

Curiosity & Lifelong Learning

Upper-intermediate (B2-C1)



WARM-UP DISCUSSION

Part 1. Choose one from each pair and explain why.

1. 🧠 Ask Google | 📞 Ask a friend
2. 🗣️ Ask ChatGPT | 🌱 Figure it out yourself
3. 📺 Watch a documentary | 📖 Read a book
4. 🧑‍🎓 Learn something new | 🏆 Master what you already know

Discuss:

- What's the last thing you were curious enough to search for online?

Part 2. What do people usually type when they start a question with...

- "What are the health benefits of..."
- "Why do cats..."
- "How can I improve..."
- "Who invented..."
- "Is it true that..."

Discuss:

- Which of these have you actually searched before?
- Which do you think people search the most?

VOCABULARY & SPEAKING

Part 1. Match the beginnings and endings of the collocations.

1. Learn by...	A. Learning / curiosity
2. Learn the...	B. Truth / connection
3. Discover the...	C. What happened / how something works
4. Find out...	D. Doing / making mistakes
5. Lifelong...	E. Ropes / hard way

Part 2. Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

1. I prefer to **learn by** _____.
2. I once **learnt the hard way** that _____.
3. I love to **find out** more about _____.
4. I want to **discover the truth** about _____.
5. For me, **lifelong learning** means _____.

Part 3. Complete each phrase by filling in the gaps. Then, discuss what you think the phrase means.

1. I was reading my partner's messages once just to "see who it was"... curiosity really killed the _____ that day.
2. I found out that honey never expires — proof that you really do learn something new every _____.
3. I almost ignored a podcast because the title looked boring, but it turned out to be fascinating. Don't judge a book by its _____!
4. Knowing how to manage your time well gives you a real advantage — knowledge is _____.
5. I double-check every link before clicking; better safe than _____ with all those scams around.

Part 4. Discuss the questions using the target phrases.

1. Has **curiosity** ever **killed the cat** for you?
2. What's something that made you say, "**You learn something new every day**"?
3. When was the last time you realised **you shouldn't judge a book by its cover**?
4. In what situations do you think **knowledge is power**?
5. When has "**better safe than sorry**" described your attitude perfectly?

Part 5. If People Could See Your Search History...

1. What would people think about you from your recent searches?
2. What's the strangest or funniest thing you've looked up recently?
3. What do your searches say about your personality?
4. When does curiosity cross the line into too much information?

Part 6. Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

1. When I'm curious about something, I usually _____.
2. I can spend hours researching _____.
3. I often go down a YouTube / Google / ChatGPT "rabbit hole" about _____.
4. My curiosity often leads to _____.
5. I wish I were more curious about _____.



Part 7. Read each statement. Say if you agree, disagree, or partly agree and explain why.

1. Curiosity makes life more interesting.
2. Smartphones have made people less curious.
3. Asking questions shows confidence.
4. Children are more curious than adults.
5. Curiosity is the key to creativity.

REFLECTION

Discuss the following questions.

1. What's one healthy way you'd like to use your curiosity more often?
2. What's one area where you'd like to be less curious?
3. Complete: "Curiosity keeps me learning because..."

