

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

by Lewis Carroll

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THE AUTHOR



Lewis Carroll's real name was* Charles Lutwidge Dodgson. He was born in Daresbury in Cheshire, England on 27th January 1832. He had* three younger brothers and seven sisters. When he was eleven, the family moved to a small, lonely village in Yorkshire. Charles enjoyed doing magic tricks, putting on puppet shows¹ and writing poems and stories to entertain his brothers and sisters.

Charles Dodgson went to famous Rugby School from 1846 to 1850. After that, he went to Oxford University's Christ Church college to study Classics and Mathematics. In 1855 he became* a teacher of Mathematics at Christ Church, where he spent* most of the rest of his life. He never married.

Charles was a very good photographer, and he loved to photograph children. One girl he often photographed was Alice Liddell, a daughter of the dean of Christ Church. He spent a lot of time with Alice and two of her sisters, Lorina and Edith. His most famous books, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865) and *Through The Looking Glass* (1871), began* as stories he told* the Liddell girls.

The *Alice* books were very popular, and Charles Dodgson wrote* several other stories and various funny 'nonsense' poems. However, people remember him best for the strange and amazing stories about a little girl called Alice.

Charles Dodgson died in Guildford in Surrey, England on 14th January 1898.

* see *Irregular Verbs*, p. 37

¹ underlined words: see *Glossary*, p. 37



BACKGROUND

All his life, Charles Dodgson loved entertaining children. At the age of 30, he spent a lot of time with the Liddell girls – Lorina, Edith and his favourite, Alice. He often photographed them, played ‘nonsense’ games with them, and told them long stories.

On a sunny afternoon in July 1862, Charles Dodgson and a friend took* the Liddell girls rowing on the River Thames near Oxford. The children asked Dodgson to tell them a fairy tale, and 10-year-old Alice Liddell said* she hoped the story would have “nonsense” in it. So Dodgson told them an amazing tale, full of nonsense, about a little girl called Alice and her adventures in a magical underground world. Alice liked the story so much that she said, “I wish you would write out Alice’s adventures for me!”

Dodgson wrote down the story, drew* pictures for it, put* a photograph of Alice Liddell on the last page and gave the ‘book’ to her. Later Dodgson made* some changes to the story and published the book as *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* in 1865. The book was soon a success, and Dodgson wrote *Through the Looking-Glass* in 1871, based on more stories he told the Liddell girls. When Dodgson died in 1898, *Alice* was already the most popular children’s book in England. Translated into dozens of languages, it became – and still is today – one of the most popular and most famous in the world.

THE PLOT

Alice and her older sister are sitting by the river on a hot afternoon when Alice sees a White Rabbit. He is very worried because he is late. Alice follows the White Rabbit into a rabbit hole. She falls and falls for a very long time. When she gets to the bottom, she is in a strange new world where very funny things happen. She meets talking animals and birds, and some very strange people. She eats magic cakes and drinks magic drinks. Some of these make her smaller, and some of them make her bigger. She has tea with a March Hare and a mad Hatter, and plays croquet with the King and Queen of Hearts. Life in Wonderland is magical, but very, very strange. How can Alice get home again?

THE CHARACTERS



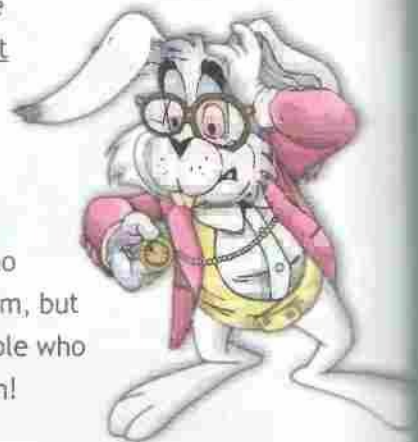
ALICE

... is a clever little girl who loves adventure. She likes to learn new things, and she enjoys meeting new people.

Alice loves animals, and she loves her cat, Dinah, most of all. She hates rude people and she doesn't like people who shout. She is very kind and cares about other people.

THE WHITE RABBIT

... is a very nervous animal. He is always late, and he worries a lot, because he is scared of the Duchess and he doesn't want to get into trouble. He works for the King and Queen of Hearts. He is quite bossy to people who are smaller than him, but he is afraid of people who are bigger than him!



THE DUCHESS

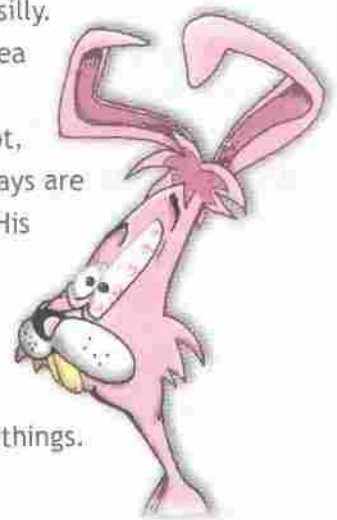
... is a very bossy woman who shouts a lot. She always tells people what to do. She can be friendly,

but she can also get very angry. She is not very nice to her cook, but she likes Alice and wants to be her friend.



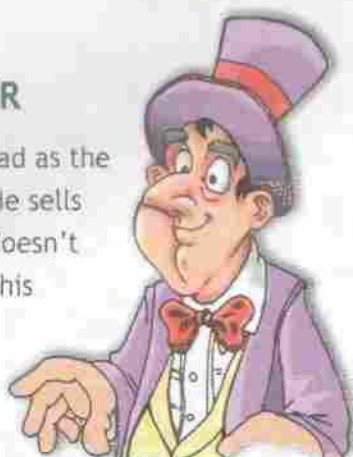
THE MARCH HARE

... is mad and very silly. He loves drinking tea and he likes to tell jokes. He talks a lot, but the things he says are not very sensible! His best friend is the Hatter, and they spend all day drinking tea and arguing about silly things.



THE HATTER

... is just as mad as the March Hare. He sells hats, but he doesn't have a hat of his own, so he wears hats from his shop. He is lazy, so he doesn't work very hard. He sits and drinks tea with the March Hare all day, and he can be very rude to people.



THE QUEEN OF HEARTS

... is very bossy and shouts all the time. She gets very angry with people and wants to cut off their heads, but she never really hurts anyone. She changes her mind a lot, and can be happy one minute and angry the next, so she makes people feel very nervous. She likes to win, and she doesn't like rude people.



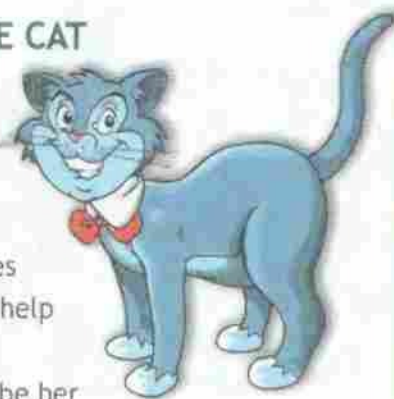
THE KING OF HEARTS

... is a gentle man. He never shouts, and he doesn't get angry very often. He knows that the Queen gets angry a lot, and he tries to calm her down and stop her from shouting at people. He doesn't talk very much, but he is quite kind.



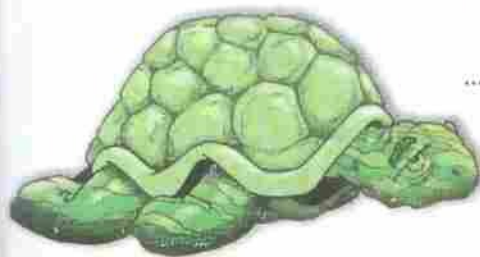
THE CHESHIRE CAT

... is friendly and cheerful. He is always smiling, because he is a happy cat. He likes Alice and tries to help her when she is lost. He wants to be her friend. He always stays calm, even when the Duchess or the Queen shouts at him.



THE MOCK TURTLE

... is a very sad animal. He cries all day and he thinks that his life is very bad. He likes to tell people his story and sing songs about his life, but he is very boring and nobody likes to listen to him because he is always crying.





