

Teacher key

Chapter 6 | Pig and Pepper

01 B. To deliver an invitation to the Duchess.

The letter invites the Duchess to play croquet with the Queen.

02 D. His replies do not help her get inside.

His replies concern sitting outside, not how Alice can enter.

03 A. The pepper in the air.

The passage directly links the sneezing to the pepper in the air.

04 C. She is concerned about the baby's safety.

Alice takes the baby away because she fears it will be hurt.

05 A. It has become a pig rather than a baby.

Once it is clearly a pig, Alice sees no reason to keep carrying it.

06 D. Choosing a path depends on having a destination.

The Cat connects the choice of route to where Alice wants to go.

07 B. She doubts that it proves the claim.

Alice does not think that coming to Wonderland proves the Cat's claim.

08 C. Its grin stays visible without the rest of it.

The grin remains for a time after the body has vanished.

09 D. She finds the less familiar creature more interesting.

Alice has seen hatters before, so the March Hare attracts her curiosity.

10 A. Its ear-shaped chimneys and furry roof.

The ear-shaped chimneys and fur suggest a hare.

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Chapter 7 | A Mad Tea-Party

11 C. The table visibly has plenty of unused space.

Their claim conflicts with the empty space Alice can see.

12 B. He criticises her behaviour in return.

Instead of apologising, the Hare calls Alice's uninvited arrival rude.

13 A. Changing the order of words can change the meaning.

Seeing the food you eat is not the same as eating everything you see.

14 D. It shows the date instead of the time of day.

Alice notices that it shows the day of the month, not the hour.

15 C. Neither of the others can give her an answer.

Both the Hatter and the Hare admit that they do not know the answer.

16 B. Time is angry with him and will not help.

The Hatter links the stopped time to his quarrel with Time.

17 C. To use fresh tea-things instead of washing the used ones.

They move to fresh places because, according to the Hatter, there is no time to wash up.

18 A. Whether living on treacle could keep them healthy.

Alice objects that eating treacle as their diet would make them ill.

19 D. She can no longer tolerate the guests' rudeness.

The Hatter's remark is the final piece of rudeness that Alice is willing to bear.

20 B. She takes the key and unlocks the little door.

Alice unlocks the garden door first and only then changes her size.

Teaching notes

Purpose

Twenty reading-comprehension questions: ten per chapter. Each passage has four sentences. The adaptation is intended for capable English learners aged 12-13 and combines retrieval, cause and effect, inference and wordplay.

Assessment

Award one point per correct answer: 20 points in total. For an approximate mark out of 10, divide the total by two. The online version records the student name, choices and score, then offers explanations after submission.

Reading routine

Read the passage before studying the choices. Choose the answer best supported by that passage, not by a film adaptation. Students may underline the words that support their choice.

Interpretive care

The Cat's claim that everyone is mad is presented as his claim, not an established fact. Alice challenges his reasoning. The Hatter's description of Time is likewise attributed to him. The riddle has no answer known to the speakers in this chapter.

Text and illustrations

Simplified and abridged from Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, Chapters VI-VII, supplied Henry Altemus edition, printed pages 78-110. Eight original John Tenniel illustrations are extracted from printed pages 79, 83, 88, 91, 93, 97, 103 and 109. The page 91 illustration is cropped to its upper section to show the Cheshire Cat without the adjacent text. No additional artwork is used.