

YEAR 5 BRONZE THURSDAY ACTIVITY

Alice in Wonderland

This extract comes from the beginning of Chapter 2. Alice drank from a small bottle and it has made her begin to grow incredibly tall.

"Curiouser and curiouser!" cried Alice, quite surprised at the strange words she had just spoken. "Now, I'm opening up like an enormous telescope!" Alice looked down and noticed that her feet were so far away that they were nearly out of sight. "Goodbye feet! I wonder who will put shoes and socks on you now. I know I won't be able to for I am too far away. You will have to do it yourselves!"

At this point, Alice began to worry that if she ignored her feet altogether then they might do the same to her. Concerned about the possibility of her feet taking her in the wrong direction, Alice decided that she would send them a present every Christmas to make sure they still liked her. As she thought about what to send a pair of feet, she realised how odd the address would look:



Just then, Alice's head banged against the ceiling. She was now more than nine feet tall. At once, she grabbed the little key and hurried over to the locked door. However, although Alice was tall enough to get the key, she was now far too large to make it through the unlocked door. As she lay on her side, one eye peering through the opened door, she began to cry.



Talking to herself out loud, Alice forcefully said, "You ought to be ashamed of yourself. A great girl like you to cry like this! I demand that you stop right now!" Unsurprisingly, telling herself off had done nothing to stop the flow of tears and there was soon a large pool of salty water surrounding her that reached halfway down the opposite hall.

After a while, Alice heard the quiet sound of feet in the distance and quickly dried her eyes to see what was coming. It was the white rabbit that she had seen earlier. This time, he was carrying a pair of white gloves in one hand and a large fan in the other. He seemed to be in a great hurry, muttering to himself as he came closer, "Oh dear! Oh no! Oh, she won't be happy if I've kept her waiting!"



Alice, who was so desperate for help at this point, forgot that he was a rabbit and began to ask for assistance. "Please sir, if you wouldn't mind..." The rabbit, shocked to see that Alice was in front of him, dropped everything and immediately ran away.

Alice lifted the now sodden fan and gloves from the floor and began to fan herself while thinking out loud about what had happened over the past few hours. "Everything has been very strange today. Yesterday, things just went on as usual but they are now all in a muddle. I wonder if I've been changed during the night. Let me think. Was I the same when I woke up this morning? I almost think I can remember feeling a little different. Although, if I'm not the same, the next question is... who in the world am I?" Worried that she was now somebody else, Alice began thinking of all the children she knew who were the same age as her to see if she could have been changed into any of them.



"I'm sure I'm not Ada," she said, running one hand through her hair. "Her hair grows in long ringlets and mine isn't doing that at all!" She paused to think again. "I can't be Eva either," she decided. "She is so small that she would never be able to grow as tall as I am now!" After comparing herself to several other children in her class, Alice had to accept that she was likely a different person altogether and not an Ada, an Eva or even an Alice.



NOW ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, REMEMBER TO THINK ABOUT YOUR STRATEGIES, HAVE YOU PICKED THE TEXT APART? DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT THE QUESTION IS ASKING YOU? HAVE YOU CIRCLED THE QUESTION WORD AND UNDERLINED THE KEY WORDS?

Alice in Wonderland Questions

1. Who is Alice thinking about sending a Christmas present to? Tick one.

- her family
- the rabbit
- her feet
- the hearthrug

2. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order they occurred.

- Alice gets the key.
- The rabbit drops a fan.
- Alice starts growing.
- Alice decides that she has turned into a different person.

3. Look at the paragraph beginning **Talking to herself out loud...**

Find and copy **two** different words that show Alice is being firm with herself.

1. _____

2. _____

4. Why does Alice say, "**You ought to be ashamed of yourself**"?

5. Why does Alice decide that she couldn't have changed into Ava?

6. How do you think Alice is feeling at the end of this extract?

Explain your answer.

7. Alice is worried about growing so tall that she won't be able to put her own shoes and socks on any more. Imagine that you are Alice.

What would you be most worried about? Explain your answer.

8. Based on what you have just read, what do you think is going to happen next to Alice? Explain your answer.
