWS
THE ANSWER
TO!

THINK OF A QUESTION...



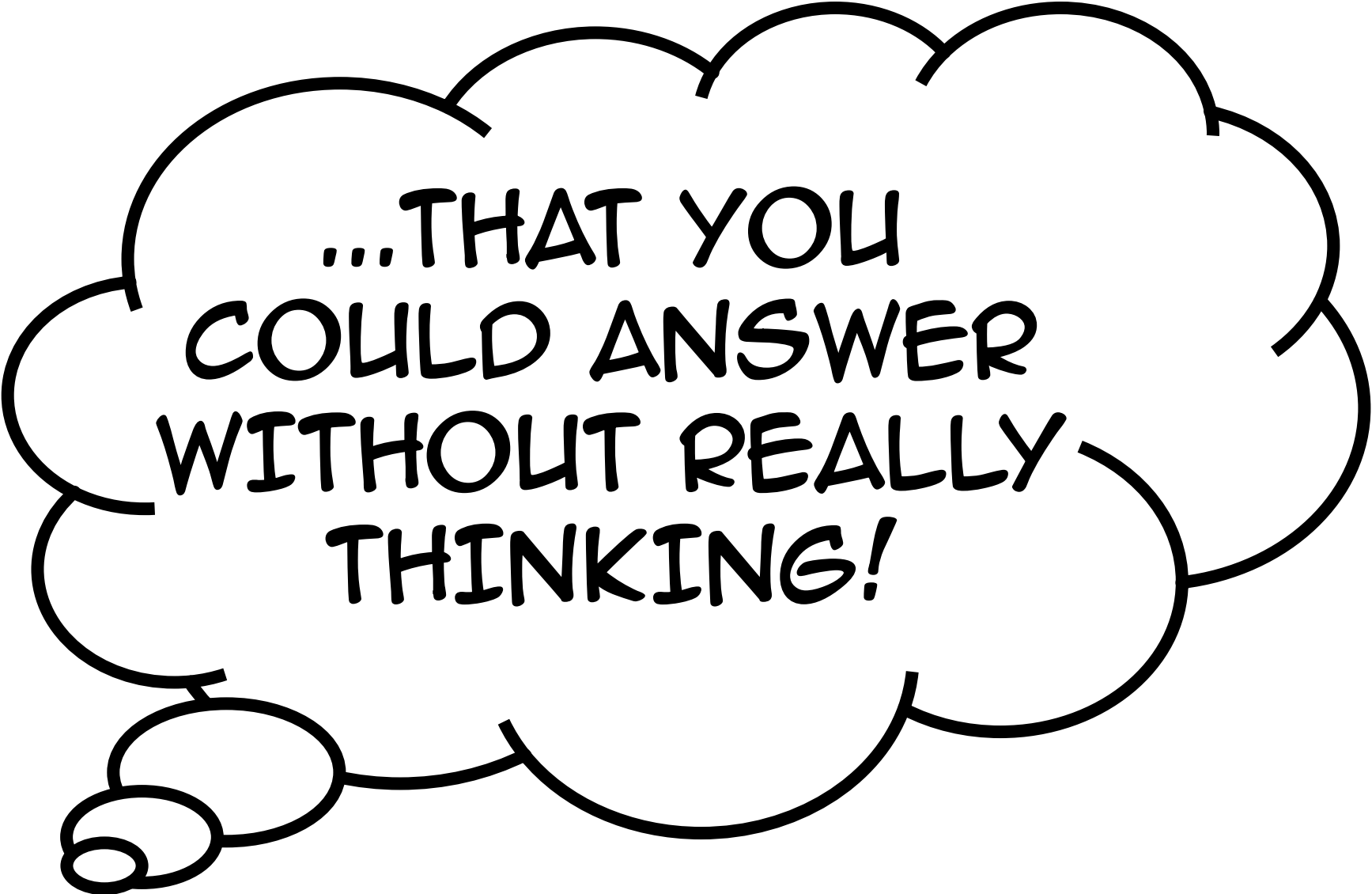
**...THAT YOU
COULD ANSWER
BY SEARCHING
THE INTERNET!**

THINK OF A QUESTION...



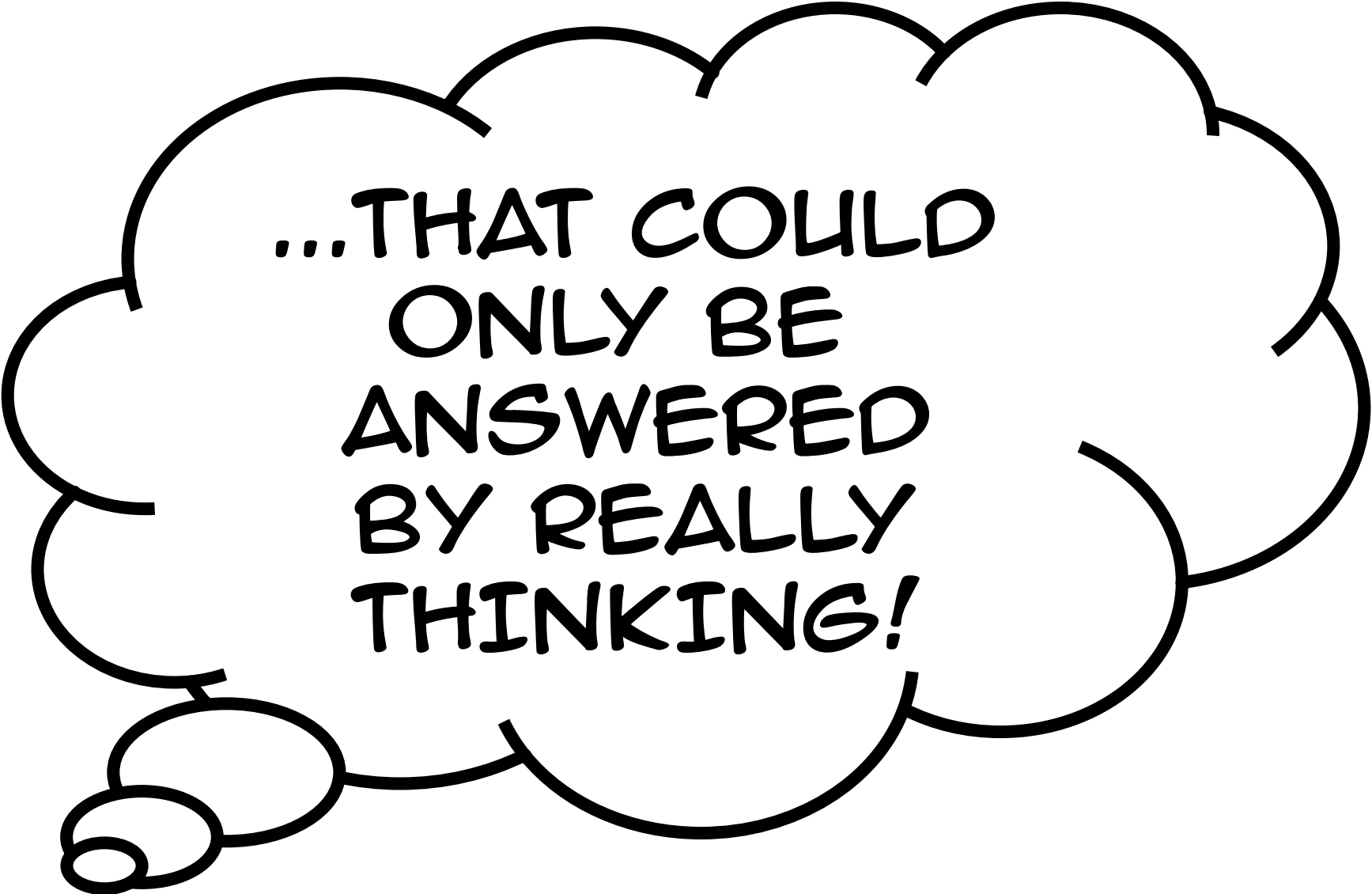
**...THAT YOU
COULDN'T ANSWER
BY SEARCHING
THE INTERNET!**

