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# Alice

*& Wonderland:*

a Rock Opera



The  
hardest  
thing about  
watching  
"Alice & Wonderland"  
is fighting  
off the temptation  
to jump up and  
dance in the aisles.

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**Based on a book by Lewis Carroll  
The Magik Theatre on the Road  
Study Guide 2010**

# Summary

Alice is sitting by the bank of a stream, bored, when she notices the White Rabbit dressed in a waistcoat scurrying along. The rabbit stops to pull a pocket watch out of its waistcoat pocket, mutters to itself that it will be late for something, then scurries off and disappears down a hole. Alice follows the rabbit down the hole, and suddenly finds herself falling, though not so fast that she is in any danger of being injured when she lands. She finds herself in a strange new world where she meets characters such as the Caterpillar, the Cheshire Cat, Humpty Dumpty, the Mock Turtle and has tea with a Mad Hatter and a Dormouse! Join Alice as she learns that not everything is what it seems and to rely on yourself and your imagination can be the greatest gift!

## Discussion Questions



- 1) Who are the main characters in the story?
- 2) What is the main conflict in the story?
- 3) Did Alice make any decisions that you would have made differently? What choice would you have made?
- 4) How is Alice treated by the different characters she encounters? Why do you think they act the way they do, and what does their behavior say about Alice?
- 5) Create another character who could reside in Wonderland. Describe the interaction between Alice and your new character.
- 6) Would you have followed the White Rabbit down the rabbit hole? Why or why not?
- 7) If you could be any character in the story which character would you choose and why?
- 8) This story has been adapted into many movies, short stories and incorporated into cartoons. What do you think makes it so popular?

# Logic Puzzles

Lewis Carroll was first and foremost a Math Professor. He loved math and logic puzzles. *Alice in Wonderland* is full of these puzzles.



1) A weightless and perfectly flexible rope is hung over an weightless frictionless pulley attached to the roof of a building. At one end of the rope is a weight which exactly counterbalances a monkey at the other end. If the monkey begins to climb, what will happen to the weight?

2) A Russian had three sons. The first, named Rab, Became a lawyer. The second, Ymra, became a soldier. The third became a sailor. What was his name?

3) Tweedledee and Tweedledum helped the Walrus catch oysters. Because he caught twice as many oysters as his twin, the Walrus paid Tweedledee twice as much. Together they were paid a total of \$18. How much was Tweedledum paid?

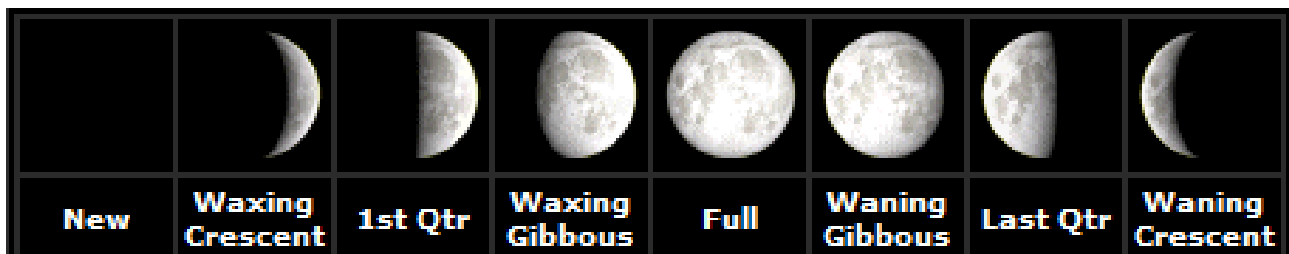
More puzzles are available at [www.lewiscarroll.org](http://www.lewiscarroll.org). or at [nrich.maths.org/531](http://nrich.maths.org/531)

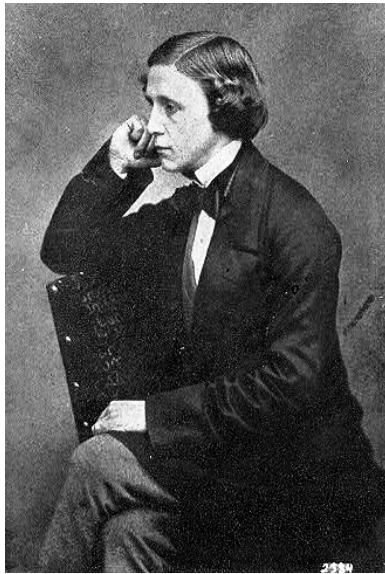
## The Phases of the Moon

The Cheshire Cat's smile looks just like the waning and waxing phases of the Moon.

