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Chapter 1: Down the Rabbit Hole

Fiction

Exercise A: Short comprehension tasks:

Read the following lines from the chapter and answer the questions below.

Alice had nothing to do. She was sitting by the river with her big sister, but that was not interesting. Once or twice she looked at the book her sister was reading. There were no pictures in it. 'What good is a book without pictures?' thought Alice.

1. What does the line "Alice had nothing to do" suggest?

- a. she was busy
- ☒ b. she was bored
- c. she was excited
- d. she was sleeping



2. Which word is an adjective in the sentence below?

"She was sitting by the river with her big sister."

- a. river
- b. sitting
- ☒ c. big
- d. sister

3. Which sentence is punctuated correctly?

- a. alice had nothing to do.
- ☒ b. Alice had nothing to do.
- c. alice Had nothing to do.
- d. Alice had nothing to do

Read the following lines from chapter 1 and answer the questions below.

Alice fell quite slowly. She had the time to look at the things around her. She looked at the sides of the hole. She could see lots of cupboards and shelves. She took a jar from one of the shelves. The words **ORANGE JAM** were written on it. Alice liked eating jam, but she never heard of orange jam before. She opened the jar, but it was empty. She put it back carefully.



1. Why was Alice surprised to see "orange jam"? (one line answer)

She never heard about orange jam before.

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2. What can you understand about the hole from the things Alice saw around her? (one line answer)

It was like a big room with cupboards and shelves.

3. What does the word "carefully" suggest about Alice?

- a. she was careless
- b. she was gentle and thoughtful
- c. she was in a hurry
- d. she was afraid

4. What can you understand about the hole from what Alice saw?

- a. it was empty and dark
- b. it was small and narrow
- c. it had shelves and cupboards like a room
- d. it was full of water

5. Find a word from the lines above which is the opposite of the word 'full'.

empty

From 'The Beautiful Garden':

1. Arrange the following actions in order as they happen in the story (write numbers 1—5)

4	1	2	5	3
Alice looks through a very small door and sees a beautiful garden.	Alice is standing in a long hall with many locked doors.	Alice finds a small gold key on a little glass table.	Alice finds a bottle labeled "DRINK ME" and drinks all of it.	Alice uses the gold key to open the little door, but she is too big to fit.

2. She locked the little door and went back to the table. This time she found a little bottle on the table. She put the key on the table and picked up the bottle.

This wasn't here before,' Alice said.

What do the words 'This wasn't here before' tell you about the place where Alice was?

magical place

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Short Comprehension:

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below:

'What a strange feeling,' said Alice. 'Everything seems to be getting bigger. Perhaps I am getting smaller.' She was getting smaller. She was now only ten inches high.

She felt very happy. She was just the right size to go through the little door into that lovely garden. When she arrived at the door she found she had forgotten to bring the little gold key. When she went back to the table it was too high for her. So she sat down and cried.

'Well, well, it is silly to cry like that,' Alice said to herself. 'Stop crying at once.'

Then she saw a little glass box under the table. There was a very small cake inside it, with the words EAT ME on it.

'Well, I'll eat it,' said Alice. 'Perhaps it will make me grow bigger. Then I can reach the key. If it makes me grow smaller, I can go under the door. I'll get into the garden one way or the other.'

She ate a little of the cake. She put her hand on to the top of her head. She wanted to see which way she was growing. She was quite surprised. Nothing was happening. So, very quickly, she ate the whole cake.

1. The text says Alice "tasted it carefully." What does the word carefully tell us about how Alice felt?

- a. she was very hungry and ate fast
- b. she was a little bit nervous or unsure ✓
- c. she was playing a game
- d. she was in a big hurry

2. Alice says, 'Perhaps I am getting smaller.' Which word means the same as perhaps?

- a. surely
- b. never ✓
- c. maybe
- d. quickly

3. In the sentence, "She was just the right size," what does the word just mean?

- a. only
- b. exactly ✓
- c. nearly
- d. unfairly

4. Why did Alice tell herself to "stop crying at once"?

She didn't want to look silly. ✓
didn't

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5. When Alice sees the cake, she says, "I'll get into the garden one way or the other." What does this tell you about Alice's character?