THINK OF A QUESTION...



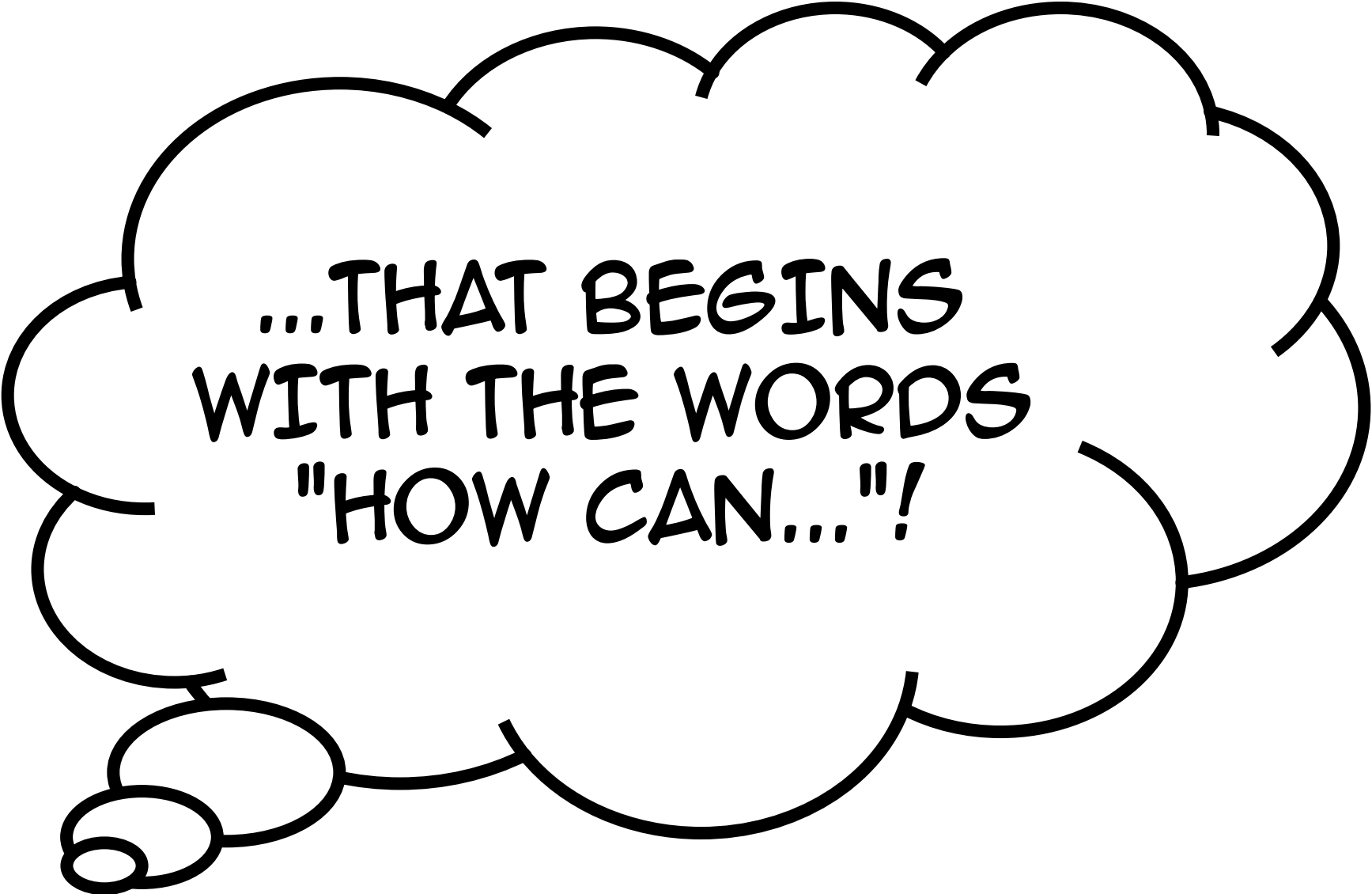
...THAT YOU
COULD ANSWER
WITHOUT REALLY
THINKING!

THINK OF A QUESTION...



