

curious[ˈkjʊ(ə)rjəs] *a*

1. любознательный, пыливый

I am [should be] curious to know what - мне хочется [я бы хотел] знать, интересно знать [было бы узнать]

2. любопытный

curious idlers - зеваки, любопытствующие бездельники

she stole a curious look at me - она с любопытством/украдкой/ взглянула на меня

3. странный, курьёзный, чудной

curious sight [sound] - странный/загадочный/ вид [звук]

curious coincidence - удивительное совпадение

curious spectacle - любопытное зрелище

a most curious reason, truly! - право, весьма странная причина!

what a curious mistake! - какая курьёзная ошибка!

curious to relate - как ни странно (*вводные слова*)

it's curious that ... - странно/любопытно, что ...

hide it where curious eyes won't see it - спрячьте это подальше от любопытных глаз

4. *эвф.* эротический, порнографический5. *арх.* тщательный, искусный

curious research [inquiry] - тщательное исследование [расследование]

6. *диал.* изящный, изысканный, тонкий

curious design - изящный /узор/

curious workmanship - тонкая отделка

a curious piece of the 19th century art - прекрасный образец искусства XIX века

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curi-ous [curious curiouser] *BrE* ['kjʊəriəs] ^m *NAmE* ['kjʊriəs] ^m **adjective**

1. ~ (about sth) | ~ (to do sth) having a strong desire to know about sth

Syn: ↑inquisitive

- They were very curious about the people who lived upstairs.
- I was curious to find out what she had said.
- Everyone was **curious as to** why Mark was leaving.
- He is such a curious boy, always asking questions.

2. ~ (that...) strange and unusual

- There was a curious mixture of people in the audience.
- It was a curious feeling, as though we were floating on air.
- **It was curious that** she didn't tell anyone.

Derived Word ↑curiouslyWord Origin:Middle English: from Old French **curios**, from Latin **curiosus** 'careful', from **cura** 'care'. Sense 2 dates from the early 18th cent.Thesaurus:**curious** *adj.*

1.

- I was curious as to why Ben was leaving

intrigued • • **inquisitive** • |informal, disapproving **nosy/nosey** •curious/inquisitive **about sth**curious/intrigued **as to sth**curious/intrigued **to do sth**

2.

- There was a curious mixture of people at the party.

strange • • **odd** • • **bizarre** • |BrE formal **peculiar** • |especially spoken **funny** • • **weird** •curious/strange/odd/bizarre/peculiar/funny/weird **that...**curious/strange/odd/peculiar/funny/weird **how/what...**a/an curious/strange/odd/bizarre/peculiar/funny/weird **feeling**curious/strange/odd/bizarre/peculiar **behaviour**Example Bank:

- Her secretive manner had made me curious.
- I find it very curious that you did not tell anyone.
- I was curious about how she would react.
- I was intensely curious to know more about him.
- I'm just curious to know what you think.
- Puppies are naturally curious.
- She coped with the frankly curious looks of the men.
- She was curious as to why he was there.
- The wine tasted rather curious.

- a slightly curious statement.
- It was curious that she didn't tell anyone.
- They were curious about the people who lived upstairs.

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[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: curios, from Latin curiosus 'careful, wanting to know', from cura; ⇒ ↑cure¹]

1. wanting to know about something ⇒ inquisitive:

" Puppies are naturally curious.

curious about

" He was curious about how she would react.

curious to know/see/hear etc

" Mandy was curious to know what happened.

curious look/glance

" Her shouting attracted some curious glances from other people in the restaurant.

2. strange or unusual:

" He felt a curious mixture of excitement and panic.

" a curious coincidence

" It's curious that she left without saying goodbye.

—curiously *adverb*:

" 'What have you got in there?' Felix asked curiously.

" She felt curiously calm.

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