• 1. The White Rabbit •

Alice was hot, bored and sleepy. She didn't have anything to do. She sat* by the river, waiting for teatime. Her older sister was also there, reading a book. Alice looked at the book. It was very boring, because there weren't any pictures in it.

Just then, a white rabbit with pink eyes ran* past Alice, and she heard* it say, "Oh dear! I'm very late!" The rabbit took a watch out of its waistcoat pocket, looked at it and started to run even faster.

"A rabbit with a waistcoat and a watch!" thought* Alice. "That's very strange."

She stood* up and followed the rabbit. It ran across a field and went through a little door in a tree. Alice went through the door, too.



There was a hole behind the door. It went straight down, like a deep well, and Alice fell* down and down. She fell very slowly, and for a very long time.

"I must be near the centre of the earth," she thought. Suddenly she landed on some sticks and dry leaves.

Alice stood up and looked around. She saw* the white rabbit running down a tunnel, so she ran after it. "Oh my ears and whiskers! I'm so late!" said the rabbit.

The rabbit ran around a corner. Alice followed, but when she turned the corner the rabbit wasn't there. Alice was in a long, low room with doors all around it. She tried* to open the doors, but they were all locked.

"What am I going to do now?" she thought. "How am I going to get out of here?"



• 2. The Tiny Door •

Alice looked around again and saw a glass table with a tiny gold key on it. The key was too small for any of the doors. Then Alice noticed a tiny door behind a curtain. She tried the key in the lock and the door opened.

Outside the door was a beautiful garden. Alice wanted to go outside, but she was too big to go through the little door.

She closed the little door and went back to the table. Now there was a bottle on it. A label on the bottle said "DRINK ME!" Alice looked carefully at the bottle, then she tried the drink. It was delicious! It tasted like all her favourite foods at the same time, so she drank* it all.

"I feel very strange," said Alice. She looked up and saw that the table was high above her. "I'm



small!" she said. "Now I can go into the garden!"

But the key to the little door was on the table. Alice could* see it, but she couldn't reach it. "Oh no!" said Alice.

Just then, she saw a little glass box on the floor. Inside, there was a tiny cake with the words "EAT ME!" on it. Alice ate* the cake.

"Oh!" she said. "Now I'm growing!"

Alice grew* until her head hit* the ceiling. She took the gold key and opened the tiny door. But now, of course, she was too tall to go through the door. She sat on the floor and cried*.



• 3. The Pool of Tears •

Alice cried and cried, and her tears made a deep pool around her.

After a few minutes, she heard footsteps, and saw the white rabbit. He had a fan and a pair of white gloves. He looked worried, and he did not see Alice.

"Oh, the Duchess is going to be angry! I'm so late!" said the rabbit.

"Excuse me —" said Alice.

The rabbit turned round and saw Alice. He screamed, dropped the fan and the gloves, and ran away.

Alice picked up the fan and the gloves, and said, "Oh dear! Everything is so strange today!"



Suddenly, she saw that she was quite small again. "The fan is making me small!" she said and dropped it on the floor. "Now I can go through the door!"

She ran to the door, but it was shut, and the key was on the table again. Alice tried to climb up the table, but she fell and landed in a pool of water.

"What's this?" said Alice. "Am I in the sea?"

But it wasn't the sea.

"It's the tears I cried when I was big!" said Alice. "Oh, why did I cry so much?"

Just then, Alice saw that she was not alone in the pool. There was a mouse, a duck, a dodo, a young eagle, and many other strange creatures. Alice and the animals started to swim, and they soon got* to the shore of the pool of tears.



4. A Strange Race

Alice, the animals and the birds stood on the shore. They were very wet.

"How are we going to get dry?" asked Alice.

"The best way to get dry," said the Dodo, "is to run a race."

It made a circle on the ground and the animals all started to run around the circle. They ran for half an hour, and when they stopped, they were dry.

"But who is the winner?" asked Alice.

The Dodo thought for a long time, and then it said, "EVERYONE is the winner! EVERYONE must have a prize!"

"But who is going to give the prizes?" asked the mouse.

"SHE is!" said the Dodo, and he pointed to Alice.

"Prizes! Prizes!" shouted the animals.



Alice looked in her pockets and found* a box of sweets. There was one sweet each, so they sat down and ate them.

Alice looked around at all the animals.

"I miss my cat," she said.

"You've got a CAT?" said the mouse.

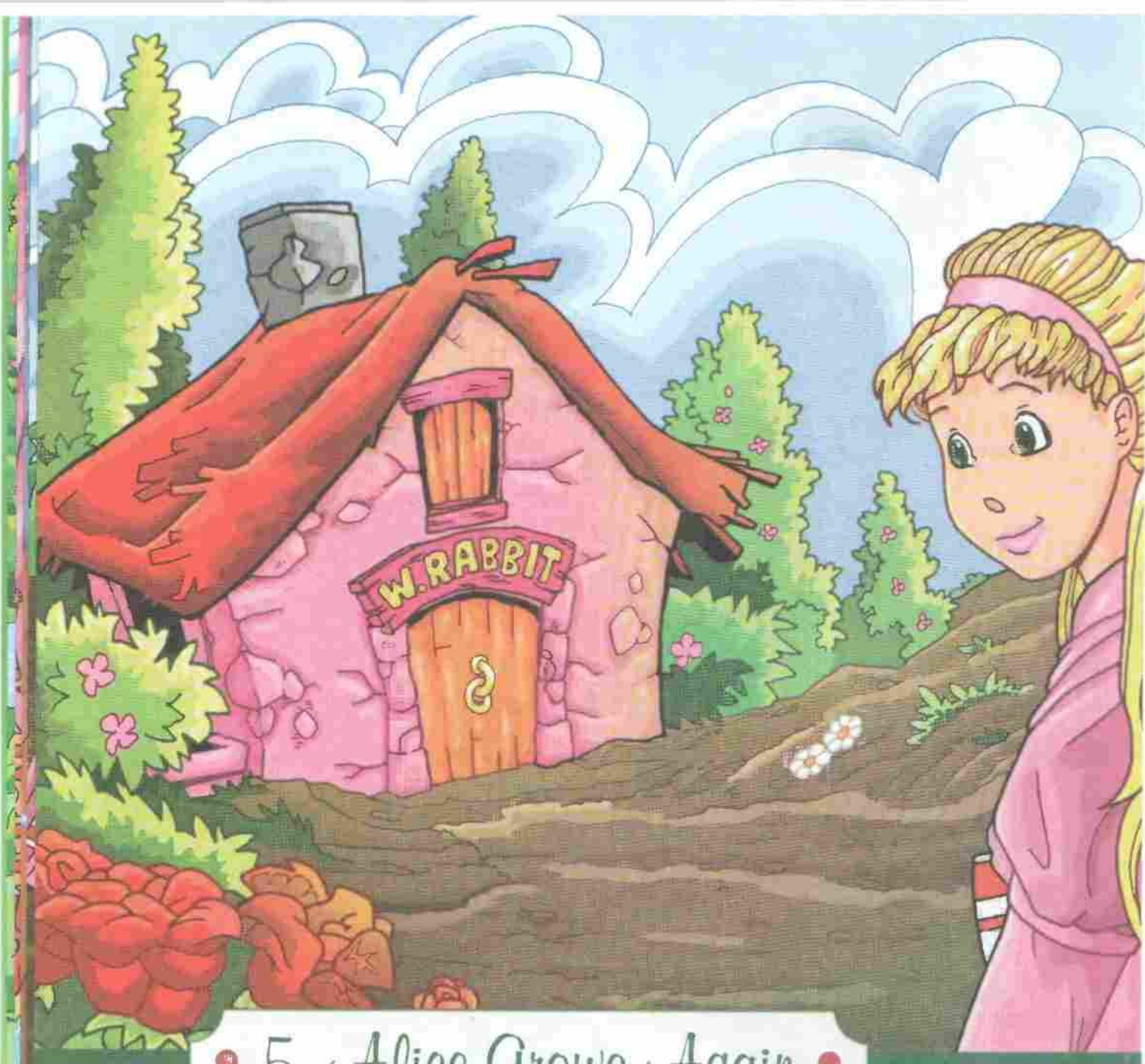
"Oh yes," said Alice. "Her name is Dinah. She's very clever. She catches birds and mice, and — Oh! What did I say?"