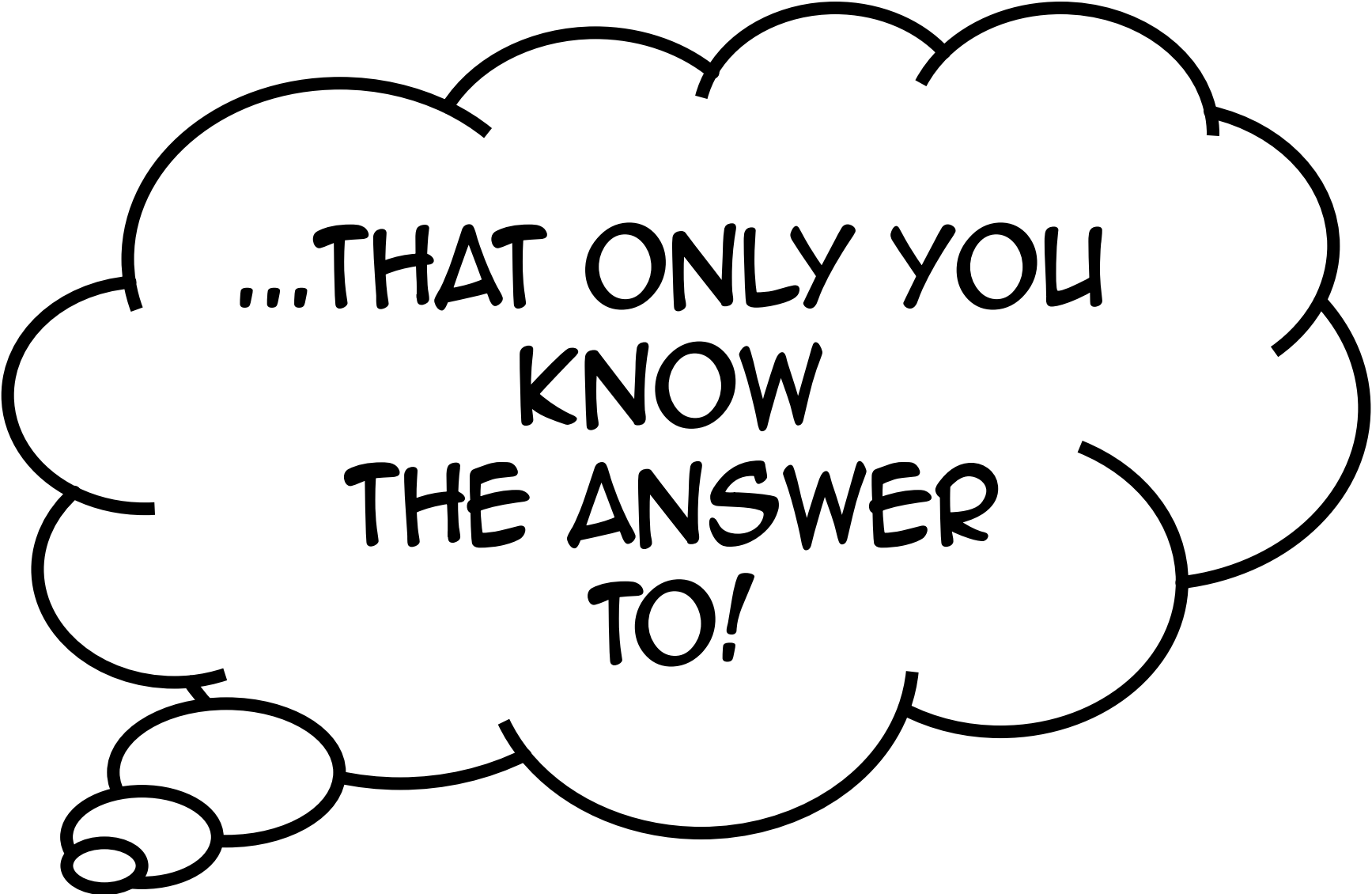
**...THAT COULD
ONLY BE
ANSWERED
BY REALLY
THINKING!**

THINK OF A QUESTION...



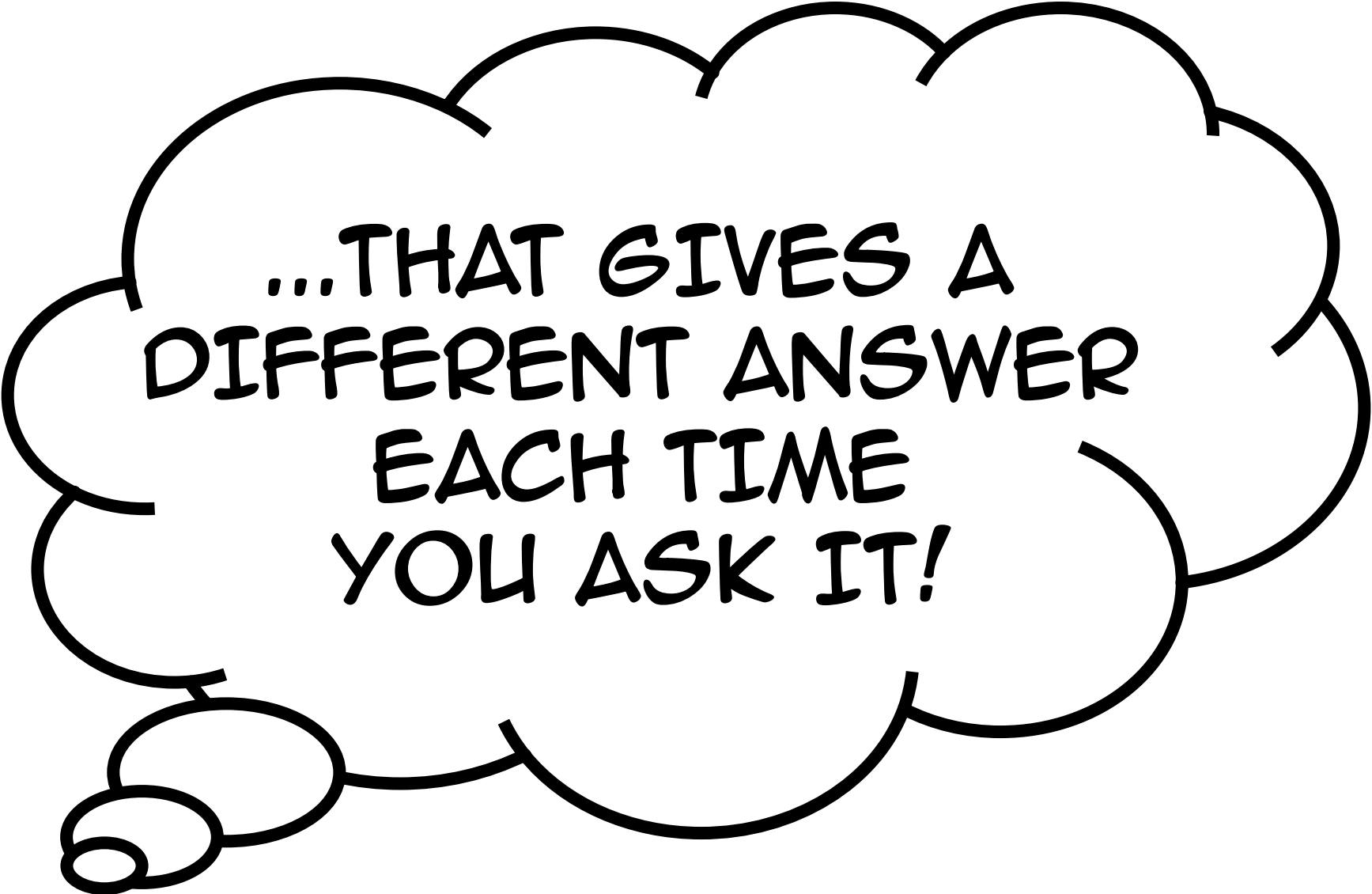
...THAT BEGINS
WITH THE WORDS
"HOW CAN...!"

