

# Alice in Wonderland

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### Preview Questions

1. Where do you think Wonderland is?
2. Do you think Alice will go down the rabbit hole?
3. What do you think will happen in the rabbit hole?

Alice was sitting with her sister by the river. She had nothing to do. She was bored. **Suddenly**, a White Rabbit, wearing white gloves, ran past her.

“Oh! Oh! Oh! I shall be late,” the White Rabbit said to itself.

Then it took a watch out of its pocket and looked at it.

“How strange,” Alice thought. She stood up and ran after the White Rabbit.

The next moment, she was falling down a rabbit hole.

Down and down and down she went. Along the sides of the hole there were shelves and **cupboards**. She took a jar from one of the shelves as she passed by.

“*Orange Marmalade*,” were the words on the jar.

Alice opened it. Sadly, it was empty.

Down and down and down she went.

“Dinah will miss me tonight,” Alice thought. Dinah was her cat.

Down and down and down she went. And now she began to feel sleepy.

Then bump! She stopped falling and lay on a bed of leaves.

She wasn't hurt, so she stood up and looked around. She could see a long corridor and the White Rabbit hurrying along. Alice ran after it as fast as she could, but the rabbit turned a corner and disappeared.

Alice was now in a large hall. There were lots of doors; but they were all locked. In the middle of the room, there was a glass table. On the table, there was a golden key.

Alice tried to open all the doors with the key, but she could not unlock them. Then she came to a very small door, only as tall as her knee. The golden key opened this door.

“But how can I go through it?” Alice thought. “It's too small. Or, I'm too big. I don't know which.”

Alice went back to the glass table. “Maybe there's

a key to one of the other doors,” she thought. There was not another key, but Alice did see a bottle with a label.

“*Drink me,*” the label said.

Alice was a clever girl,  
and she did not  
drink from the bottle  
immediately. Instead,  
she looked at it very  
carefully. She looked  
for a label that  
read “*Poison.*”

She could not see  
one, so she opened the  
bottle and drank from  
it. She liked the taste,  
but she began to feel very strange.

“I’m getting smaller,” she thought. And she was. She was getting smaller and smaller and smaller. “If I don’t stop getting smaller soon,” she thought, “there won’t be anything left of me.”

Luckily, she stopped getting smaller just in time.

“Now I can go through the little door,” she thought.



“Where is the key?”

She looked in her pocket, but it wasn't there. Then she remembered where it was. It was on the glass table. “I put it down on the table when I picked up the bottle,” she thought.

She hurried back to the glass table, but now it was huge. She couldn't reach it.

She began to cry. Then she was **angry** with herself. “I mustn't cry,” she told herself. “Crying won't help me.”

At that moment, she saw a small glass box under the table. She opened it and inside there was a very small cake. It had the words “Eat me” written on it.

“Perhaps if I eat a little, I will grow enough to reach the key,” she thought. “Then I can hurry to the little door before I grow too big.”

She picked up the cake and began to eat it.

### Review Questions

1. Why did Alice fall down?
2. What happened to Alice when she drank from the bottle?
3. Why did Alice eat the cake?

## The Pool of Tears

### Preview Questions

1. What do you think the cake will make Alice do?
2. Where do you think Alice will go?
3. What do you think is on the other side of the little door?

Alice began to grow larger. She grew taller and taller until she could not see her feet. They were so far away.

“I can’t see them,” she said to herself. She often talked to herself. “But I’ll be kind to them. I need them to walk on.”

At this moment, her head hit the roof of the room she was in.

“How can I get out of here?” she thought. “I have the golden key, but now the door is so small—or I’m too big. I’m not sure which. I still won’t be able to get through that door.”

She lay down on the floor and opened the door. She looked through it with one eye. There was a garden on the other side.

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I could \_\_\_\_\_

I could \_\_\_\_\_

# Down the Rabbit Hole

## I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- \_\_\_\_\_ Alice ate some of the cake.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alice drank from the bottle on the glass table.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alice fell down a hole.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alice saw a White Rabbit wearing gloves.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alice wanted to go through the small door.

## II. Choose the best answer.

1. What did Alice think was strange about the rabbit?
  - a. It lived very close to the river.
  - b. It talked to her.
  - c. It went down a hole.
  - d. It wore clothes and had a watch.
  
2. What did Alice see as she fell down the hole?
  - a. Baby rabbits
  - b. Lots of leaves
  - c. Shelves and cupboards
  - d. Things that lived underground
  
3. What did Alice do before she drank from the bottle?
  - a. She ate the cake.
  - b. She read the label.
  - c. She smelled what was inside.
  - d. She went through the door.
  
4. Why did Alice start to cry?
  - a. She could not reach the key.
  - b. She got hurt by the door.
  - c. The rabbit made her cry.
  - d. The table fell on her foot.

### III. Write the correct word in each blank.

bored	corner	corridor	disappeared	huge
jar	label	leaves	locked	moment

- Alice could not see the rabbit after it ran around the \_\_\_\_\_.
- She tried to open the door, but it was \_\_\_\_\_.
- Alice was \_\_\_\_\_ beside the river.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ was long, and it had many doors.
- As she fell, Alice took a \_\_\_\_\_ from one of the shelves.
- The bottle on the table had a \_\_\_\_\_ on it.
- At that \_\_\_\_\_, she was sad and began to cry.
- At the bottom of the hole, Alice landed on some \_\_\_\_\_.
- The rabbit \_\_\_\_\_ down the hole.
- When Alice was small, the glass table looked \_\_\_\_\_.

### IV. Complete the summary by writing the correct word in each blank.

bottle	key	hole	she	rabbit	door	big	shelves
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Alice ran after the White 1 \_\_\_\_\_ and fell down a 2 \_\_\_\_\_.

As she fell, she took a jar from one of the 3 \_\_\_\_\_. She wanted to go through a 4 \_\_\_\_\_ but could not because she was too 5 \_\_\_\_\_.

She drank from a 6 \_\_\_\_\_. She suddenly grew small. But now 7 \_\_\_\_\_ was too small to reach the 8 \_\_\_\_\_ to the door!

# The Pool of Tears

## I. Are these sentences correct? Write "T" for true and "F" for false.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ There was a garden on the other side of the small door.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Alice drowned in a pool of her own tears.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Alice found that she was wearing the White Rabbit's gloves.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Alice frightened the Mouse by talking about her cat.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The Mouse liked dogs better than cats.

## II. Choose the best answer.

1. Why couldn't Alice go through the door?

- a. She did not have the key.
- b. She was afraid of the White Rabbit.
- c. She was too big.
- d. The mouse would not let her go through.

2. Why did Alice think that she was Mabel?

- a. She could not swim well.
- b. She did not want to play with toys.
- c. She got everything wrong.
- d. She was taller.

3. Where did all of the water come from?

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|------------------|--------------------------|
| a. The mouse     | b. A river in the garden |
| c. Alice's tears | d. The bottle            |

4. Why did the Mouse swim away from Alice?

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| a. Alice did not speak French. | b. Alice frightened it. |
| c. It did not speak French.    | d. It frightened Alice. |