The animals were very upset. The mouse ran away, and some of the birds flew* into the air.

"It's time to go!" the others said. "Goodbye!"

Alice was alone again. She felt* very sad.

"Nobody here likes me," she said, and started crying again.



• 5. Alice Grows Again •

Suddenly, Alice heard footsteps. She looked up and saw the rabbit again. He was very worried. "Oh dear! Where are they?" he said. "The Duchess is going to be very angry! Where did I drop them?"

"He's looking for his fan and gloves," thought Alice.

She looked for them, too, but they were back in the room with the glass table, and she didn't know where that was any more.

Just then, the rabbit saw Alice. "Mary Ann!" he shouted. "Why are you here? Go home right now and find me a pair of gloves and a fan!"

"He thinks I'm his maid!" thought Alice, but she was too scared to say anything.

She ran away and soon saw a little house, with the name "W. RABBIT" on the door.

She went inside and ran upstairs. In the tiny bedroom, she saw a table with a fan and some white gloves on it. There was also a little bottle. Alice picked it up.

"I'm tired of being so small," she thought, "I wonder what this drink does." Alice drank the drink.

"Oh! I'm growing again!" said Alice, as her head hit the ceiling. But this time, she grew even bigger. She sat on the floor, with one arm out of the window and one foot up the chimney. She was very unhappy.



"How can I get out of here now?" she thought.

Just then, Alice heard the rabbit.

"Mary Ann!" he shouted. "Where are my gloves and fan?"

The rabbit ran up the stairs and tried to open the bedroom door.

"Hmm!" said the rabbit. "There's something inside. Never mind. I can go through the window."

The rabbit ran outside again and looked up at the bedroom window.

"Pat! Bill!" he shouted. "What is that in the bedroom window?"

"It's an arm, sir!" said another voice.

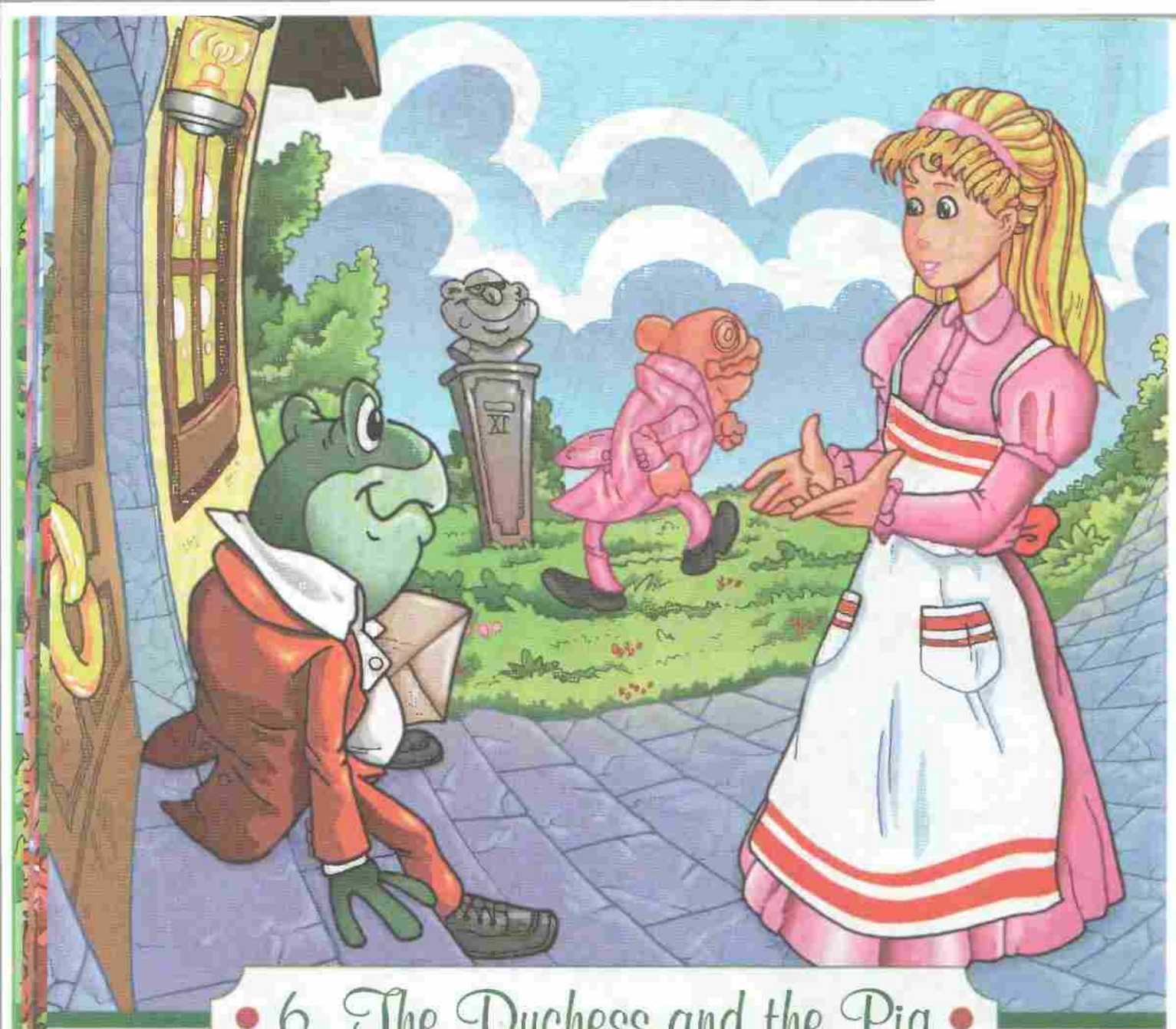
"Well, take it out of my window!" shouted the rabbit.

Pat the guinea pig tried to get through the window, but Alice moved her arm and he fell down again.

Then Bill the lizard tried to get down the chimney, but Alice moved her leg and he flew out again.

Next, Pat and Bill threw stones at Alice through the window. When the stones landed on the floor, they changed into little cakes. Alice ate one of the cakes, and started to get smaller.

"Wonderful!" she said. "I'm just the right size!" She put some cakes in her pocket and went downstairs. She ran out of the house, across the garden and into a wood.



• 6. The Duchess and the Pig •

She walked through the wood and soon she came to another little house.

"I wonder who lives here," Alice thought.

Someone in a sort of uniform ran out of the wood and knocked at the door. He looked like a fish and had a big letter in his hand.

A frog-man opened the door. He had another sort of uniform. The fish-man gave* the frog-man the huge letter.

"This is for the Duchess," he said. "It's an invitation from the Queen to play croquet."

Then the fish-man walked away, and the frog-man sat on the front steps.

Alice went up to the door and knocked.

"Why are you knocking?" asked the frog-man. "I can't let you in, because I'm outside. Anyway, no-one can hear you knocking."

He was right. There was a terrible noise coming from inside the house, Alice heard screams, sneezes, and loud crashes.

"Well, how can I get in?" asked Alice.

"Why don't you open the door?" asked the frog-man.

Alice opened the door and went into the house. She was in a large kitchen. In the middle of the kitchen was the Duchess, with a noisy baby. There was a cook near the fire with a huge pot of soup.



The air was full of pepper. Alice sneezed.

There was a large cat near the fire. It smiled at Alice.

"Why is your cat smiling?" Alice asked the Duchess.

The Duchess sneezed. "It's a Cheshire Cat," she said. Then she shouted "Pig!"

"Excuse me?" said Alice.

"I'm talking to the baby," said the Duchess.

"Well, that's not a nice thing to say!" said Alice.

"Mind your own business!" shouted the Duchess. "Cook! Cut off her head!"

Alice was scared, but the cook didn't listen to the Duchess.

