

Suggested Questions for Discussion

1. Can you name some of the feelings that Patou had as he told this story? Have you had any of the same feelings? If so, which feelings and when?
2. Why do you think it is not easy to be Patou?
3. Why do you think it was important for Patou to work hard to make his hurt leg better?
4. What do you think would have happened if he had not worked to get his leg better?
5. Why do you think Niki sat by Patou's side when he was doing his leg exercises every day?
6. Do you ever feel stubborn when someone asks you to do something you don't want to do? Give an example.
7. When they play games, why do you think Niki sometimes lets Patou win?
8. What are some of the reasons Patou has for deciding his life is not so hard after all?
9. If you could say one thing to Patou, what would you say?
10. Do you have any questions after reading this book?



Suggested Art Projects

1. Can you draw a picture or make a card for Patou that expresses how you feel about him after reading this book?
2. Do you have a pet(s) that you are proud of? If so, draw a card for each of your favorite pet(s) telling them how you feel.
3. Are there times when you are proud of yourself for learning something new? Can you draw a picture that shows one or more of the many things you are proud of learning?

(Note: This could include learning that it is all right to be different, that you can make new friends at a new school, that a new game is fun and so much more!)

