

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

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01 An invitation for the Duchess

Alice watched a servant with a fish-like face knock at a small house. A second servant, who looked like a frog, opened the door. The Fish-Footman handed him a large letter inviting the Duchess to play croquet with the Queen. When the two servants bowed, their curled hair became tangled.



Why had the Fish-Footman come to the house?

- A. To ask Alice to join a tea-party.
- B. To deliver an invitation to the Duchess.
- C. To teach the servants to play croquet.
- D. To bring a letter from the Duchess.

02 Getting through the door

Alice knocked, but the Frog-Footman was outside on the same side of the door. He said the noise inside was so loud that nobody could hear her. Instead of explaining how to enter, he kept talking about how long he would sit there. Alice finally gave up asking him, opened the door herself, and went in.

Why does Alice stop asking the Footman for help?

- A. He has already opened the door for her.
- B. He tells her the Duchess is away.
- C. He cannot hear anything Alice says.
- D. His replies do not help her get inside.

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03 A kitchen full of pepper

The kitchen was full of smoke, and a cook was stirring a large pot of soup. The Duchess held a baby in the middle of the room. There was so much pepper in the air that Alice, the Duchess, and the baby kept sneezing. Only the cook and a large, grinning cat did not sneeze.



What causes the sneezing in the kitchen?

- A. The pepper in the air.
- B. The noise made by the baby.
- C. The steam from a cup of tea.
- D. The cat sitting beside the fire.

04 The baby needs help

The Duchess explained that her smiling pet was a Cheshire Cat. Meanwhile, the cook began throwing plates and saucepans at the Duchess and the baby. The Duchess handed the baby to Alice and hurried away to prepare for croquet. Alice carried it outside because she feared it would be badly hurt if it stayed.

What does Alice's decision to take the baby outside suggest?

- A. She wants the Duchess to miss the game.
- B. She thinks the baby needs more pepper.
- C. She is concerned about the baby's safety.
- D. She hopes the cook will follow them.

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05 A surprising change

Outside, the baby grunted, and Alice noticed that its nose looked like a snout. Its eyes became unusually small, and soon it was clearly a pig. Alice decided that carrying a pig any farther would be absurd. She put it down and felt relieved when it trotted quietly into the wood.



Why does Alice put the creature down?

- A. It has become a pig rather than a baby.
- B. It asks her to leave it beside the house.
- C. The Duchess has come back to collect it.
- D. It has fallen asleep in her arms.

06 Which way should I go?

Alice found the Cheshire Cat sitting on a branch and asked which way she should go. The Cat replied that the answer depended on where she wanted to get to. Alice said she did not much care where, as long as she reached somewhere. The Cat answered that, in that case, it did not matter which way she walked.



What is the main point of the Cat's advice?

- A. A traveller should always take the shortest path.
- B. Every path will lead back to the same house.
- C. Asking for directions is always a waste of time.
- D. Choosing a path depends on having a destination.

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07 Everyone is mad here

The Cat pointed towards the homes of the Hatter and the March Hare. It described both neighbours as mad, and Alice said she did not want to visit mad people. The Cat claimed that everyone there was mad, including Alice. When it said her visit proved this, Alice did not think its explanation proved anything.

How does Alice respond to the Cat's explanation about her?

- A. She accepts it as a convincing proof.
- B. She doubts that it proves the claim.
- C. She decides that only the Hatter is mad.
- D. She agrees that she must leave at once.

08 A grin without a cat

The Cheshire Cat kept appearing and disappearing while Alice talked to it. Alice asked it not to vanish so suddenly because this made her dizzy. The next time, it disappeared slowly, starting with its tail and finishing with its grin. For a while the grin remained after the rest of the Cat had gone.



What makes the Cat's final disappearance especially unusual?

- A. Its tail remains while its head disappears.
- B. Its grin disappears before its body.
- C. Its grin stays visible without the rest of it.
- D. Its body turns into the branch beneath it.

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09 Choosing a visitor's destination

Alice decided to visit the March Hare rather than the Hatter. She had seen hatters before and thought a March Hare would be more interesting. Since it was May, she hoped the Hare might be calmer than it had been in March. Even so, she was not entirely sure that visiting it was a good idea.

Why does Alice choose to visit the March Hare?

- A. She has already been invited to its house.
- B. She thinks it can take her straight home.
- C. She knows it will be kinder than the Hatter.
- D. She finds the less familiar creature more interesting.

10 A house with ears

The house Alice approached had chimneys shaped like ears and a roof covered with fur. These details made her think it belonged to the March Hare. The house looked so large that she ate a little mushroom to grow taller before approaching. Even after reaching about two feet in height, she walked towards it nervously.

Which detail helps Alice identify the March Hare's house?

- A. Its ear-shaped chimneys and furry roof.
- B. Its tiny door and glass table.
- C. Its garden full of white roses.
- D. Its smoking chimney and large kitchen.

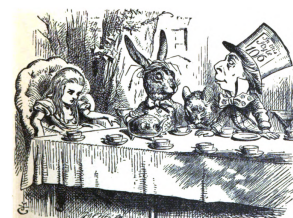
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11 No room at the table?

