

I AM CURIOUS ABOUT

A Sharing Nature Activity by Joseph Cornell

*“I roamed the countryside searching for answers
to things I did not understand.”* —Leonardo da Vinci

Curiosity is an essential human quality because it opens us to new worlds, knowledge, and opportunities. Curiosity, or avid interest, fosters creativity and innovation. When we're curious, we see things with fresh—not tired—eyes, and we become aware of the nuances of life.

HOW TO PLAY:

Go to a natural area and look for something you're curious about. You might ask yourself, for example, “Why do some insects have translucent wings?” or, “Why does this species of pine tree have large cones?” After closely observing your subject, think of several possible answers to your question.

It's not important that your guesses be accurate. The time you spend pondering your subject will help you establish a stronger rapport with it.

Have fun. Be imaginative and creative. See how many different answers you can create. Exercise your curiosity!

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 Write down observations or thoughts that could explain why what you're curious about is as you see it:

 Find someone who can tell you more about your subject. What did he say? Could he answer your questions?