

Alice in Wonderland

This extract comes from the beginning of Chapter 2. Alice ate a piece of cake and it made her begin to grow incredibly tall.

"Curiouser and curiouser!" cried Alice, quite surprised at the strange words she had just spoken. "Now, I'm opening up like an enormous telescope!" Alice looked down and noticed that her feet were so far away that they were nearly out of sight. "Goodbye feet! I wonder who will put shoes and socks on you now. I know I won't be able to for I am too far away. You will have to do it yourselves!"

At this point, Alice began to worry that if she ignored her feet altogether then they might do the same to her. Concerned about the possibility of her feet taking her in the wrong direction, Alice decided that she would send them a present every Christmas to make sure they still liked her. As she thought about what to send a pair of feet, she realised how odd the address would look:



Just then, Alice's head banged against the ceiling. She was now more than nine feet tall. At once, she grabbed the little key and hurried over to the locked door. However, although Alice was tall enough to get the key, she was now far too large to make it through the unlocked door. As she lay on her side, one eye peering through the opened door, she began to cry.



Talking to herself out loud, Alice forcefully said, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself. A great girl like you to cry like this! I demand that you stop right now!" Unsurprisingly, telling herself off had done nothing to stop the flow of tears and there was soon a large pool of salty water surrounding her that reached halfway down the opposite hall.

After a while, Alice heard the quiet sound of feet in the distance and quickly dried her eyes to see what was coming. It was the white rabbit that she had seen earlier. This time, he was carrying a pair of white gloves in one hand and a large fan in the other. He seemed to be in a great hurry, muttering to himself as he came closer, "Oh dear! Oh no! Oh, she won't be happy if I've kept her waiting!"



Alice, who was so desperate for help at this point, forgot that he was a rabbit and began to ask for assistance. "Please sir, if you wouldn't mind..." The rabbit, shocked to see that Alice was in front of him, dropped everything and immediately ran away.

Alice lifted the now sodden fan and gloves from the floor and began to fan herself while thinking out loud about what had happened over the past few hours. "Everything has been very strange today. Yesterday, things just went on as usual but they are now all in a muddle. I wonder if I've been changed during the night. Let me think. Was I the same when I woke up this morning? I almost think I can remember feeling a little different. Although, if I'm not the same, the next question is... who in the world am I?" Worried that she was now somebody else, Alice began thinking of all the children she knew who were the same age as her to see if she could have been changed into any of them.



"I'm sure I'm not Ada," she said, running one hand through her hair. "Her hair grows in long ringlets and mine isn't doing that at all!" She paused to think again. "I can't be Eva either," she decided. "She is so small that she would never be able to grow as tall as I am now!" After comparing herself to several other children in her class, Alice had to accept that she was likely a different person altogether and not an Ada, an Eva or even an Alice.



Questions

1. Who is Alice thinking about sending a Christmas present to? Tick one.

- ☐ her family
- ☐ the rabbit
- ☐ her feet
- ☐ the hearthrug

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order they occurred.

- ☐ Alice gets the key.
- ☐ The rabbit drops a fan.
- ☐ Alice starts growing.
- ☐ Alice decides that she has turned into a different person.

3. Look at the paragraph beginning **Talking to herself out loud...**

Find and copy **two** different words that show Alice is being firm with herself.

1. _____

2. _____

4. Why does Alice say, **"You ought to be ashamed of yourself"**?

5. Why does Alice decide that she couldn't have changed into Ava?

6. How do you think Alice is feeling at the end of this extract?

Explain your answer.

7. Alice is worried about growing so tall that she won't be able to put her own shoes and socks on any more. Imagine that you are Alice.

What would you be most worried about? Explain your answer.

8. Based on what you have just read, what do you think is going to happen next to Alice?

Explain your answer.

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Find and copy **two** different words that show Alice is being firm with herself.

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demand

4. Why does Alice say, “**You ought to be ashamed of yourself**”?

Pupils’ own responses providing that the answer refers to Alice being cross at herself for crying, such as: Alice says this because she thinks that she shouldn’t be crying.

