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Only boring people get bored, the saying goes. But the reality is that boredom is “normal, natural, and healthy,” said Dr. Westgate, whose research focuses on what boredom is, why people experience it, and what happens when they do. She believes that in moderate doses, boredom can offer a valuable learning opportunity, encouraging creativity and problem solving, and motivating children to seek out activities that feel meaningful to them. “Preventing kids from ever feeling bored is not suitable in the same way that preventing them from ever feeling sad, or frustrated, or angry is not suitable,” she said.

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E.g.: Parents believed that out-of-school activities can be the solution to child boredom.

TRUE: ... *regardless of education, income, or race, parents believed children who are bored should be enrolled in extracurricular activities.*

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