She never gives up, easily.

6. Looking at the first page, why do you think the "DRINK ME" bottle wasn't there before?

It is a magical place.

7. Why did Alice put her hand on top of her head after eating a little bit of the cake?

She wanted to see which way she was growing.

From the whole chapter 1:

1. Match the words with their meanings. Write the letter of the meaning in front of the word.

Word	Answer	Meaning
1. strange	a ✓	a. Unusual or surprising; difficult to understand.
2. ceiling	b ✓	b. The top inside surface of a room.
3. curtain	c ✓	c. A piece of cloth used to cover a window or a door.
4. tunnel	d ✓	d. A long passage that goes under the ground or through a hill.
5. suddenly	e ✓	e. Something that happens very quickly and when you do not expect it.
6. shelves	f ✓	f. Flat boards used for putting things on, like books or food.
7. surprised	g ✓	g. The feeling you have when something unexpected happens.
8. interesting	h ✓	h. Keeping your attention because it is exciting or unusual.
9. hurried	i ✓	i. To move or do something very quickly.
10. arrived	j ✓	j. To reach a place at the end of a journey.

2. Guess the tricky verbs: for example: speak—spoke or spoken

Some verbs in the chapter are used with different spellings. It is because they change **form** when they are used in **past tense** (to tell an action happened in the time which has past). Guess the original form of the following verbs and write them in the blank spaces in front of the words.

felt	feel ✓	hurried	hurry ✓	saw	see ✓	ate	eat ✓
said	say ✓	fell	feel x fall	tried	try ✓	drank	drink ✓
knew	know ✓	took	take ✓	bent	bend ✓	written	write ✓
thought	think ✓	heard	hear ✓	found	find ✓	ran	run ✓

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Chapter 2: The Pool of Tears

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From 'Into the Garden'

A. Choose the correct answer:

1. In line 5, the White Rabbit is described as being frightened. Which of these words shows that he was very scared?

a. He saw Alice.

b. He ran down the hall. ✓

c. He dropped his fan and his gloves.

d. He was in the hall.

2. Look at the phrase: "the little golden key." Which word in this phrase is a noun?

a. little

b. golden

c. (key) ✓

d. the

3. In line 15, the text says: "...she had put on one of the White Rabbit's white gloves." Who does the pronoun '**she**' refer to?

1. The White Rabbit

2. (Alice) ✓

3. The fan

4. The reader

1. Alice says, "I must be growing small again." Why did Alice use the verb '**growing**' instead of just saying she was small?

1. Because she was already finished changing size.

2. Because she was staying the same height. ✓

3. Because the change was happening at that moment.

4. Because she wanted to be taller.

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B. Short Answer Questions

Write your answers in complete sentences using information from the text.

5. Read page 6 carefully: why did Alice start fanning herself after the White Rabbit ran away?

She was feeling hot. ✓

6. In the final paragraph (page 6), the text mentions Alice fell into "salt water." What did this water actually turn out to be?

Alice's tears ✓

7. At the end of the passage, why was Alice unable to open the little door to the garden, even though she was now small enough to fit through?

She did not have the golden key. ✓

From the whole Chapter 2

8. Match the meanings with the words:

Words	Meanings
1. Roof - E ✓	A) Full of people with very little room to move.
2. Inch - D ✓	B) Scared or afraid of something.
3. Frightened - B ✓	C) A person who grows crops or takes care of animals.
4. Gloves - F ✓	D) A small unit used to measure how long something is.
5. Neck - G ✓	E) The top covering of a building or a house.
6. Farmer - C ✓	F) Things you wear on your hands to keep them warm or clean.
7. Crowded - A ✓	G) The part of the body that joins the head to the shoulders.

9. Make sentences with the following words:

. Frightened:

I am frightened of storms. ✗

10. Crowded

The bus was crowded with ^{the} people. ✓