

Friday 22nd May

Reading



Good morning, Year 5. Today, we are going to follow Alice and the white rabbit down the rabbit hole!

Scroll down to read the opening to Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Answer the questions on the sheet or write them out. The answers are on the last page.

**Well done for all the work that you have completed during this half term. We hope that you all have a lovely weekend and half term break.**

This is the opening to Lewis Carroll's famous story, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Alice is sitting with her sister by the riverbank. Her sister is busy, but Alice doesn't have anything to do.

### **Alice's Adventures in Wonderland**

Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, "and what is the use of a book," thought Alice, "without pictures or conversation?"

So she was considering in her own mind (as well as she could, for the hot day made her feel very sleepy and stupid) whether the pleasure of making a daisy-chain would be worth the trouble of getting up and picking the daisies, when suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her.

There was nothing so *very* remarkable in that; nor did Alice think it so *very* much out of the way to hear the Rabbit say to itself, "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late!" (when she thought it over afterwards, it occurred to her that she ought to have wondered at this, but at the time it all seemed quite natural); but when the Rabbit actually *took a watch out of its waistcoat-pocket*, and looked at it, and then hurried on, Alice started to her feet, for it flashed across her mind that she had never before seen a rabbit with either a waistcoat-pocket or a watch to take out of it, and burning with curiosity, she ran across the field after it, and fortunately was just in time to see it pop down a large rabbit-hole under the hedge.

In another moment down went Alice after it, never once considering how in the world she was to get out again.



# Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

1 Where are Alice and her sister sitting when the story starts?

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2 What is her sister doing?

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3 How is Alice feeling at the beginning of the story? Tick **one** box.

happy     sad     bored     excited

4 What is the weather like, and what effect is it having on Alice?

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5 Name **two** things that are unusual about the rabbit when it appears.

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6 Find **two** occasions in the story when the author uses italics and copy them into the box below. Why do you think he does this?

Example of italics	Why does the author do this?

7 Find and copy the three-word phrase that tells us what made Alice chase after the rabbit.

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8 What kind of person do you think Alice is, on the evidence of this passage, and what makes you think so?

Use the box below to suggest **three** adjectives that could describe her character (what she is), and provide evidence from the story to support each idea (what she says or does).

	What she is	What she says or does
1.		
2.		
3.		

9 There are clues in the passage to suggest that this might not be a realistic story. Identify **two**.

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## ANSWERS



### Answers

Links to Content Domain requirements are in brackets after the answer.

1. On a (grassy) bank
2. Reading
3. bored
4. The weather is hot. It is making Alice sleepy and stupid (in the sense of lethargic).
5. Two from: It speaks; it is wearing clothes; it is carrying a watch.
6. There was nothing so *very* remarkable in that;  
The rabbit actually *took a watch out of its waistcoat pocket*  
The author is using italics for emphasis;  
The author is drawing our attention to something unusual
7. Burning with curiosity.

8.

What she is	What she says or does
Alice is imaginative	she readily accepts the rabbit's 'human' behaviour
she is restless and easily bored	she cannot settle to anything – she wants to be active
she is adventurous/energetic	she is quick to chase off after the rabbit, and follow him down the rabbit-hole
she is impulsive/foolhardy	she doesn't stop to think how she is going to escape from the rabbit-hole

9. An animal talks, wears clothes and consults a watch.  
Despite her size, Alice disappears down a rabbit-hole after the rabbit.