

12. I don't know

Sometimes you don't know the answer to things. It's okay to admit you don't know something.

1	I have no idea/no clue.	The same meaning as I don't know.
2	I'm not really sure.	A softer way to say you don't know.
3	I've been wondering that, too.	A polite way to say you don't know but wish you did.
4	Beats me. (informal)	A casual way to say you don't know, and shows indifference to the person asking.
5	I can't help you there.	A little bit casual, suggesting the question is not in your area of expertise.
6	I haven't the faintest idea. (informal)	Another way to say "I have no clue". Used when you aren't interested in the topic.
7	How (on earth) should I know? (informal)	A rude way to answer someone which means "why are you asking me???"
8	Your guess is as good as mine. (informal)	A casual, funny to say you really don't know.
9	Who knows? (informal)	A casual way to answer an unimportant question.
10	I'll find out.	A polite, smart way to say, I don't know the answer, but I will help you.
11	I'll ask my friend.	Similar to 10.
12	My best guess is ...	You don't know the answer but can make a good guess.

- Do you honestly admit something when you don't know the answer, or do you pretend you know?

Role-play

Use the above phrases in the following situations.

<i>Someone asks you the way to Tokyo station</i>	<i>Someone asks you about tomorrow's weather.</i>	<i>Someone asks you about your plans for the weekend.</i>	<i>Someone asks you about what stock to invest in.</i>
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