



It's curious...

1. Complete both lists.

- Five things that I have discovered thanks to my curiosity and how I found out about them.

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- Five unpleasant things that I have experienced caused by my curiosity.

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2. Prepare the suitcase of a curious person. What objects would you include? Write the words inside the suitcase. Then, explain why you have included them.



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3. Curiosity can be a great help in many professions, but it shouldn't be abused. Analyse what benefits curiosity can bring to the following professions and think about what problems it might cause. Complete the table.

Profession	Benefit	Problem
detective		
archaeologist		
insurance broker		
fashion designer		
chef		
high-jumper		
wild animal trainer		
fisherman		

For example: *Thanks to his/her curiosity to see how certain hair colours will look, a hairdresser can discover new styles. However, too much curiosity could make him/her give someone an unsuitable haircut that they don't want.*

4. Now explain what you would like to be when you are older and how curiosity can help you.

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5. Rank the following statements in relation to different ways of viewing curiosity.

0 = do not agree at all **1** = partially agree **2** = totally agree

- Curiosity is an illness.
- Curiosity is a virtue.
- Curiosity is an antidote to boredom.
- Curiosity is a defect.
- Curiosity runs out with time.
- Unsatisfied curiosity makes us happy.

7. Read the text and complete the tasks.

Curiosity killed the cat

You've probably heard this expression on more than one occasion. Maybe you have even imagined a cat curiously putting its head or legs somewhere it shouldn't with tragic consequences.

Well, now comes the real curiosity: although this is how we interpret and use the phrase, in reality its origin is very different and it's not about the desire to know what killed the cat. Originally, the phrase didn't include the word curiosity. The phrase was: *Care killed the cat*. So, it wasn't curiosity but an excess of caution and worry for the cat's health that ended up killing it. Paradoxical, isn't it? And curious!



- Find the word *curiosity* in a Spanish and an English dictionary. Write down the definitions.

ENGLISH

SPANISH

- Now, indicate if any of the definitions of *curiosity* in Spanish need a different word in English. Which ones? What English word would you use?

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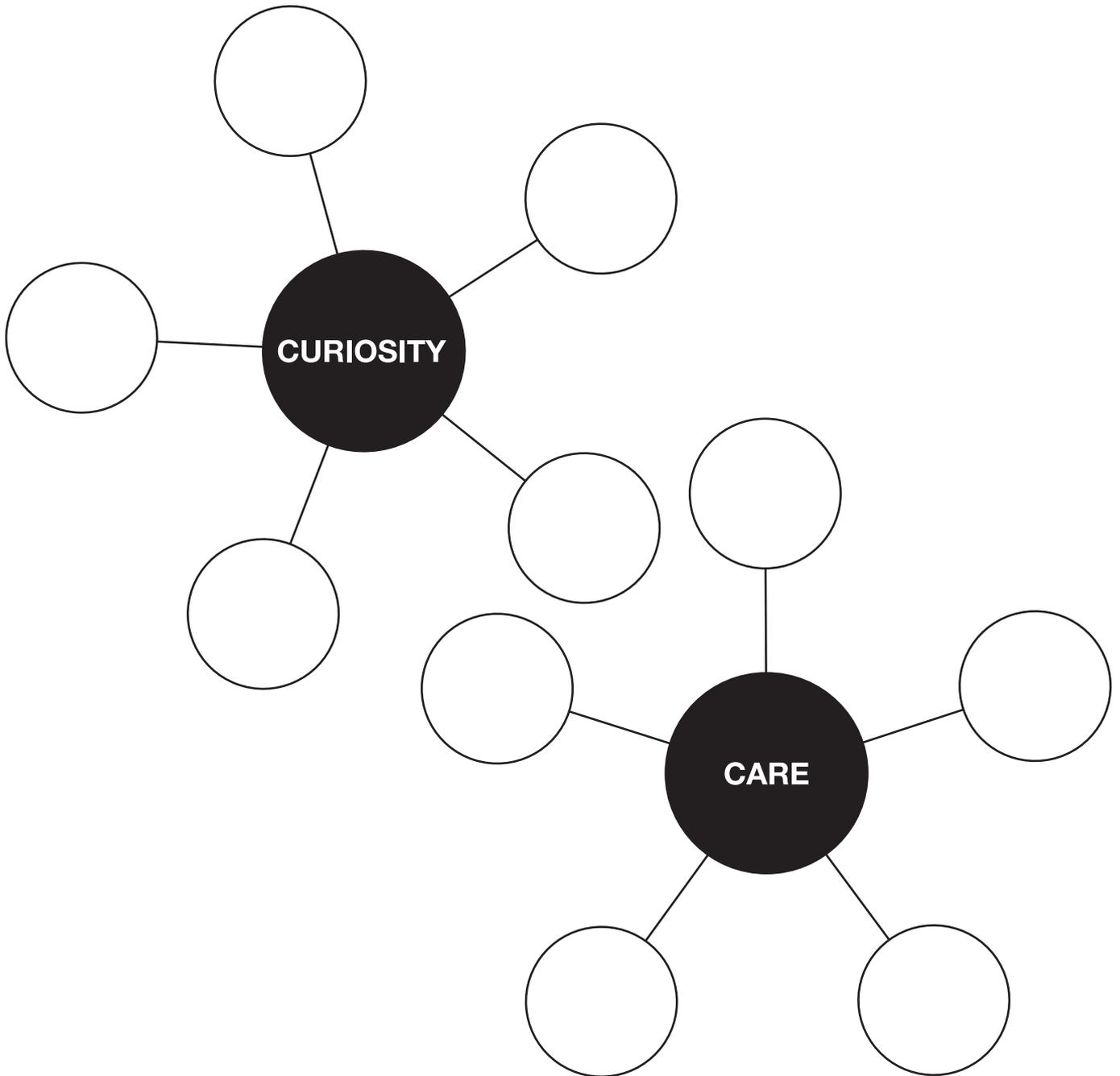
- Group these actions in relation to the words *curiosity* or *care*.

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prevent
interfere

inquire
research
look after yourself

prudent
snoop
meddle

protect
pry into
foresee



Emotional competence:
Naming emotions.



8. Read the text and complete the tasks.

A Book of Nonsense

In 1846, the English artist and author, Edward Lear (1812-1888) published *A Book of Nonsense*, an entertaining and curious work in which one can find 212 limericks: short absurd verses written to make people laugh. What’s more, each limerick was accompanied with an illustration.

Here are two examples:

*There was an old lady of France,
Who taught little ducklings to dance;
When she said, “Tick-a-tack!”
They only said, “Quack!”
Which grieved that old lady of France.*

*There was an Old Man of the South
Who had an immoderate mouth;
But in swallowing a dish
that was quite full of Fish,
choked, that Old Man of the South.*

As you can see, the first line always presents the main character of the poem and the last line, as a conclusion, is a variation of the first line.

Given that the poems make little sense, the title of the book is very fitting. It almost seems like the poems are part of a game.

- Look at the poems: write down how many lines they have and which ones rhyme.

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- Now, activate your curiosity and write your own limericks. Ask yourself:

a. What would happen if my first line finished with the word *Rome*?

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b. What words that rhyme with *Rome* could be used in the poem?

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c. Write a limerick and finish the first line with the word *Rome*. Follow the outline of Edward Lear’s limericks to help you.

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- Do the same with other places below:

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- Finally, if you feel curious, you can search for Edward Lear's book in Google Books, look for limericks about these places and compare them with yours.

Emotional competences:
Develop the ability to auto-generate positive emotions and to enjoy life. To feel optimistic and capable.