THINK OF A QUESTION...



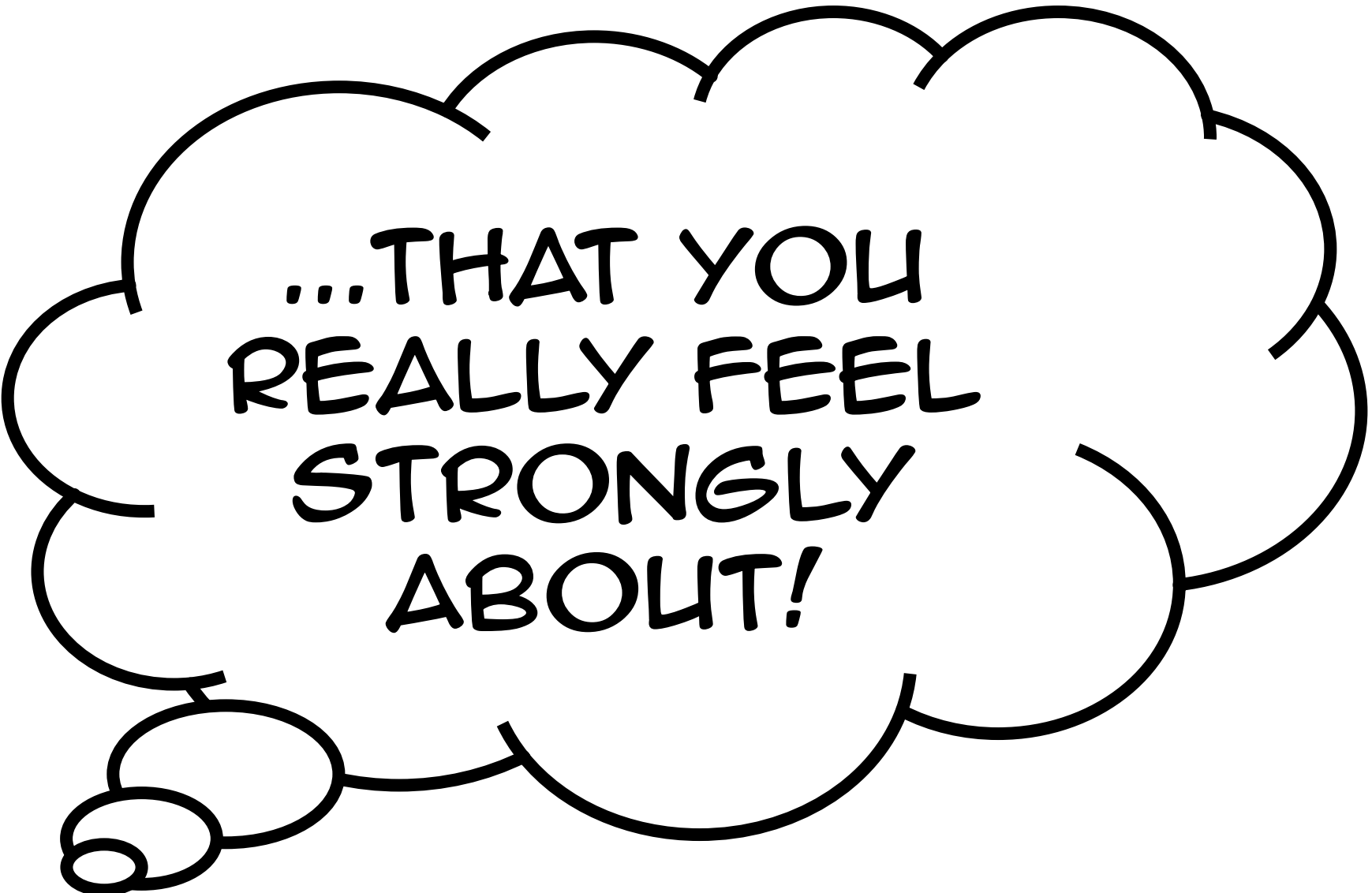
...THAT ONLY YOU
KNOW
THE ANSWER
TO!

THINK OF A QUESTION...



...THAT GIVES A
DIFFERENT ANSWER
EACH TIME
YOU ASK IT!

THINK OF A QUESTION...

