**"I Don't Understand"  
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I don't understand  
why the universe goes on forever  
why I am bad at math but good at writing  
why my older brother is mean  
  
But most of all  
why bad things happen  
why people die  
why children get sick  
  
What I understand most is,   
why I love my family  
why school is important  
why the sun shines

**Directions for Writing your own Poem**

* Think about what you find upsetting, frustrating and unfair
* Brainstorm these ideas, list as many as you can
* Think about what really matters, what’s important, what you care about and understand
* Begin the poem with "I don't understand"
* In the first stanza, name three things that you do not understand about the world or people
* In the middle stanza, list what you REALLY do not understand. Begin this stanza with "But most of all"
* In your last stanza, list three things you DO understand