

## YEAR 5 GOLD THURSDAY ACTIVITY

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Just then, her head struck against the roof: in fact, she was now more than nine feet high. At once, she grabbed the little key and hurried over to the locked door. Poor Alice! Although 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 seemingly miniscule door, she began to cry.



"You ought to be ashamed of yourself," she admonished. "A great girl like you to go on crying in this way. Stop this moment, I tell you!" Unsurprisingly, scolding herself had done nothing to stem the flow of tears and there was soon a large pool surrounding her; it was around four inches deep and reached halfway down the hall.



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

- Alice comes up with a plan to make sure her feet still obey her.
- The rabbit is scared by Alice.
- Alice drinks from a small bottle.
- Alice tells herself off.

2. Why were the gloves and fan **sodden**? Tick one.

- The rabbit was scared.
- They had been dropped in Alice's tears.
- They were both very old.
- They had been stolen from Alice.

3. Look at the paragraph beginning, "**You ought to be ashamed...**"

Find and copy one word which means **stop**.

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4. Why does the rabbit drop the fan and gloves?

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5. What does Alice mean when she says "**Reaching the heights I am now would be an impossibility!**"

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6. Many people believe that the events in this extract are not really happening because Alice is only dreaming. Do you agree? Tick one.

- Yes                       No

Fully explain your answer using evidence from the text.

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7. Compare how Alice is feeling at the beginning of the text with how she is feeling at the end of the text.

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8. Alice tells herself off for crying. Do you think this is fair? Tick one.

Yes

No

Fully explain your answer.

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9. Alice is currently stuck with nobody to help her. What would you suggest she does next to try and get herself out of this situation?

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10. Discuss what is unusual about Alice's initial reaction to growing really tall.  
Fully explain your answer using evidence from the text.

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