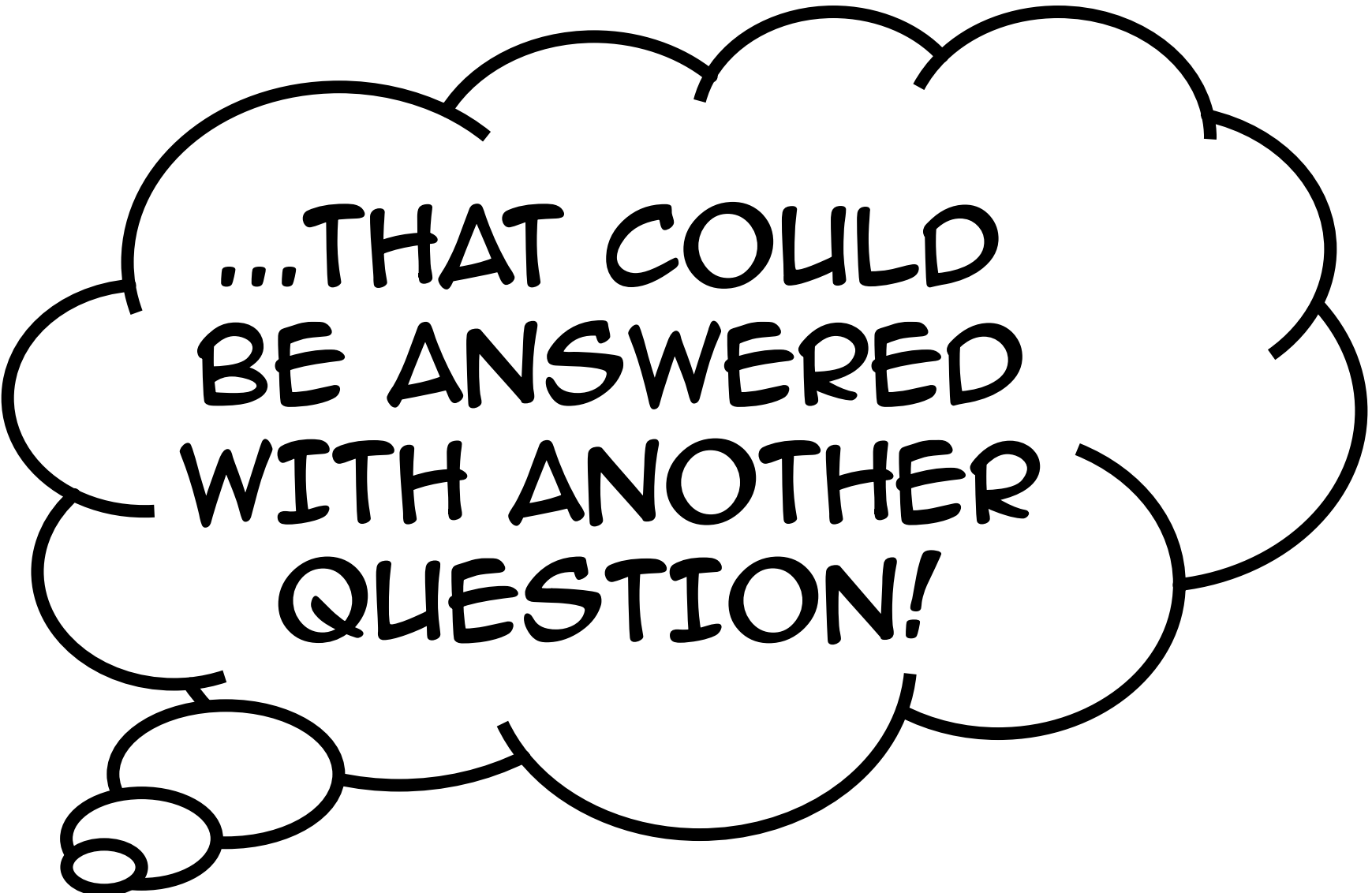


...THAT YOU
REALLY FEEL
STRONGLY
ABOUT!

THINK OF A QUESTION...