5. Why does Alice decide that she couldn’t have changed into Ava?

Pupils’ own responses providing that the answer refers to Ava having curly hair/ringlets, such as: Alice decides that she couldn’t have changed into Ava because Ava has ringlets and Alice currently does not.

6. How do you think Alice is feeling at the end of this extract?

Explain your answer.

Pupils’ own responses, such as: I think that Alice is feeling sad and like she’s going to be stuck forever because there is nobody around to help her.

7. Alice is worried about growing so tall that she won't be able to put her own shoes and socks on any more. Imagine that you are Alice.
What would you be most worried about? Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I would be most worried about not being able to fit through any of the doors in my house because I would be too tall for them.

8. Based on what you have just read, what do you think is going to happen next to Alice?
Explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses providing that the answer makes reference to events which have happened within this text, such as: I think that Alice is going to continue growing until she eventually breaks out of the room that she is in. Then, she can find another potion to shrink her.

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“Curiouser and curiouser!” cried Alice, quite surprised that she had somehow forgotten how to speak properly. “Now, I’m opening up like an enormous telescope!” Alice looked down and noticed that her feet were so far away that they were nearly out of sight. “Oh, my poor little feet. I wonder who will put shoes and socks on you now? I know I won’t be able to for I am too far away; you must manage yourselves.” At this point, a thought reached Alice.

She reasoned that if she were to forget her feet altogether then they may well do the same to her. Worried about the possibility of her feet taking her in the wrong direction, Alice decided that she would send them a present every Christmas in an attempt to win their favour. As she continued planning, she thought to herself how odd the address would look:



Just then, Alice’s head banged against the ceiling. She was now more than nine feet tall. At once, she grabbed the little key and hurried over to the locked door. Poor Alice! Although tall enough to get the key, she was now far too large to make it through the unlocked door. As she lay on her side, one eye peering through the seemingly miniscule door, she began to cry.



“You ought to be ashamed of yourself,” she said out loud. “A great girl like you to go on crying in this way! Stop this moment, I tell you!” Unsurprisingly, telling herself off had done nothing to halt the flow of tears and there was soon a large pool surrounding her. It was about four inches deep and reached halfway down the hall.





After some time, Alice heard the pattering of feet in the distance and quickly dried her eyes to see what was coming. It was the white rabbit returning; he was smartly dressed, with a pair of white gloves in one hand and a large fan in the other. He looked to be in a great hurry, muttering to himself as he came closer, "Oh dear! Oh no! Oh, she won't be happy if I've kept her waiting!"

Alice was so desperate for help at this point that she was even willing to ask a talking rabbit for guidance. Therefore, when the rabbit came near, she began in a timid voice, "Please sir, if you wouldn't mind..." The rabbit, shocked to see that he was in the presence of another, dropped the gloves and fan and immediately ran away.

Alice lifted the now sodden fan and gloves from the floor and, as the room was stiflingly hot, she began to fan herself while thinking out loud over the day's events. "Dear, dear. How strange everything has been today. Yesterday, things just went on as usual but now they are all in a muddle. I wonder if I've been changed during the night. Let me think. Was I the same when I woke up this morning? I almost think I can remember feeling a little different. Although, if I'm not the same, the next question is... who in the world am I? That's the great puzzle!" She began thinking of all the children she knew who were the same age as her to see if she could've been changed into any of them.

"I'm sure I'm not Ada," she said, "for her hair grows in such long ringlets and mine isn't doing that at all!" Alice ran one hand through her hair to check before continuing, "I can't be Eva either for she is so small that she would never be able to reach the height I am now!" As she ran through a list of several other names, all producing similar results, Alice had to accept that she was likely now a different person altogether and not an Ada, an Eva or even an Alice.



Questions

1. Who tells Alice to stop crying? Tick one.

- ☐ her feet
☐ Alice
☐ the rabbit
☐ the key

2. Draw **four** lines to match each action to the emotion that Alice is feeling at the time.
One has been done for you.

Alice thinks her feet will take her in the wrong direction.	puzzled
Alice realises that she is not speaking properly.	worried
Alice decides to ask the rabbit for help.	desperate
Alice wonders who she has turned into.	surprised

3. **Alice lifted the now sodden fan and gloves from the floor...**

Why are the fan and gloves **sodden**?