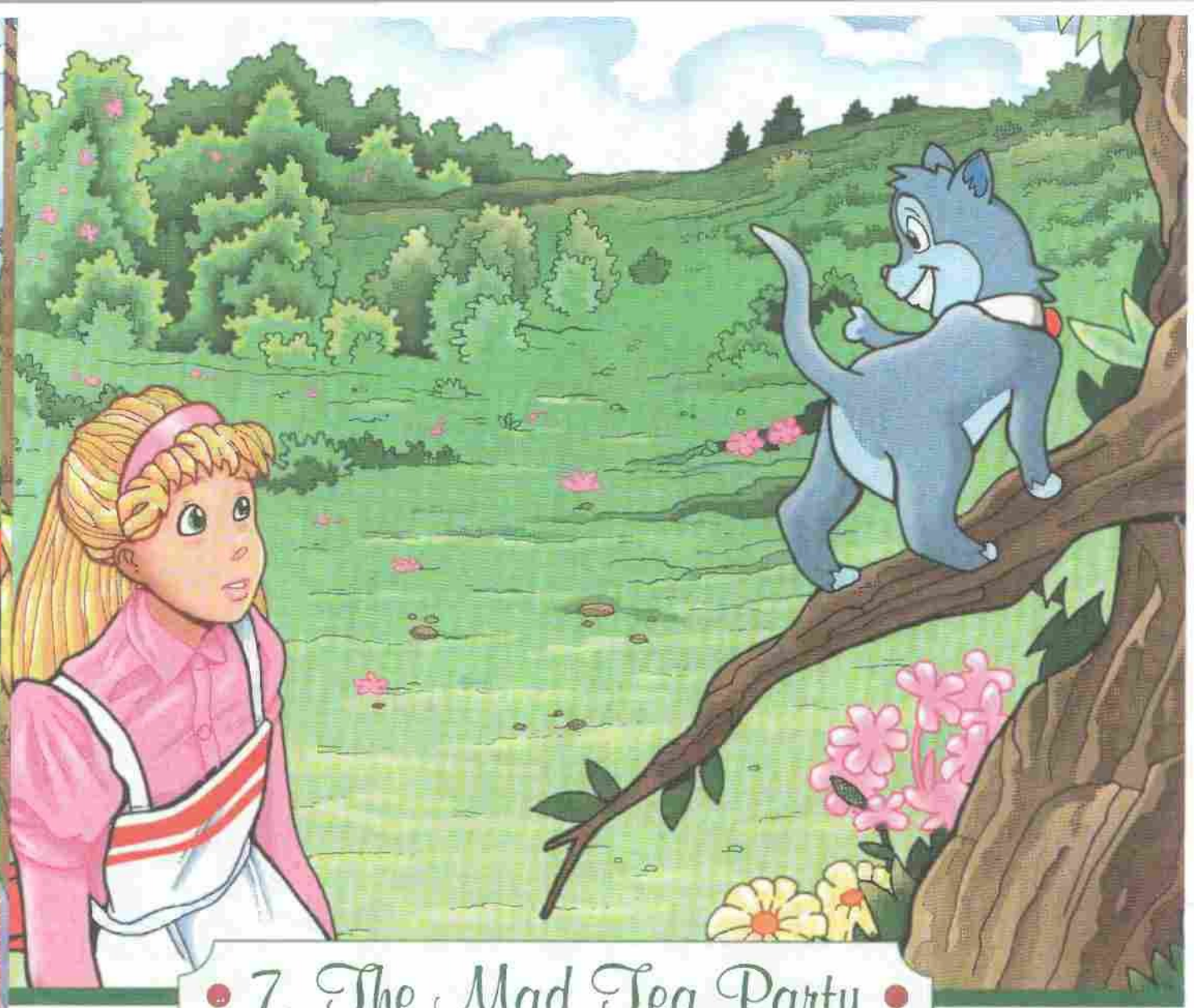
"Here! Take the baby!" said the Duchess, and she gave the baby to Alice. "I must get ready for croquet with the Queen!"

The Duchess went to get ready for croquet, and Alice took the baby outside.

"That's not a good place for a baby to live," she said. She looked at the baby. It looked like a little pig. It made a noise like a pig, too.

"You ARE a pig!" said Alice to the baby. She put it on the ground and it walked away into the wood.

"Where am I now?" thought Alice.



• 7. The Mad Tea Party •

Alice looked around and saw the Cheshire Cat in a tree, with a big smile on its face.

"Excuse me," she said, "can you tell me which way to go?"

"Where do you want to get to?" asked the cat.

"I don't know," said Alice. "Where can I go?"

"A Hatter lives over there," said the cat. He pointed one way. "And a March Hare lives over there." He pointed the other way. "You can visit either of them. They're both mad."

"I don't want to visit mad people," said Alice.

"Well, I'm sorry," said the cat, "but we're all mad here! I'm mad. You're mad. Goodbye!"

The cat slowly disappeared, starting with its tail, until Alice could only see its smile.

"I'm going to visit the March Hare," Alice said, and she walked through the wood until she came to the March Hare's house.

When she saw the house, Alice knew* she was in the right place. There was fur on the roof, and the chimneys looked like long ears.

There was a long table under a tree in the March Hare's garden. The Hatter and the March Hare were at the table. There was a Dormouse between them. It was fast asleep.

Alice sat in one of the chairs. "Hello!" said the March Hare. "Have some lemonade!"

Alice looked at the table. There wasn't any lemonade. There was only tea.

"I can't see any lemonade," she said.



"There isn't any," said the March Hare.

"Then it was rude to offer it to me," said Alice.

"It was rude to sit down at my table," said the March Hare. "I didn't invite you."

"There are plenty of chairs," said Alice.

Nobody spoke* for a few minutes. Then the Hatter asked, "What day of the month is it?"

"It's the fourth," said Alice.

The Hatter looked at his watch. "Two days wrong," he said to the March Hare. "I told you not to put butter in the watch."

"It was very good butter," said the March Hare.

Alice looked at the watch. "How funny!" she said. "It tells the day of the month, but it doesn't tell the time."

"Of course not!" said the Hatter. "Does your watch tell you what year it is?"

"No," said Alice, "because the year stays the same for a long time."

"Exactly!" said the Hatter. "Now, I want a clean cup! Let's all move round the table!"

They all moved to the next seat. Now Alice had a dirty cup in front of her.

"I don't think —" she said.

"Then don't talk!" said the Hatter.

Alice was so angry that she walked away from the table. "What a stupid tea party!" she said.



• 8. The Queen Of Hearts •

Alice walked through the wood, away from the March Hare's house. Suddenly, she saw a tree with a door in it.

"How strange!" she said. "But then, everything is strange today."

She went through the door. She was in the long room with the glass table again. This time, she took the key and unlocked the tiny door first. Then she ate one of the cakes from the rabbit's house.

"Now I'm small enough to go into the garden at last!" she said, and she went through the door.

There were a lot of people in the garden. First, Alice saw three gardeners. They looked like playing cards with black spades on them. Then ten soldiers walked across the grass. They had black clubs on them. Then the royal children ran across the garden. They were playing cards, too, and they had red hearts on them. The Knave of Hearts came* next, and then Alice saw the White Rabbit, and the King and Queen of Hearts.

Alice stood still and waited. The King and Queen stopped in front of her. The gardeners quickly lay* down on their faces.

"Who is this?" asked the Queen of Hearts. "What's your name, child?"

"My name is Alice, your Majesty," Alice said. "I mustn't be afraid," she thought. "They're only a



pack of cards."

"And who are these?" said the Queen of Hearts. She pointed to the gardeners.

"I don't know," said Alice. "It's not my business!"

The Queen was so angry that her face turned red. "Cut off her head!" she shouted.

Alice wasn't scared. "Don't be so silly!" she said to the Queen. "You can't cut my head off!"

"Calm down, dear," said the King to the Queen. "She's only a child."

"Very well," said the Queen. "Can you play croquet?"