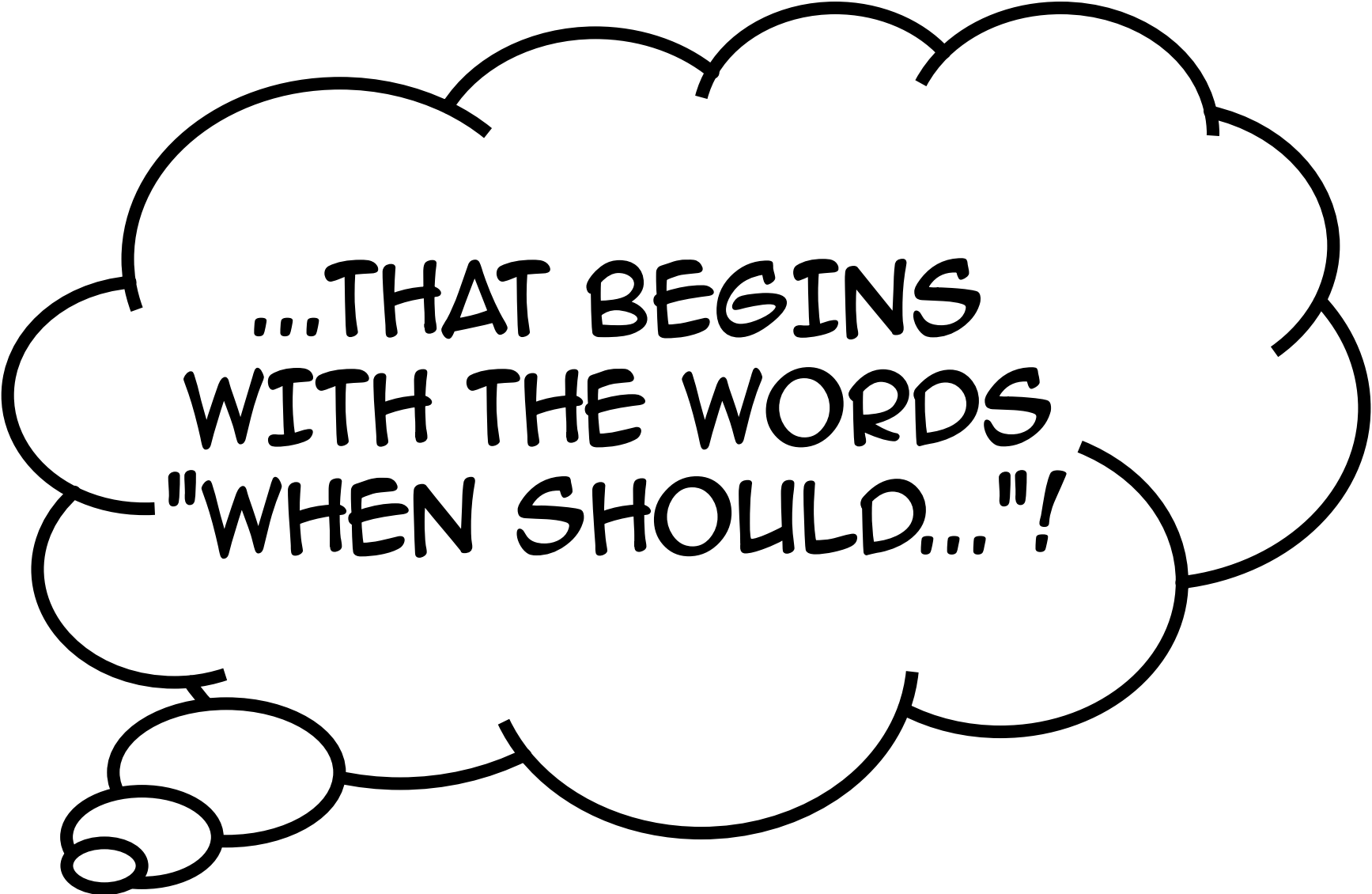
**...TO FIND OUT
SOMEONE'S
OPINION!**

THINK OF A QUESTION...



...THAT COULD
BE ANSWERED
WITH ANOTHER
QUESTION!

THINK OF A QUESTION...

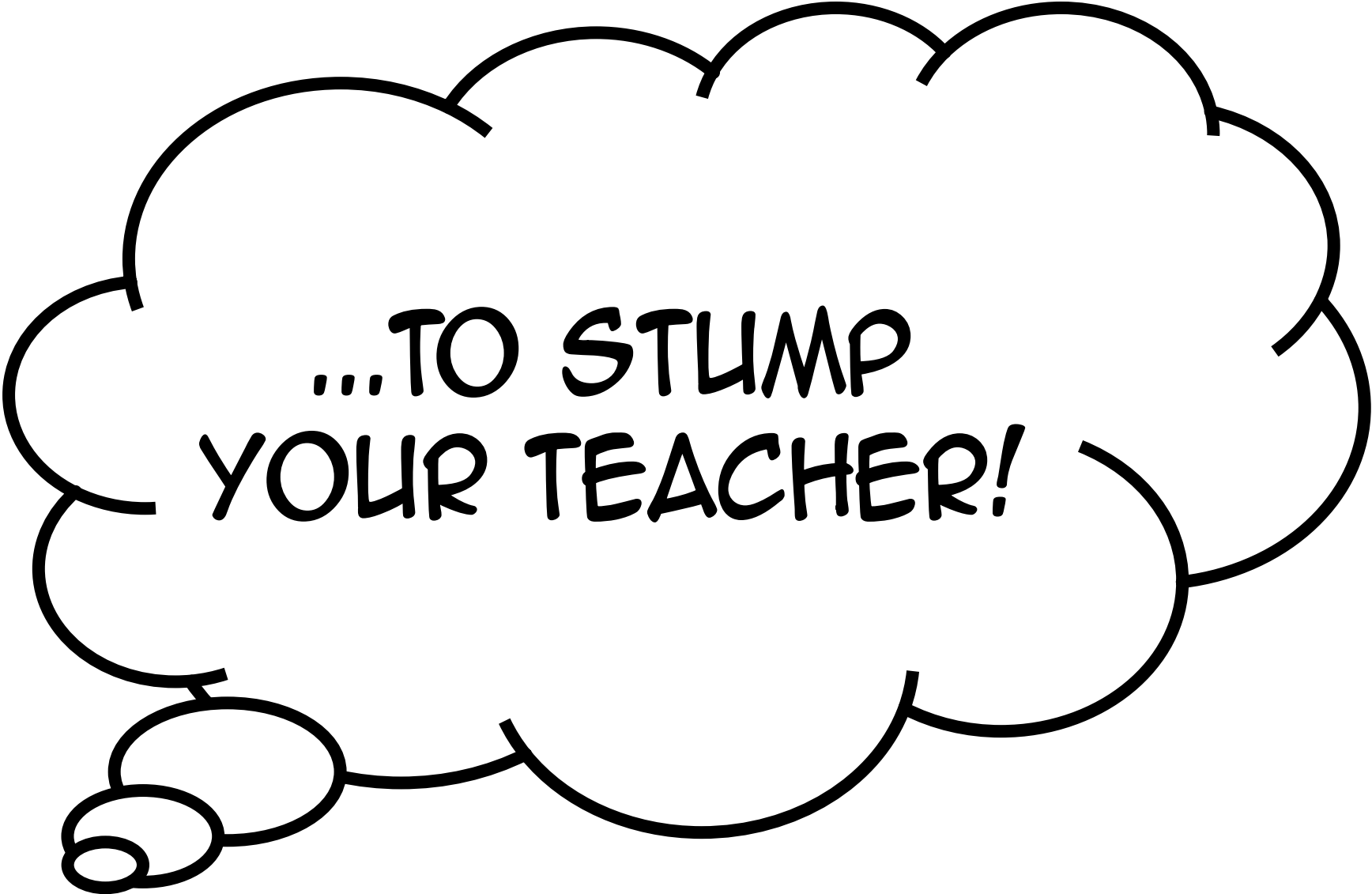


...THAT BEGINS
WITH THE WORDS
"WHEN SHOULD...!"

THINK OF A QUESTION...