The orbit of the Moon around the Earth makes the Moon appear to change shape. It changes from a sliver to a full circle and back again before vanishing for a few days. The lit part of the Moon always points the way to the Sun as it is the part reflecting the Sun's light.

For more information on Lunar Phases check out "Kids Discover" or "The Space Place", NASA's home for kids online— [spaceplace.nasa.gov](http://spaceplace.nasa.gov)





## Lewis Carroll – the Author

Lewis Carroll was born Charles Dodgson in Warrington, Cheshire, England, in 1832. He went to school at Oxford and became a mathematician and lecturer at Christ Church, where he spent the rest of his days.

While there, he became good friends with the dean and his family, the Liddells. He grew into the habit of taking the children on rowing trips to nearby places, and it was on one such rowing trip that he first told the outline of the story of Alice's adventures to the children. Young Alice Liddell was so taken by the story that she begged him to write it down. He did, and it soon became *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, published under the name of Lewis Carroll, a pun on his Latinized name.

His works soon became commercial and popular successes, but Dodgson continued to lecture at Christ Church until his death in 1898. Dodgson suffered from a stammer. Among other hobbies, Dodgson enjoyed invention, wordplay, storytelling and photography.

## Nonsense Words

Which of the following are nonsense words and which ones are real? Circle the words you think are real words and then use your dictionary to find out how well you guessed! *Bonus: Copy down the meaning of each real word and try to use it in a sentence.*

ampersand

cacophony

funambulist

marlarkey

widdicut

rofol

diffliism

shenanigans

preme

pachyderm

bettlebob



Did you know??

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* has been translated into 125 different languages including Japanese, Latin and Irish



# Say What?

**Literal:** following the words very closely and exactly. True to fact not exaggerated, actual and factual.

**Figurative:** the nature of or involving a figure of speech.

Oftentimes Carroll uses figurative language that the characters in *Alice* take literally. Here are a few sayings that have a figurative meaning. Pick three and draw an image of the literal meaning. Then write a short explanation of the figurative meaning of the saying.

The cat has got your tongue.

He is up to his ears in debt.

Get to the heart of the problem.

Chris is growing like a weed.

Sara is a lucky duck.

It brought down the house.

She flew into a rage.

They are like two peas in a pod.

## Word Search for the Characters in *Alice*

D C R I S J E W B E O H T C A  
P O O A J D R D L F U T A J L  
T V R D L W D T Z M U U C G I  
H C L M Q L R M P U T A E Q C  
W G K Z O U I T N I F O R U E  
T U T P T U Y P I B D G I E K  
S W S K B D S F R F I K H V W  
D R C Z U O Y E B E P O S O T  
L O S M F M A D H A T T E R K  
M S P M N Y Z E H M I A H P W  
L T I B B A R E T I H W C S X  
Y R B S O A E F W Z A I T O T  
P E W J N M W B O F G B F T U  
O W N N K A X W C M J C Q A M  
A H A Q B Z X S E E C B R F T

Cheshire Cat  
Mock Turtle  
Humpty Dumpty  
Alice  
Caterpillar  
Dormouse  
Mad Hatter  
White Rabbit



# RIDDLES

The Mad Hatter tells Alice lots of riddles during tea, now you can try some.  
Read the riddle and then turn the page to see the answer!

Can you tell me why the English have a custom of drinking tea?

What is yellow and always  
points north?

A magnetic banana!

If the red house is on the left and the blue  
house is on the right, where is the white  
house?

1600 Pennsylvania Ave in Washington DC!

How can you tell a happy  
motorcyclist?

By the number of bugs in his  
teeth!

Why did Humpty Dumpty have a  
great fall?

He wanted to make up for his  
lousy summer vacation!

The Mad Hatter asks Alice,  
“Why is a raven like a writing  
desk?” but no one seems to  
know the answer !

Can you find an answer to this  
puzzling riddle?

**Bonus!** Write your own riddle  
and see if your classmates can  
guess the answer!



**Several important educational standards are covered just by attending a theatrical production including:**

The learner will

- identify appropriate audience behavior;
- respond to and evaluate dramatic activities;
- identify the use of music, creative movement and visual components in play; and
- observe the performance of artists and identify theatrical vocations.