

Conversations with My Daughter

What color rainbow would you be if you were a rainbow?



May 2007, walking around the neighborhood

T: Dad, what kind of sign would you be if you were a traffic sign?

Dad: A red light.

T: Me too, dad.

Dad: What is your reason?

T: First you.

Dad: I asked you first.

T: Because you said red lights are better than stop signs.

Dad: Did I?

T: Yes. You said people get confused with stop signs. But, with a red light they know what to do.

Dad: That's right. I did.

T: Why they don't change all stop signs to red lights?

Dad: Red lights are more expensive?

T: Oh! What color would you want to be if you were a rose dad?

Dad: Red.

T: Me, Pink.

Dad: Sure! That is your favorite color.

T: Lavender is my favorite too.

Dad: That's a fancy way of saying purple, isn't it?

T: No dad! It's not purple. It's pinkish purple.

Dad: Where did you hear that?

T: I don't remember. What would you be if you were an animal?

Dad: I am an animal.



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T: Seriously, dad! Be serious.

Dad: I am. Man is an animal.

T: What is wrong with this guy? I mean an animal like a dog or a falcon, or a squirrel; that kind of animal.

Dad: A circus animal.

T: What kind dad? What kind of an animal?

Dad: A horse, an elephant, I'm not sure. An elephant, I suppose.

T: I would be a falcon.

Dad: A falcon.

T: Did you know falcons can fly without flapping their wings? Eagles too!

Dad: Most birds do. Most birds dive.

T: But falcons have long wings and they can glide longer.

Dad: Do you like to fly?

T: I'd love to fly. Dad, what color rainbow would you be if you were a rainbow?

Dad: A rainbow? A rainbow has all sorts of colors; every color that ever existed.

T: How do they make rainbows?

Dad: Rainbows are made by nature. Usually, immediately after rain - when rain stops - and sun comes out, sun rays that shine through water particles and droplets create colorful beams. You only see them if the sun is behind you. I can make a rainbow you know?

T: They are made by nature.

Dad: I mean I can show and demonstrate the process in which a rainbow is made.

T: I can draw a rainbow.

Dad: I can too.

T: Can a rainbow have black color?

Dad: Black is not a color. You will not see black in a rainbow.

T: What is wrong with this guy? I have many black pencils, and black markers and black paper. What is wrong with this guy?

Dad: I love you. You're the funniest and the sweetest artist I've ever known.

We're home. Let's go wash up and you draw me a rainbow.

T: Let's go.

Minutes later

T: Here dad; For you.

Dad: Love it! Can this monkey see the rainbow, though?

T: No!

Dad: Do you know why? I tell you why. For the monkey to be able to see the rainbow, he has to stand with his back to the sun.

T: He does not want to see the rainbow. He just wants to be part of my project.