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thoughtful conversations for families and schools

Issue 38 – Risk, Bravery and Curiosity

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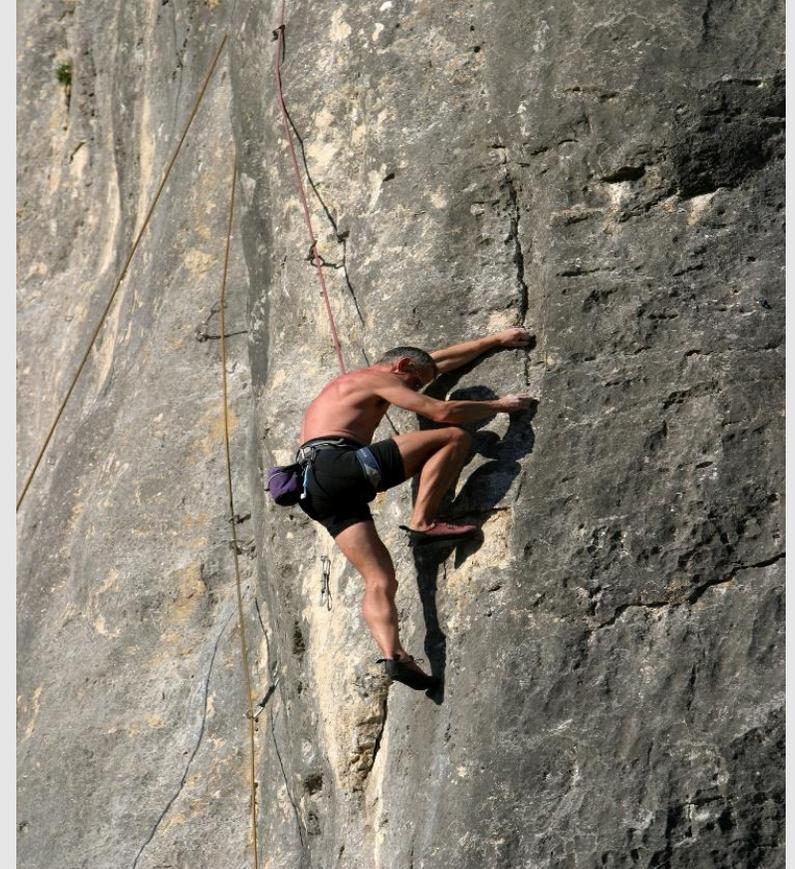


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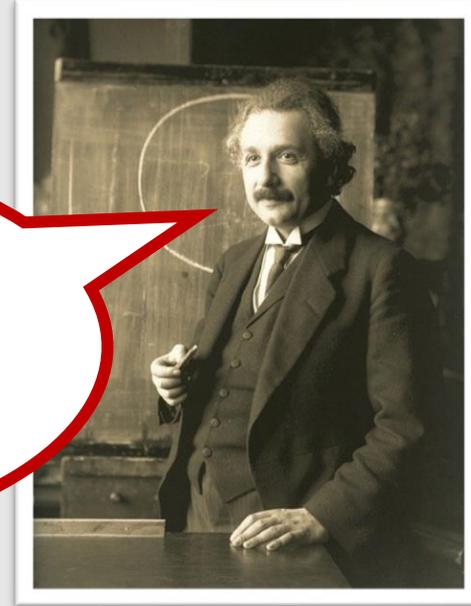
This week's focus is risk, bravery and curiosity



John Lewis
U.S. civil rights leader and politician

Never be afraid to
make some noise
and get in good
trouble, necessary
trouble.

I have no special
talent. I am only
passionately
curious.



Albert Einstein
physicist

It is so delicious to
fly like a bird!

Marie Marvingt
first woman to pilot a hot-air
balloon across the English
Channel and fly bombing
missions in the First World War



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Thinking about risk, bravery and curiosity

Caring thinking

Are there good reasons why some people don't want to wear face masks during pandemics?

Collaborative thinking

Do you take more risks, or fewer risks, when you are with your friends? Do you discuss risks with them?



Creative thinking

How many examples of curiosity can you remember from films or books?

Critical thinking

What counts as risky behaviour?
Is all risky behaviour bad?

When was the last time you did something you were scared of?

Are you going to hurt yourself or others?

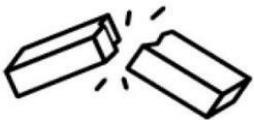
Do tight-rope walkers and firefighters take risks for the same reasons?