4. Look at the paragraph beginning **Alice lifted the now sodden...**

Find and copy one word which means **uncomfortable**.

5. Fill in the missing words.

The _____ is carrying some gloves and a _____.

6. Many people believe that Alice is only dreaming when these events are happening. What evidence can you find to support this?

7. Describe Alice's character. Fully explain your answer.

8. Alice's first thought when she begins to grow is that she can't see her feet any more. What would your first thoughts be? Explain your answer.

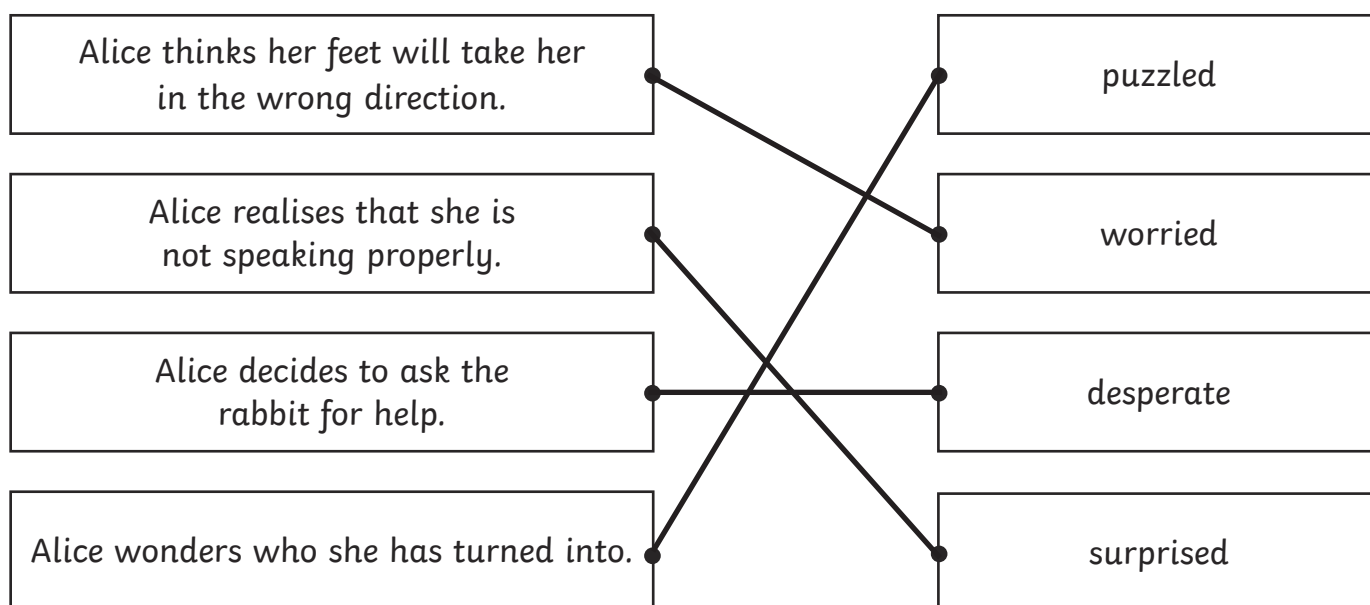
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Why are the fan and gloves **sodden**?

Accept answers which make reference to Alice crying/her tears making them wet, such as: The fan and gloves are sodden because they are wet with Alice's tears.

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Pupils' own responses provided that the answer is supported by evidence from the text, such as: There is a rabbit who is talking and Alice has eaten the cake that has made her grow really tall. These are not normal things which happen to people but they can happen in dreams.

7. Describe Alice's character. Fully explain your answer.

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that Alice is brave because, at first, she doesn't seem worried that she is growing really tall. I also think that she is confused because she doesn't remember who she is.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: My first thoughts would be to panic and worry about what is going to happen. I would also think that I shouldn't have eaten the cake and that it was a silly idea.

9. How does Alice's attitude towards growing tall change throughout this text? Explain your answer using evidence from the text.

