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LeRoy's Curious Mind

By Dan Greco

LeRoy couldn't stop asking questions.

"Why are some butterflies so colorful, and others aren't?"

"Why do some people like certain foods that other people hate?"

"How does drinking water make you less thirsty?"

Sometimes, people would get exasperated with him, but he didn't let this bother him. He would simply ask the next person, and the next, until he found

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someone happy to engage on the topic.

Mr. Henderson pointed him to a book on butterflies.

His friend Sila sent an article she'd seen online about food preferences.

His neighbor Lewis hypothesized that maybe water turns off a switch in your body or gets absorbed into your cells so they stop complaining. LeRoy lay back



fascinated. He spent the next few



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some strange, coarse bark on a tree trunk, which led him to notice a mossy pattern on multiple trees, which led him through a crack in the foliage he hadn't seen before, which led him to a secret waterfall. That waterfall became the favorite hideout of LeRoy and his friends.

Another day, LeRoy became curious about the sounds coming from Lewis's garage. Instead of ignoring it, he went to ask about it. He discovered Lewis building a small wooden boat. LeRoy was

the lake. As they glided over the water, LeRoy felt a sense of pride and wonder.

His life was full of these moments. Sometimes people asked him what the point of all his learning was, and this always amused him. LeRoy wondered what more of a point they were looking for than what he already had: constant adventure, just because. His curiosity never gave him a roadmap, but it always led him to the most interesting and fulfilling places.

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1. How did most people react to LeRoy's constant questions?

2. Which literary device is used in the sentence below?

LeRoy's constant questions were like a compass, always pointing him toward new adventures.



- d. His compass was broken.

4. How did LeRoy's attitude toward learning make his life "interesting and fulfilling"?

5. What message does this story teach about curiosity?

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The scrambled words below are vocabulary words from the story. Unscramble each word and write it on the line. Please be sure each word is spelled correctly.



1. _____ t h h o y p e e s z d i
clue: made a guess or assumption

2. _____ m u e s a d
clue: pleasantly entertained

A cartoon superhero with brown hair, wearing a blue suit with a red cape and a shield emblem on his chest. He is flying through the air with a determined expression. The background is a light blue sky with white clouds.

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5. _____ i l f o g a e
clue: greenery; shrubbery

6. _____ x e a p e s t r a e d
clue: strongly annoyed or irritated

7. _____ a f c s n a i d e t
clue: captivated or riveted by something

8. _____ n c o t t n s a
clue: continuous; endless

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In the story, "LeRoy's Curious Mind," LeRoy is very curious. He is constantly discovering new and unexpected things. How might your own curiosity lead you to discover something new or unexpected?





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ANSWER KEY

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1. How did most people react to LeRoy's constant questions?

Most people would get exasperated or annoyed

with LeRoy's constant questions.

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positive trait and can lead to a more interesting and fulfilling life.

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1. hypothesized t h h o y p e e s z d i
clue: made a guess or assumption



8. constant n c o t t n s a
clue: continuous; endless