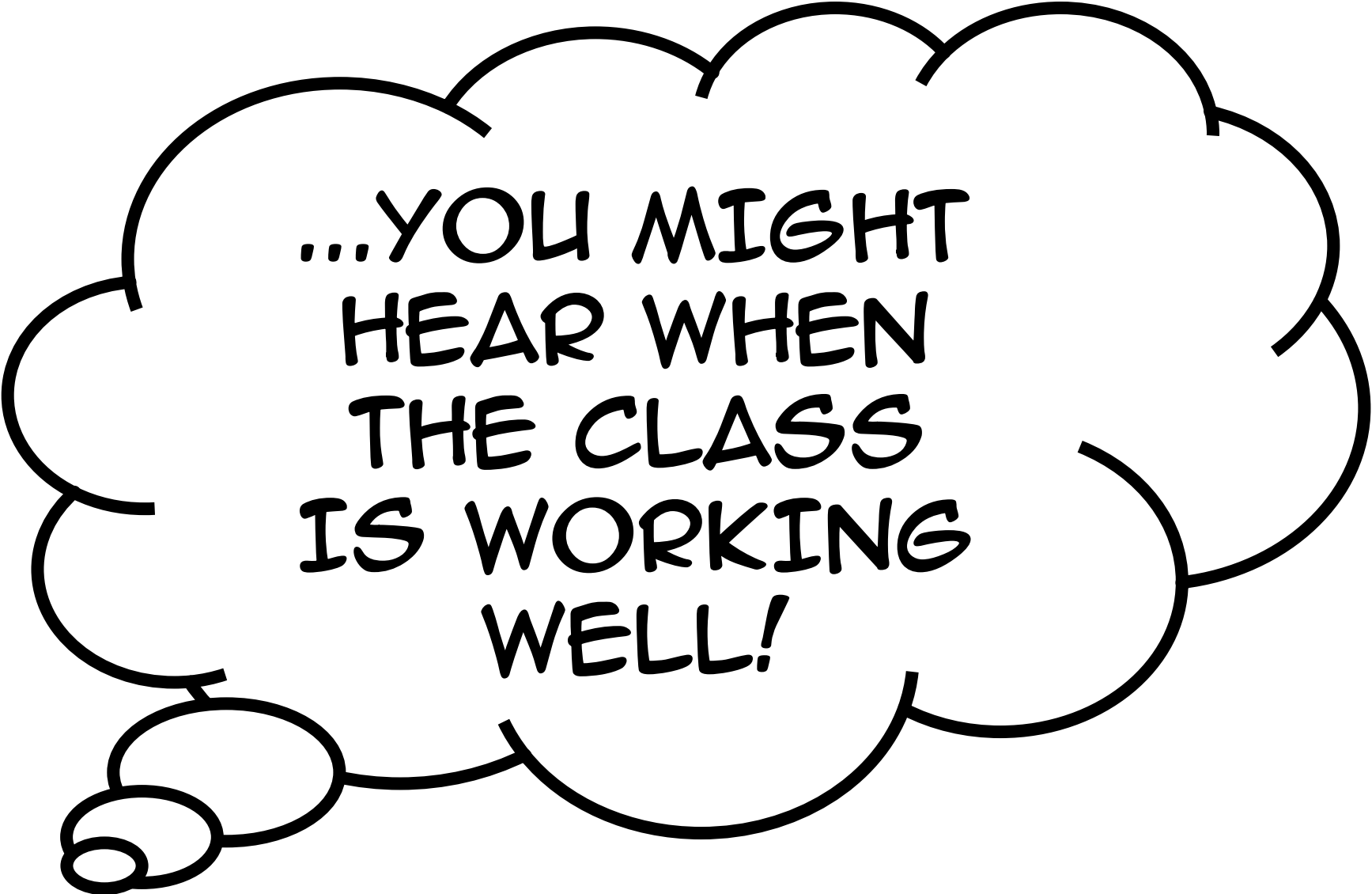
**...IN ANOTHER
LANGUAGE!**

THINK OF A QUESTION...



