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Things I don't understand!



My name is Roy. I am 8 years old and I love talking to my Mom and Dad and all the elders around me. They always speak with big fancy words, which I don't understand but I would like to know more. There is so much that I don't understand but the adults don't always have the time to sit and explain me everything, they get impatient or try to explain me in a way which is still difficult.

Apart from words, a lot of other things that elders do are strange for me. They don't like to play many games, they laugh lesser than us children, they are always watching TV, but even on TV, they are not watching cartoons or happy things, they are watching news and wars etc.

Adults seem to discuss many complicated things government, wars, oil etc. I wish they would sit with us all the time and listen to our stories and what we have to share about our day. The way we see the world, or how beautiful the sky looks today, or maybe there is treasure that we need to go and hunt, but my mother always laughs at this idea! I am convinced if I look hard enough and read the clues, I will find some hidden treasure.

When I grow up, I don't want to be sad or angry like the adults, so I think when I grow up I am going to be a painter. I think the earth is so beautiful and the colors are so bright. I will paint the world I see for everyone to see, with rainbows, and sunshine, and rain. The children playing, adults laughing and dogs playing. My paintings will be so interesting, they will see them instead of TV and other sad things. It will put a smile on everyone's face.

Answer the following questions:

1. Name two things that Roy doesn't understand?

2. What will Roy become when he grows up?

3. Do you think news and wars always bring sad news?

4. At what idea of Roy, does his mother always laugh?

5. Describe Roy's painting.

6. Strange

- a. Different
- b. Beautiful
- c. Cute



7. Convinced

- a. Fight
- b. Make Sure
- c. Understand

8. Clues

- a. Hint
- b. Options
- c. Money