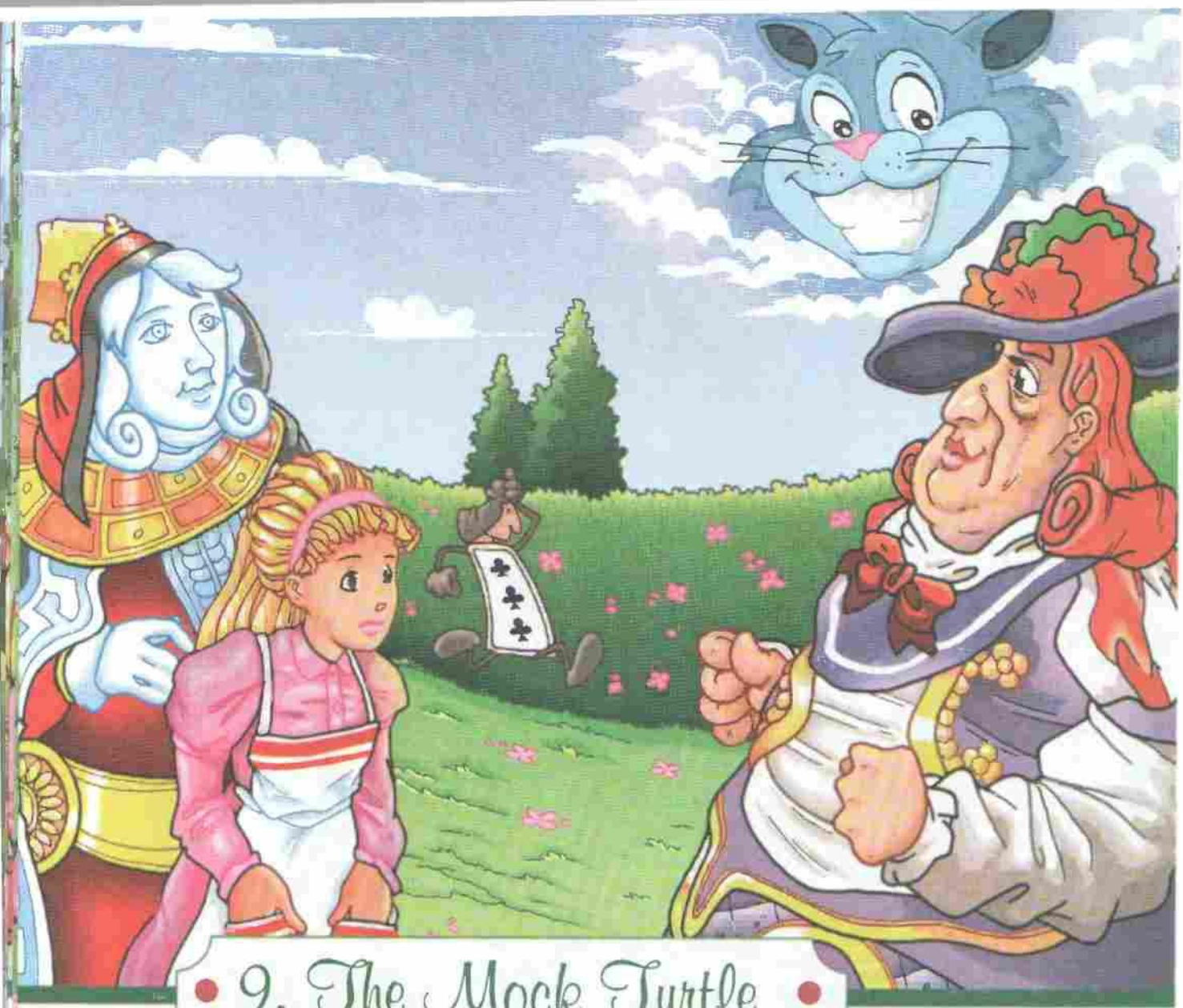
"Yes," said Alice.

"Come on, then!" shouted the Queen. "Take your places!"

Alice looked around and saw that everyone was ready to play. It was a very strange game. The balls were hedgehogs, and the mallets were flamingoes. The soldiers stood on their hands and feet to make hoops.

It was very difficult to play croquet with a flamingo. The pink birds didn't want to stay still. People shouted at each other and ran around the garden. The Queen got very angry and shouted "Cut off his head!" or "Cut off her head!" every few minutes.

Alice wanted to get away, but she didn't know where to go.



• 9. The Mock Turtle •

Alice looked around and saw a big smile in the air.

"Hello, Cheshire Cat," she said, and the whole cat appeared on the garden wall.

"How are you?" asked the cat. "Are you enjoying yourself?"

"It's not a very good game," said Alice. "Everyone is fighting."

Alice looked around and saw the Queen behind her.

"What is this?" asked the Queen.

"It's the Cheshire Cat," said Alice.

"I don't want it here!" shouted the Queen.

"It's the Duchess's cat. Ask her to take it away," said Alice.

One of the soldiers went to get the Duchess, but the cat started to disappear again. When the Duchess arrived, it was gone.

"I'm so happy to see you again!" said the Duchess. She took Alice's arm and they walked around the garden. The Duchess was very ugly, and she held* Alice very tight. Alice was glad when the Queen called her.

"You must meet the Mock Turtle!" shouted the Queen. They walked to another part of the garden, where a Gryphon was asleep in the sun.

"Get up, you lazy thing!" shouted the Queen. "Take Alice to see the Mock Turtle!"

The Queen went back to the croquet game and the Gryphon sat up slowly.

"Come on," it said to Alice.



They walked for a few minutes, and then Alice saw the Mock Turtle. He was on a rock and he looked very unhappy.

"Why is he so sad?" asked Alice.

"Oh, he's not sad," said the Gryphon. "He just thinks he's sad."

They looked at the Mock Turtle. He looked back at them with tears in his eyes.

"This is Alice," said the Gryphon. "She wants to hear your story."

They sat down next to the Mock Turtle and waited for him to speak.

"Once," said the Mock Turtle at last, with a deep sigh, "I went to a school under the sea. Our teacher was an old Turtle. We called him Tortoise."

"Why did you call him Tortoise?" asked Alice.

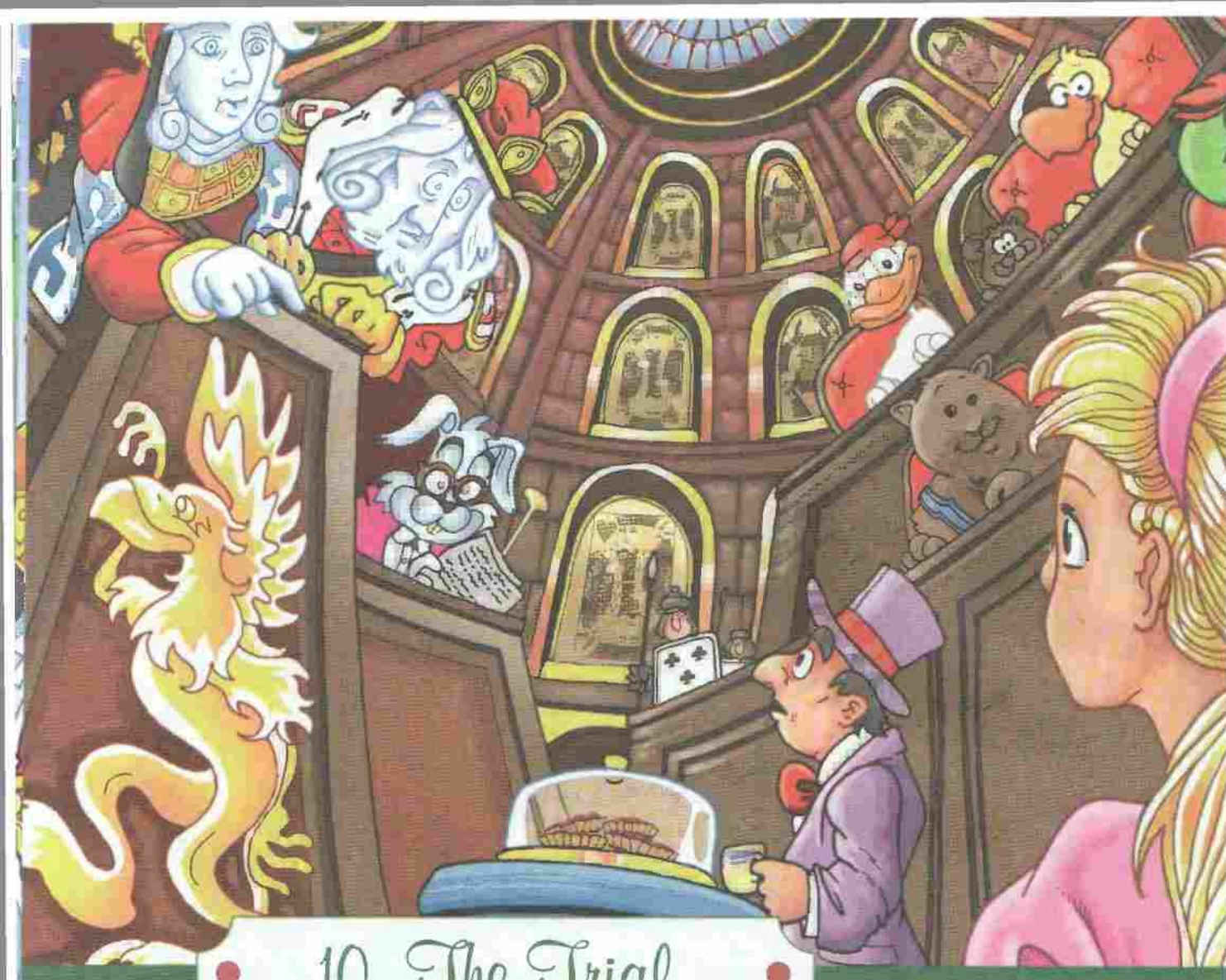
"Because he *taught* us!" said the Mock Turtle. "What a silly question! We had lessons every day, and we played games, too ..."