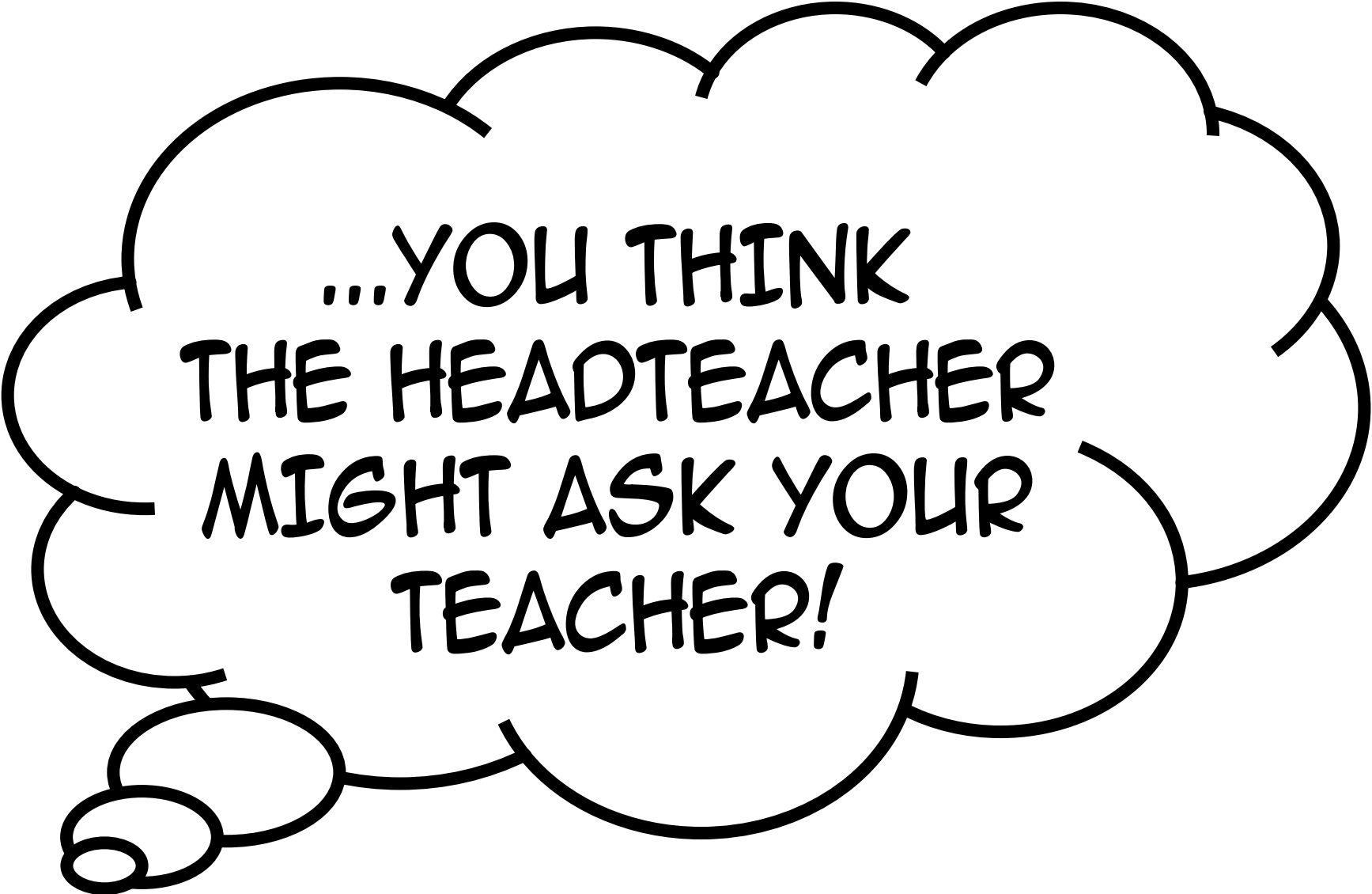
**...TO STUMP
YOUR TEACHER!**

THINK OF A QUESTION...



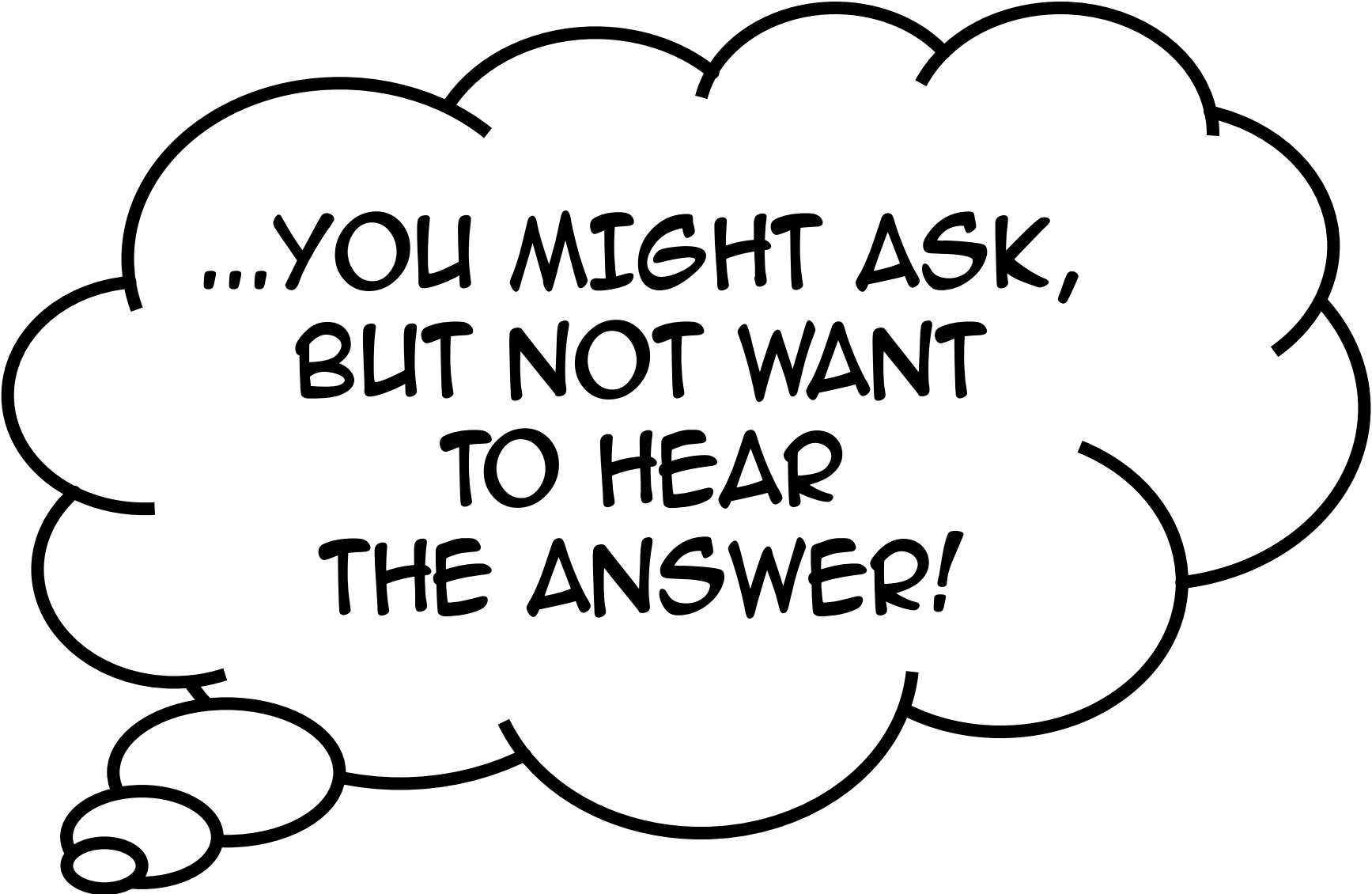
...YOU MIGHT
HEAR WHEN
THE CLASS
IS WORKING
WELL!

THINK OF A QUESTION...



...YOU THINK
THE HEADTEACHER
MIGHT ASK YOUR
TEACHER!

THINK OF A QUESTION...




...YOU MIGHT ASK,
BUT NOT WANT
TO HEAR
THE ANSWER!

THINK OF A QUESTION...

**...THAT YOU ASK
EVERY DAY!**

THINK OF A QUESTION...



**...THAT SOMEONE
ASKS YOU
EVERY DAY!**

THINK OF A QUESTION...



...THAT'S BEEN
BOTHERING
YOU LATELY!

It's the end of our first year online and on behalf of all of us at Sparky Teaching:

**We wish you a restful and well-deserved
Summer break!**

If you get a moment, please post a message on our noticeboard at:
www.wallwisher.com/wall/SparkyFeedback

Over the Summer months, we'll still be updating the website daily and hope you can pop in to see our latest resources, food for thought and creative teaching ideas.

ONE BIG QUESTION, 365 DAYS – Join the discussion at
www.sparkyteaching.com/resources/thinkingskills/hmmm.html