Think **AHEAD**

Think **BACK**

CONNECT



DIVIDE

LISTEN/LOOK

ZOOM (in/out)

Is risk for tight-rope walkers different from taking risks to overcome personal fears?

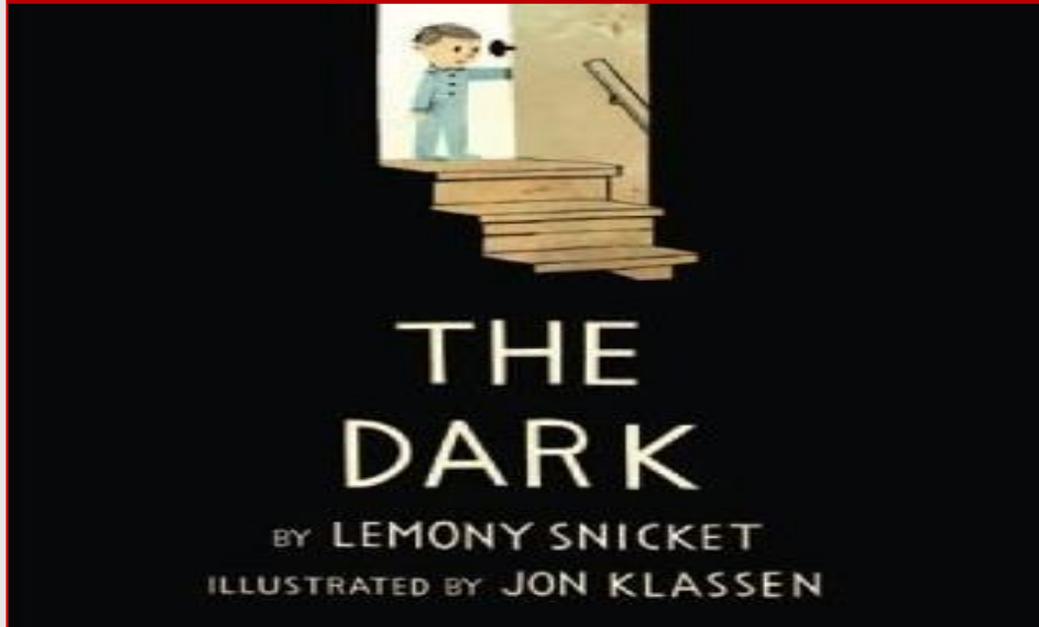
What are the signs that something is risky?

Is it good for the world that people take risks?

Is it good for you to take risks?

Discussion suggestions (age 3 - 5)

Stimulus



<https://youtu.be/Xf7JtSMgsqk>

The Dark: Lazlo is afraid of the dark. Each night he takes a torch to bed as he knows that the dark shares the house with him, lurking in all the corners of his home. But the dark also helps Lazlo to overcome his fear.

Talking Points

- Do you think Lazlo is right to be scared of the dark? Do you sometimes get scared of the dark?
- Do you think Lazlo was brave to go to the basement or should he have stayed in his room?
- What else could Lazlo do to stop being scared of the dark?

Activities

- Think of a situation where you did a brave thing even though you were scared.
- Make a collage of scary things you or your family members have done or would like to do.

Discussion suggestions (age 6 - 9)

Stimulus



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‘Curiosity killed the cat’: This phrase is often used to warn people about the dangers of too much curiosity and risk-taking. That is, inquisitiveness can lead to dangerous situations.

Talking Points

- What do you think ‘curiosity’ means?
- What kinds of things are you curious about?
- What do you do when you are curious about something?
- Do you think curiosity is a good thing or a bad thing?

Activity

- Talk to your family about the expression ‘curiosity killed the cat’. Ask them whether they agree or disagree.
- Write down their reasons. How do their thoughts compare with yours?

Discussion suggestions (age 10+)

Stimulus



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Face masks are controversial during the COVID-19 pandemic. The scientific advice is that wearing a mask reduces the risk of infecting people around you. But some people refuse to wear masks.

Talking Points

- Why do you think some people don't like wearing masks?
- Do you think that not wearing a mask is justifiable?
- What are the differences between personal risk and collective risk?

Activity

- Have a look at the Guinness World Records Hall of Fame
<https://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/records/hall-of-fame/>
- Have a chat with your family about some of the risks taken by the winners. Were the risks justified or not?

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