

P.E.E - Alice In Wonderland

CHAPTER 1

Down the Rabbit-Hole

Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, 'and what is the use of a book,' thought Alice 'without pictures or conversation?'

So she was considering in her own mind (as well as she could, for the hot day made her feel very sleepy and stupid), whether the pleasure of making a daisy-chain would be worth the trouble of getting up and picking the daisies, when suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her. There was nothing so very remarkable in that; nor did Alice think it so very much out of the way to hear the Rabbit say to itself, 'Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late!' (when she thought it over afterwards, it occurred to her that she ought to have wondered at this, but at the time it all seemed quite natural); but when the Rabbit actually took a watch out of its waistcoat-pocket, and looked at it, and then hurried on, Alice started to her feet, for it flashed across her mind that she had never before seen a rabbit with either a waistcoat-pocket, or a watch to take out of it, and burning with curiosity, she ran across the field after it, and fortunately was just in time to see it pop down a large rabbit-hole under the hedge. In another moment down went Alice after it, never once considering how in the world she was to get out again.

The rabbit-hole went straight on like a tunnel for some way, and then dipped suddenly down, so suddenly that Alice had not a moment to think about stopping herself before she found herself falling down a very deep well.

Either the well was very deep, or she fell very slowly, for she had plenty of time as she went down to look about her and to wonder what was going to happen next. First, she tried to look down and make out what she was coming to, but it was too dark to see anything; then she looked at the sides of the well, and noticed that they were filled with cupboards and book-shelves; here and there she saw maps and pictures hung upon pegs. She took down a jar from one of the shelves as she passed; it was labelled 'ORANGE MARMALADE', but to her great disappointment it was empty: she did not like to drop the jar for fear of killing somebody, so managed to put it into one of the cupboards as she fell past it.

P.E.E Questions (Point, Evidence, Explanation Questions)

Point

*What's your **point**?*

First make a simple statement about what the writer does:

- The writer suggests that...
- The writer shows this by using...
- The writer describes... as...

Evidence

*Give some **evidence** from the text to support your point.*

- For example...
- For instance in the third paragraph...
- The writer states:

Explanation

***Explain** how the writer's methods affect the reader.*

Explain how key words and techniques from the evidence help to get these effects:

- The effect of this is...
- This makes the reader feel that.....
- This suggests that...

Look at the questions carefully.

Can you create the correct A.P.E answer, to each question, using the cards provided?

How old was Alice's sister?

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What time of year was the story set?

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QUESTION CARDS

Why do you think the rabbit didn't stop to talk to Alice?

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Why did Alice follow the rabbit?

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POINT CARDS

How did Alice feel when she entered the tunnel, following the rabbit?

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Alice's sister was probably older than her.

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It seems that the story was set in the summer.

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The rabbit did not stop to talk to Alice because he didn't notice her.

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Alice stood up as soon as she saw the rabbit.

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Alice felt very excited as she entered the rabbit hole.

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EVIDENCE CARDS

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We know this because the text tells us that, 'the hot day made her feel very sleepy and stupid.'

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The text tells us that the Rabbit said to itself, 'Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late!'

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The text tells us that Alice was, 'burning with curiosity.'

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EXPLANATION CARDS

The text tells us that, 'down went Alice after it, never once considering how in the world she was to get out again.'

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This tells us that Alice found her sister's book boring because it didn't have pictures in. Books with pictures are usually aimed at younger children.

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This tells us that the weather was hot therefore this would be in the summer months.

This tells us that the rabbit was in a hurry therefore he didn't stop to talk to Alice because he didn't notice her.

We can guess that Alice followed the rabbit because she was very curious about him and the unusual things he had done.

We can tell that Alice was very excited because she entered the rabbit hole and didn't even consider her safety and how she would get out again!

Now Your Turn...

Answer the following questions using the P.E.E method you have practised in the task above.

What do we find out about Alice's character?

What did Alice think of the rabbit?

What did Alice think of the rabbit AFTER the story had been told?

Answers

1. How old was Alice's sister?

Alice's sister was probably older than her. We know this because the text tells us that, 'once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it.' This tells us that Alice found her sister's book boring because it didn't have pictures in. Books with pictures are usually aimed at younger children.

2. What time of year was the story set?

It seems that the story was set in the summer. We know this because the text tells us that, 'the hot day made her feel very sleepy and stupid.' This tells us that the weather was hot therefore this would be in the summer months.

3. Why do you think the rabbit didn't stop to talk to Alice?

The rabbit did not stop to talk to Alice because he didn't notice her. The text tells us that the Rabbit said to itself, 'Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late!'. This tells us that the rabbit was in a hurry therefore he didn't stop to talk to Alice because he didn't notice her.

4. Why did Alice follow the rabbit?

Alice stood up as soon as she saw the rabbit. The text tells us that Alice was, 'burning with curiosity.' This phrase tells us that Alice was determined to investigate where the rabbit was going once her interest had been piqued.

5. How did Alice feel when she entered the tunnel, following the rabbit?

Alice felt very excited as she entered the rabbit hole. The text tells us that, 'down went Alice after it, never once considering how in the world she was to get out again.' We can tell that Alice was very excited because she entered the rabbit hole and didn't even consider her safety and how she would get out again!