The Mock Turtle talked and talked. Alice didn't understand much of his story, but she listened politely. Then the Mock Turtle started to sing a song. Alice and the Gryphon danced.

Suddenly, they heard a shout from far away. "The trial is starting!"

"Come on!" said the Gryphon. He took Alice's hand and they ran.

"What trial is it?" asked Alice. But the Gryphon didn't answer. They ran faster and faster, and Alice could still hear the Mock Turtle's song behind them.



10. The Trial

The Gryphon took Alice to a large courtroom. The King and Queen were there, with a crowd of people around them. The White Rabbit was next to the King. He had a trumpet in one hand, and some paper in the other.

There was a table in the middle of the courtroom, with a large plate of tarts on it.

"They look delicious," thought Alice.

The King was the judge, and the jury were animals and birds. Alice saw Bill and Pat, the Mouse, the Duck and the Dodo in the jury box.

Suddenly the White Rabbit shouted, "Silence in court!" He blew* on his trumpet and read* from his paper.

*"The Queen of Hearts, she made some tarts,
All on a summer day.
The Knave of Hearts, he stole* the tarts,
And took them far away!"*

Then he shouted, "I call the first witness!"

The first witness was the Hatter. He had a cup in one hand and a piece of bread and butter in the other. "I'm sorry," he said, "but I'm still having my tea."

"Still?" asked the King. "When did you start?"

"On the fourteenth of March," said the Hatter.

"Cut off his head!" shouted the Queen.

"Can I finish my tea first?" asked the Mad Hatter.

"Oh, just go away," said the King. "Call the next witness!"



Just then, Alice looked down. "Oh no!" she said. "I'm growing again!"

Alice wanted to leave the courtroom, but she couldn't move.

"The next witness is ... Alice!" shouted the White Rabbit.

Alice stood up.

"Now," said the King, "what do you know about these tarts?"

"Nothing!" said Alice.

"There is a rule," said the King. "All people more than a mile high must leave the courtroom."

"I'm not a mile high!" said Alice.

"Yes, you are," said the King.

"Nearly two miles," said the Queen.

"Well, I don't want to go," said Alice.

"Cut off her head!" shouted the Queen.

"I don't care!" said Alice. "You're just a pack of cards!"

The whole pack of cards flew up into the air and flew at Alice's face. She gave a little scream and tried to push them away. Suddenly she was by the river, next to her sister. There were dead leaves on her face.

"Oh, are you awake now, Alice?" asked her sister. "What a long sleep!"

"Oh!" said Alice. "I had such a strange dream!"

She told her sister about all the funny things she saw and all the unusual people she met* in her dream.

"That WAS a strange and wonderful dream!" said her sister. "But now it's time for tea ..."



Activities

Before you start

The author

- 1 Who wrote *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*?
- 2 What was his real name?
- 3 When and where was he born?
- 4 How many children were there in his family?
- 5 What did young Charles enjoy doing?
- 6 Which school did he go to?
- 7 What was Charles' hobby?
- 8 Who was Alice Liddell?
- 9 How did the *Alice* books begin?
- 10 When and where did Charles Dodgson die?

Background

Correct the sentences.

- 1 Charles Dodgson hated children.
- 2 Lorina, Edith and Alice were friends.
- 3 Charles and a friend went rowing on the River Seine with the Liddell girls.
- 4 Alice wanted a story with adventure in it.
- 5 Alice asked Charles to draw the story of Alice's adventures for her.
- 6 Charles Dodgson published *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* in 1871.
- 7 The story is popular in England only.

The Plot

Look at the words. How are they related to the story?

- Alice • river • White Rabbit
- rabbit hole • strange new world
- talking animals and birds
- strange people • Mad Hatter
- magic cakes and drinks • Wonderland
- smaller and bigger • March Hare
- King and Queen of Hearts

The Characters

Who's ...

- | | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1 clever? | |
| 2 very bossy? | a)
b) |
| 3 silly? | |
| 4 nervous? | |
| 5 kind and caring? | |
| 6 gentle and kind? | |
| 7 mad and rude? | |
| 8 sometimes happy,
then suddenly angry? | |
| 9 friendly and cheerful? | |
| 10 always unhappy? | |

Episode 1

Before Reading

- 1** Which of these things can you see in the pictures?
 - a rabbit • a tree with a door
 - a dog • a river • flowers • a hole
 - some cakes • a clock • a watch
 - some candles • a pink dress
 - a hat • playing cards
 - a tunnel • a waistcoat
- 2** Look at the title and the pictures. Where is the rabbit going? Why is Alice following him? Listen and read to find out.

While Reading

- 3** Read or listen to the episode and mark the sentences *T* (true) or *F* (false).
 - 1 Alice and her sister are by the river.
 - 2 Alice doesn't like the book.
 - 3 The rabbit is in a hurry.
 - 4 The rabbit asks Alice to follow him.
 - 5 The rabbit goes down the river.
 - 6 The rabbit disappears.

After Reading

- 4** Discuss in pairs:
 - Why do you think Alice follows the rabbit?
 - Where is Alice at the end of the episode?
 - How do you think Alice is going to get out of the room?
 - What do you think is going to happen in the next episode?

Episode 2

Before Reading

- 1** Look at the pictures and the title. Where is Alice? What is she holding in each picture? What is she going to do with these things?
 - glass table • gold key • tiny door
 - bottle • drink • become small
 - glass box • cake • grow
 - hit ceiling • too tall
- 2** Look at the pictures and the words below. What do you think is going to happen in this episode? Listen, read and check.

While Reading

- 3** Answer the questions.
 - 1 What does Alice find behind the curtain?
 - 2 Why can't Alice go into the beautiful garden?
 - 3 What happens when Alice drinks from the bottle on the table?
 - 4 What happens when Alice eats the cake?
 - 5 Why does Alice cry?

After Reading

- 4** Discuss in pairs:
 - Do you think it is a good idea to eat and drink strange things? Why (not)?
 - How do you think Alice feels when she is very small?
 - What is good/bad about being very small/tall?
 - Can you think of a different title for this episode?
 - What do you think is going to happen in the next episode?