Pupils' own responses provided that the answer is supported by evidence from the text, such as: To begin with, Alice is only worried about not seeing her feet and is finding the idea of sending them a Christmas present funny. By the end, Alice is sad and worried that she has turned into somebody else and she doesn't know what to do.

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After some time, Alice heard the faint pattering of feet in the distance and hastily dried her eyes to see what was coming. It was the white rabbit returning, splendidly dressed, with a pair of white gloves in one hand and a large fan in the other. He came trotting along in a great hurry, muttering to himself as he came, "Oh dear! Oh no! Oh, she won't be happy if I've kept her waiting!"

Alice was so desperate by this point that she was willing to ask for help from anyone, whether human or rabbit. Therefore, when the rabbit came near, she began in a timid voice, "Please sir, if you wouldn't mind..." The rabbit, shocked to see that he was in the presence of another, dropped the gloves and fan and immediately ran away.

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- ☐ Alice eats a piece of cake.
- ☐ Alice tells herself off.

2. Why were the gloves and fan sodden? Tick one.

- ☐ the rabbit was scared
- ☐ they had been dropped in Alice's tears
- ☐ they were both very old
- ☐ they had been stolen from Alice

3. Look at the paragraph beginning, "**You ought to be ashamed...**"
Find and copy one word which means **stop**

4. Why does the rabbit drop the fan and gloves?

5. What does Alice mean when she says "**Reaching the heights I am now would be an impossibility!**"

6. Many people believe that the events in this extract are not really happening because Alice is only dreaming. Do you agree? Tick one.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Fully explain your answer using evidence from the text.

7. Compare how Alice is feeling at the beginning of the text with how she is feeling at the end of the text.

8. Alice tells herself off for crying. Do you think this is fair? Tick one.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Fully explain your answer.

9. Alice is currently stuck with nobody to help her. What would you suggest she does next to try and get herself out of this situation?

10. Discuss what is unusual about Alice's initial reaction to growing really tall.
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4. Why does the rabbit drop the fan and gloves?

Accept answers which refer to the rabbit being shocked/surprised by Alice being there, such as: The rabbit dropped the fan and gloves because he was shocked to be in the presence of another.

5. What does Alice mean when she says "**Reaching the heights I am now would be an impossibility!**"

Accept answers which refer to Eva being small and unable to be as tall as Alice, such as: Alice means that Eva could never be as tall as she is in that moment.

6. Many people believe that the events in this extract are not really happening because Alice is only dreaming. Do you agree? Tick one.

☐ Yes

☐ No

Fully explain your answer using evidence from the text.

Accept either yes or no providing that a full explanation is given in support of the choice, such as: Yes, I think that Alice is dreaming because a lot of strange things happen that wouldn't happen in real life. For example, Alice starts growing really tall after eating a slice of cake and doesn't seem very surprised.

7. Compare how Alice is feeling at the beginning of the text with how she is feeling at the end of the text.

Pupils' own responses provided that a valid comparison has been made, such as: At the beginning of the text, Alice isn't worried that she is growing and is laughing about sending a Christmas present to her feet. By the end of the text, Alice is feeling scared and worried because she has realised that something is wrong with her.

8. Alice tells herself off for crying. Do you think this is fair? Tick one.
Fully explain your answer.

Accept either yes or no providing that a full explanation is given in support of the choice, such as: I do not think that it is fair because a lot of strange and frightening things have happened to her and it seems as if there is no way out of the situation. Therefore, she should be allowed to cry.

9. Alice is currently stuck with nobody to help her. What would you suggest she does next to try and get herself out of this situation?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I would suggest that Alice tries calling for help because she hasn't tried that yet and there might be somebody outside who has a potion that can help her to shrink again.

10. Discuss what is unusual about Alice's initial reaction to growing really tall.
Fully explain your answer using evidence from the text.

Pupils' own responses provided that the answer makes appropriate references to the text, such as: Initially, Alice doesn't seem afraid which is unusual because she has just eaten cake and it is making her grow really fast. Instead of being concerned, Alice makes a joke about sending Christmas presents to her feet.