The Hatter and the March Hare were having tea under a tree, with a sleeping Dormouse between them. Although the table was large, they crowded together at one corner. They shouted that there was no room when Alice approached. Alice could see plenty of empty space, so she sat down in a large armchair.



Why does Alice disagree when they say there is no room?

- A. The Dormouse has offered her its chair.
- B. The Hatter has set a place especially for her.
- C. The table visibly has plenty of unused space.
- D. The March Hare is about to leave the table.

12 An unfriendly welcome

The March Hare offered Alice some wine, although there was only tea on the table. When she looked for the wine, he admitted there was none. Alice said it was rude to offer something that was not there. The Hare replied that sitting down without an invitation was rude too.

How does the March Hare answer Alice's criticism?

- A. He apologises and brings her some wine.
- B. He criticises her behaviour in return.
- C. He explains that the Hatter drank the wine.
- D. He asks the Dormouse to settle the argument.

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13 Saying what you mean

The Hatter asked why a raven was like a writing-desk, and Alice thought she could find the answer. The March Hare told her to say what she meant. Alice replied that saying what she meant and meaning what she said were the same thing. The others challenged her with examples such as 'I see what I eat' and 'I eat what I see'.

What do the others' examples show?

- A. Changing the order of words can change the meaning.
- B. Every sentence means the same thing backwards.
- C. A riddle must always have two correct answers.
- D. People should speak only about things they can see.

14 An unusual watch

The Hatter took out a watch and complained that it was two days wrong. The March Hare had put butter into it, and the Hatter suspected that crumbs had got in too. Alice noticed that the watch showed the day of the month rather than the hour. The Hatter saw nothing strange about this, but Alice found his explanation puzzling.

How is the Hatter's watch different from an ordinary watch?

- A. It shows the year instead of the month.
- B. It tells the hour but cannot show the date.
- C. It runs only while it is held near the ear.
- D. It shows the date instead of the time of day.

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15 A riddle with no known answer

After Alice had thought about the raven and the writing-desk, she gave up and asked for the answer. The Hatter admitted that he had no idea what it was. The March Hare said he did not know either. Alice felt that asking riddles without knowing their answers was a waste of time.

Why is Alice dissatisfied with the riddle?

- A. She has already heard the answer before.
- B. The Hatter refuses to accept her correct answer.
- C. Neither of the others can give her an answer.
- D. The Dormouse interrupts before she can think.

16 A quarrel with Time

The Hatter spoke about Time as if Time were a person who could help or refuse to help. He said they had quarrelled after he sang badly at the Queen's concert. The Queen had shouted that he was murdering the time. According to the Hatter, Time had refused to help him ever since, leaving it always six o'clock.



How does the Hatter explain why it is always six o'clock?

- A. The March Hare has lost all the other watches.
- B. Time is angry with him and will not help.
- C. The Queen has ordered everyone to eat at six.
- D. The Dormouse keeps turning the clock backwards.

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17 Always tea-time

Because it was always six o'clock, the Hatter said it was always tea-time. There was no time between meals to wash the cups and other tea-things. As things became dirty, the guests moved round the table to fresh places. When Alice asked what happened after they reached the beginning again, the March Hare changed the subject.

Why do the guests keep moving round the table?

- A. To make room for new visitors arriving for tea.
- B. To stay in the shade as the sun moves.
- C. To use fresh tea-things instead of washing the used ones.
- D. To help the Dormouse stay awake during its story.

18 The Dormouse's story

The Dormouse began a story about three sisters named Elsie, Lacie, and Tillie. They lived at the bottom of a well and lived on treacle, a thick, sweet syrup. Alice objected that this diet would make them ill, and the Dormouse agreed that they were very ill. When Alice asked why they lived in the well, it explained that it was a treacle-well.

What does Alice question about the sisters' way of life?

- A. Whether living on treacle could keep them healthy.
- B. Whether three sisters could share the same home.
- C. Whether a well could contain enough water.
- D. Whether the sisters had remembered their names.

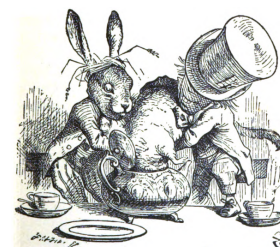
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19 Leaving the tea-party

The Dormouse's story grew more confusing, and the guests continued making rude remarks. When Alice began to say that she did not think, the Hatter told her she should not talk. Alice had had enough and walked away, although she briefly hoped they would call after her. Looking back, she saw the Hatter and the March Hare trying to put the Dormouse into the teapot.



What finally makes Alice leave the tea-party?

- A. She remembers that the Queen expects her at six.
- B. She has finished solving the Hatter's riddle.
- C. She wants to help the Dormouse find its sisters.
- D. She can no longer tolerate the guests' rudeness.

20 At last, the garden

In the wood, Alice found a door in a tree and stepped through it into the familiar hall. This time, she first took the golden key and unlocked the little door to the garden. Only then did she eat some mushroom until she was small enough to use the passage. At last she entered the garden, among bright flowerbeds and cool fountains.

What does Alice do before making herself smaller?

- A. She follows the Cheshire Cat into the garden.
- B. She takes the key and unlocks the little door.
- C. She returns the mushroom to the tea table.
- D. She closes the door leading into the tree.