Episode 3

Before Reading

- 1 Look at the pictures and the title. How are they related?
- 2 Look at these subheadings for the episode. What do you think the episode is about? Listen, read and check.
 - Alice Cries and Cries
 - The Rabbit sees Alice
 - Alice Becomes Small Again
 - Swimming in the Pool of Tears

While Reading

- 3 Read or listen to the episode and put the events in the correct order.
 - ☐ Alice falls into some water.
 - ☐ Alice picks up the fan and gloves.
 - ☒ Alice sees the White Rabbit.
 - ☐ Alice sees a mouse, a dodo, a duck and a baby eagle.
 - ☐ Alice tries to get the key.
 - ☐ Alice and the animals swim to the shore.
 - ☐ Alice becomes small again.
 - ☐ The White Rabbit drops a fan and a pair of gloves.
 - ☐ Alice drops the fan on the floor.
 - ☐ Alice tries to open the tiny door.

After Reading

- 4 In pairs, discuss which word below best describes the way Alice is feeling. Why does she feel this way?
 - scared • lonely • happy
 - confused • excited • angry

What do you think is going to happen to Alice and the creatures in the pool?

Episode 4

Before Reading

- 1 Look at the pictures and answer the questions.
 - 1 What are the animals doing in the first picture?
 - 2 How do you think Alice feels in the first picture?
 - 3 What are the animals doing in the second picture?
 - 4 How do you think Alice feels in the second picture?
- 2 Look at the title of this episode. Why do you think the animals run a race? Why do you think the race is strange?

While Reading

- 3 Read or listen to the episode and replace the words in bold with the correct names: *Alice, the Dodo, Dinah or the Mouse*.
 - 1 **She** can catch birds.
 - 2 **He** wants to run a race.
 - 3 **She** gives the animals sweets.
 - 4 **He** ran away.
 - 5 **She** misses her cat.
 - 6 **He** says that everyone is the winner.

After Reading

- 4 Discuss in pairs:
 - Why do the animals and birds go away from Alice?
 - How does Alice feel at the end, and why?
 - What do you think is going to happen next?

Episode 5

Before Reading

- 1 Look at the first picture. Where is Alice now? Who lives in the little house? What can Alice do there?
- 2 Look at the pictures and the title. What do you think is going to happen in this episode? Listen and read to find out.

While Reading

- 3 Read and fill in the correct words.
 - 1 The White Rabbit is looking for his fan and
 - 2 The White Rabbit thinks that Alice is his
 - 3 Alice finds the fan and gloves in the White Rabbit's
 - 4 Alice drinks a drink and becomes again.
 - 5 Pat tries to get through the
 - 6 Bill tries to get down the
 - 7 Bill and Pat throw at Alice.
 - 8 Alice leaves the house and runs into a

After Reading

- 4 Answer the questions.
 - 1 Who do Pat, Bill and Mary Ann work for? How does he speak to them?
 - 2 Do you think the White Rabbit is a good boss? Why (not)?
 - 3 Why do you think Alice puts some of the cakes in her pocket?
 - 4 What do you think Alice is going to find in the wood?

Episode 6

Before Reading

- 1 Read the sentences below. Tick (✓) the things you think are going to happen in this episode. Listen, read and check.

- ☐ Alice sees another little house.
- ☐ A man in uniform opens the door.
- ☐ Alice goes into the house.
- ☐ The cat smiles at Alice.
- ☐ The Duchess gives the baby to Alice.
- ☐ Alice takes the baby outside.

While Reading

- 2 Read or listen to the episode and mark the sentences as T (true) or F (false).
 - 1 Alice sees a big house in the wood.
 - 2 The fish-man gives the frog-man a letter.
 - 3 There is a terrible smell coming from the house.
 - 4 There is a large cat near the fire.
 - 5 The Duchess gives the cat to Alice.
 - 6 The baby turns into a pig.

After Reading

- 3 Discuss in pairs:
 - How do you think Alice feels when she meets the Duchess? Why?
 - Do you think the Duchess is scary or funny? Why?
 - Do you think the Duchess is a good mother? Why (not)? What makes a good mother?
 - How do you think Alice feels when the baby turns into a pig? Why?
 - What do you think Alice is going to do now?

Episode 7

Before Reading

1 Look at the pictures. Can you find:

- the March Hare? • the Dormouse?
- the Hatter? • the Cheshire Cat?

What do you think each of these characters is like? How are they related to the title? Listen and read to find out.

While Reading

2 Read and answer the questions.

- 1 The Cheshire Cat tells Alice about two characters she can visit. Which ones? What does he say about both of them?
- 2 Who does Alice decide to visit first?
- 3 What does the March Hare's house look like?
- 4 Where is the March Hare, and what is he doing?
- 5 Why does Alice think that the March Hare is rude?
- 6 Why does Alice leave the table?

After Reading

3 In pairs, answer the questions.

- 1 Do you think the March Hare and the Hatter are rude or funny? Why?
- 2 How do you feel when people are rude to you?
- 3 Do you think it is important to be polite?
- 4 Would you like to have tea with the March Hare and the Hatter? Why (not)?
- 5 Where do you think Alice is going to go now?

Episode 8

Before Reading

1 Look at the title and the pictures. What do you think is happening in each picture?

2 Look at the pictures and these subheadings for the episode. What do you think is going to happen in this episode?. Listen, read and check.

- The Door in the Tree
- Small Again
- The Beautiful Garden
- The King and Queen of Hearts
- A Game of Croquet

While Reading

3 Who does what? Read and complete the sentences.

- 1 sees a tree with a door in it.
- 2 lie down on their faces.
- 3 tells the Queen to calm down.
- 4 stand on their hands and feet to make hoops.
- 5 gets very angry.
- 6 wanted to get away.

After Reading

4 Discuss in pairs:

- Why are people scared of the Queen?
- Do you think the Queen is good or bad? Why?
- Why do you think the Queen shouts all the time?

5 Alice plays a very strange game of croquet. Can you think of a strange way to play your favourite sport or game? Tell the class about it.

Episode 9

Before Reading

- 1 Look at the title and the pictures. Who is the Mock Turtle? Who are the other characters in the pictures?
- 2 Tick (✓) the events that you think are going to happen in this episode. Listen, read and check.

- ☐ Alice meets the Cheshire Cat again.
- ☐ The Duchess is angry with Alice.
- ☐ Alice meets a Gryphon and a Mock Turtle.
- ☐ The Mock Turtle tells Alice a story.
- ☐ Alice is scared of the Gryphon.
- ☐ Alice dances with the Gryphon.

While Reading

- 3 Read and correct the words in bold.

- 1 The Duchess is **sad** to see Alice.
- 2 The Duchess is very **beautiful**.
- 3 The **King** wants Alice to meet the Mock Turtle.
- 4 The Mock Turtle is very **cheerful**.
- 5 The Mock Turtle tells Alice a **joke**.

After Reading

- 4 Answer the questions.

- 1 Do you think the Mock Turtle likes being sad? Why (not)?
- 2 Why do you think Alice listens to the Mock Turtle's story?
- 3 What do you think will happen at the trial?
- 4 Why do people have trials?

Episode 10

Before Reading

- 1 Look at the title and the pictures. What do you think the trial is about? What do you think is going to happen in this episode? Listen, read to find out.

While Reading

- 3 Read or listen to the episode and put the events in the correct order.

- ☐ The King tells Alice that she is too tall.
- ☐ The White Rabbit calls the first witness.
- ☐ Alice sees a plate of tarts.
- ☐ The playing cards fly into the air.
- ☐ The King tells the Hatter to go away.
- ☒ Alice and the Gryphon go into the courtroom.
- ☐ Alice wakes up.
- ☐ Alice tells Edith about her strange dream.
- ☐ The White Rabbit calls Alice.
- ☐ Alice starts to grow again.

After Reading

- 4 Discuss in pairs:

- How do you think Alice feels when she wakes up? Why?
- Do you think Alice wants to go back to Wonderland? Why (not)?
- Do you think Alice is brave? Why (not)?

