OK, so I have this nickname. Everybody calls me “Nosy Nina.” But I’m not really nosy. It’s just that I’m curious and I’m particularly interested in knowing more about a subject.

Take music, for example. Sometimes I tag along to music school with my brother and do my homework while I wait for him. One day, I heard a girl playing a violin. As I watched, I wondered how she managed to get all that lovely sound out of that little instrument.

I learned that the girl’s name was Tanny. She showed me her violin and bow and pointed out all of their different parts. Then Tanny offered to let me try playing her violin. When she played, the violin made sweet sounds. But all it would play for me was “screech, screech!” “It takes a lot of practice to learn to play notes,” Tanny said.

So, I signed up for lessons at the music school. I practiced every day, and slowly my playing began to improve.

One day, Aunt Kay came over with a news item. The local children’s theater group needed people to play in the orchestra. I was curious and went to check it out. The theater group turned out to be a lot of fun! Playing together with all the other instruments was a challenge. And it was even more challenging when people were singing or dancing. I loved every minute of it!

Some people say that curiosity is a matter of following your nose, but in my case, I simply followed my ears.
Answer the questions. You may reread parts of the passage to help you.

1 What is the meaning of the word *tag* as used in the sentence below?

Sometimes I tag along to music school with my brother and do my homework while I wait for him.

- to touch someone in a game
- to put a label on something
- to add to something
- to follow someone

2 What happens at the music school?

- Nina practiced her violin.
- Nina plays with the orchestra.
- Nina hears a girl playing the violin.
- Nina signs up to play in an orchestra.

3 Who tells Nina about the theater group?

- Tanny
- Aunt Kay
- her brother
- a music teacher

4 What does Nina learn in the story?

- She is nosy.
- She cannot play the violin.
- She likes to play with an orchestra.
- She wants to be friends with Tanny.

5 Do you think that Nina is nosy? Why or why not? Use details from the passage to support your answer. Write your response on another sheet of paper.