Alice in Wonderland Final Comprehension Quiz

- 1 Who wrote *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*?
A Lewis Carroll B Enid Blyton
C Jonathan Swift
- 2 What animal did Alice follow into a different world?
A a white mouse with blue eyes
B a white rabbit with pink eyes
C a big elephant with white eyes
- 3 What did the Duchess's baby turn into?
A a mouse B a pig C a cat
- 4 What did the Cheshire Cat do all the time?
A It cried. B It smiled.
C It sneezed.
- 5 Whose house was the mad tea party at?
A the Hatter's B the March Hare's
C the Dormouse's
- 6 Who told Alice not to talk?
A the Hatter B the Mock Turtle
C the Queen
- 7 What did the soldiers do during the game of croquet?
A They sang a song.
B They lay down on their faces.
C They made croquet hoops with their bodies.
- 8 Who shouted "Off with his head!"?
A the Queen B the White Rabbit
C the Cheshire Cat
- 9 What happened when the whole pack of cards flew into Alice's face?
A She woke up. B She ran away.
C The rabbit rescued her.
- 10 Who did Alice tell about her curious dream?
A her cat B her sister
C her mother

Discuss in groups.

- Which is your favourite character in Wonderland? Why?
- Which character didn't you like? Why?
- Would you like to go to Wonderland? Why (not)?
- What do you think is the strangest thing in Wonderland?
- Do you ever have strange dreams? Tell the class about one of your dreams.
- Can you think of a different title for the story?

Project

- Imagine that the story takes place today. Write a modern story about Alice. Think about:
 - what Alice wears.
 - where Alice lives.
 - where Alice goes.
 - how she gets there.
 - who Alice meets.
 - what adventures Alice has.
 - how Alice feels.
 - how Alice gets home again.
- Tell the class your story about Alice.

Irregular Verbs

Past – Infinitive	Past – Infinitive	Past – Infinitive	Past – Infinitive	Past – Infinitive	Past – Infinitive
ate eat	drank drink	got get	lay lie	sat sit	thought think
became become	drew draw	grew grow	made make	saw see	threw throw
began begin	fell fall	had have	met meet	spent spend	told tell
blew blow	felt feel	heard hear	put put	spoke speak	took take
came come	flew fly	held hold	ran run	stole steal	tried try
could can	found find	hit hit	read read	stood stand	was be
cried cry	gave give	knew know	said say	taught teach	wrote write

Glossary

- p4 puppet show /pʌpɪt ʃəʊ/ кукольный театр
entertain /entə'teɪn/ (v) развлекать
dean /di:n/ (n) декан
- p5 rowing /rəʊɪŋ/ (n) гребля
be worried /bi wʌrɪd/ быть расстроенным
follow /fɒləʊ/ (v) следовать, идти за
bottom /bɒtəm/ (n) дно
- p6 rude /ru:d/ (adj) грубый
care about заботиться о ком-либо
be scared of бояться кого-либо, чего-либо
get into trouble попасть в беду
duchess /dʌtʃɪs/ (n) герцогиня
shout /ʃaʊt/ (v) кричать
mad /mæd/ (adj) безумный, сумасшедший
sensible /sensəbəl/ (adj) разумный
argue /ɑ:gju:/ (v) спорить
- p7 Queen of Hearts дама червей
change one's mind передумать, изменить решение
calm smb down успокаивать кого-либо
be lost потеряться
- p8 bored /bɔ:d/ (adj) скучающий
boring /bɔ:rɪŋ/ (adj) скучный
waistcoat /weɪskəʊt/ (n) жилет
- p9 well /wel/ (n) колодец
whiskers /wɪskəz/ (n) усы (у животных)
be going to собираться сделать что-либо
- p10 tiny /taɪni/ (adj) крошечный
lock /lɒk/ (n) замок
- p11 reach /ri:tʃ/ (v) доставать, дотягиваться
ceiling /'si:lɪŋ/ (n) потолок
- p12 fan /fæn/ (n) веер
gloves /glʌvz/ (n) перчатки
scream /skri:m/ (v) кричать, вопить, визжать
drop /drɒp/ (v) бросать, ронять
- p13 creature /kri:tʃə/ (n) создание, животное
shore /ʃɔ:/ (n) берег
- p14 wet /wet/ (adj) мокрый
dry /draɪ/ (adj, v) сухой, сохнуть
run a race бегать наперегонки
circle /sɜ:kəl/ (n) круг
- p15 upset /ʌpsɛt/ (adj) расстроенный, огорченный
- p16 maid /meɪd/ (n) служанка
I'm tired of я устал, мне надоело
chimney /tʃɪmni/ (n) труба
- p17 inside /ɪnsaɪd/ (adv) внутри
outside /aʊtsaɪd/ (adv) наружу
guinea pig /ɡɪnɪpɪɡ/ морская свинка
lizard /lɪzəd/ (n) ящерица
- p18 I wonder /wʌndə/ хотелось бы знать
let in впускать
sneeze /sni:z/ (n) чиханье
crash /kræʃ/ (n) грохот
- p19 pepper /pepə/ (n) перец
mind your own business занимайся своим делом
- p20 disappear /disə'piə/ (v) исчезать
fast asleep крепко спать
- p21 offer /ɒfə/ (v) предлагать
plenty of множество
stupid /stju:pɪd/ (adj) глупый
- p22 spade /speɪd/ (n) пиковая масть
club /klʌb/ (n) трефовая масть
royal /rɔɪəl/ (adj) королевский
Knave of Hearts /neɪv/ червонный валет
- p23 hedgehog /hedʒhɒɡ/ (n) еж
mallet /mæli:t/ (n) молоток (в крокете)
hoop /hu:p/ ворота (в крокете)
- p24 whole /haʊl/ (adj) весь, целый
fight /faɪt/ (v) драться
ugly /ʌɡli/ (adj) уродливый
tight /taɪt/ (adv) крепко, плотно
- p25 with a deep sigh глубоко вздохнув
tortoise /tɔ:təs/ (n) черепаха
trial /traɪəl/ (n) суд
- p26 judge /dʒʌdʒ/ (n) судья
jury /dʒyuri/ (n) присяжные
witness /wɪtnɪs/ (n) свидетель
- p27 I don't care мне безразлично/все равно

1

A World Full of Magic

We can show you magic things
We can make you smile
Join us in a wonderland
Stay here for a while

CHORUS:

A world full of magic
So wonderful and new
A world full of magic
Is waiting here for you

We can travel far away
Let us show you how
Come with us to Wonderland
Let's all go there now

(Repeat Chorus)

2

I'm Late!

CHORUS:

I'm late, I'm late, I'm late,
Oh! It really is a crime!
I'm always in a hurry,
But I'm never quite on time!

I'm going to be in trouble
The Duchess hates to wait
She's going to be so angry
'Cause I'm late, I'm late, I'm late!

(Repeat Chorus)

What am I going to do now?
I just can't miss this date
But, oh, my ears and whiskers!
I'm late, I'm late, I'm late!

(Repeat Chorus)

People often tell me
Time doesn't wait for men
But I am just a rabbit
And I'm late, I'm late again!

3

Everything Changes

I don't know what is true here
Everything is strange
Close your eyes for a second
And everything can change

CHORUS:

Everything changes,
I don't know why
What is the truth,
and what is a lie?
Everything changes,
just look and see
Why are these strange things
happening to me?

I don't know who I am here
I'm not the girl I knew
I change with every second
I don't know what to do

(Repeat Chorus)



Come to the Trial

4

The king calls you all
To the courtroom today
The trial is starting
So come right away!

CHORUS:

Come to the trial
Come and see the show
Stop what you're doing
Because it's time to go

Come to the courtroom
For a little while
Come, everybody,
Come to the trial!

(Repeat Chorus)

Someone is guilty
Someone must pay
So come to the courtroom
The trial starts today!

(Repeat Chorus)

5

A Magic Future

The world is changing all the time
And nothing's what it seems
Just be brave like Alice is
And follow all your dreams

CHORUS:

A magic future's waiting
So come and take my hand
We'll be brave together
Like Alice in Wonderland

You know you can do anything
Your dreams can all come true
You can find your Wonderland
It isn't hard to do

(Repeat Chorus)

