

CHAPTER 3

Alice talked to all the animals. The animals were Alice's friends. It was like they were her friends from a long time ago. They were all wet and cold.

The Dodo said, "The best thing to get us dry is a Caucus-race."

"What is a Caucus-race?" asked Alice.

"The best way to explain it is to do it," said the Dodo.

First, the Dodo drew lines to make a **racecourse**. It was like a circle. All the animals stood along the course, here and there. There was no 'One, two, three, go.' They started running when they liked. They stopped when they liked. It was not easy to know when the race was over. They ran for half an hour. They were all dry.

The Dodo shouted "The race is over!"

"But who has won?"

racecourse (n) an area of land or water where races take place



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“Everybody has won and all must have prizes.”

“But who will give out the prizes?” the animals asked.

“Why, SHE, of course,” said the Dodo and pointed to Alice.

“Prizes! Prizes!” the animals shouted and **crowded around** Alice.

Alice didn’t have any prizes. She put her hand in her pocket, and pulled out a box of comfits. She handed them round as prizes. There was enough for each animal.

The animals ate their comfits and sat back in a circle. Alice turned to the Mouse.

“You promised to tell me your story,” said Alice,

“And why do you hate cats and dogs?” she added in a whisper.

“My story is a long and sad tale!” said the Mouse.

The Mouse started to tell his story, but he soon stopped. Alice wasn’t listening. She was thinking about something else. The Mouse stood up and walked away. He didn’t stop when the animals called out to him. They didn’t get to hear the end of the story.

“I wish I had our Dinah here,” said Alice, “She’d soon bring it back!”

crowd around (phrasal verb) to form a group around something or someone



The Mouse started to tell his story, but he soon stopped.

“And who is Dinah?” asked the Lory.

“Dinah is my cat. She’s good at catching mice. She can catch birds too. She likes to eat them,” said Alice.

The birds got upset and flew away. Alice was alone.

Alice started to cry again. She heard footsteps and looked up. She wanted it to be the Mouse. She wanted to hear his story.

COMPREHENSION CHECK

Test-1

Are the following sentences True (T) or False (F)?

1. Alice's sister fell asleep by the river. T / F
2. Alice followed the White Rabbit. T / F
3. The bottle on the table said "Do not drink me." T / F
4. Alice said, "Curiouser and curiouser." T / F
5. The Dodo sorted out the Caucus-race. T / F
6. Alice's cat was called Mary Ann. T / F
7. The Caterpillar didn't give Alice advice. T / F
8. The fish and the frog are both footmen. T / F
9. The Caterpillar was smoking a hookah. T / F
10. The animals threw small stones at Alice. T / F
11. Alice couldn't get out of the door
because she was too big. T / F
12. The executioner executed the Cheshire Cat. T / F
13. The March Hare asked,
"Why is a raven like a writing-desk?" T / F
14. Alice told her adventures to her sister. T / F

Test-2

Match the sentences.

Beginnings

1. Alice thought she was falling
2. The mouse winked at Alice
3. the Dodo drew lines
4. The large mushroom
5. Alice ate the mushroom,
6. The Duchess was sitting on a three-legged stool
7. The Cat vanished quite slowly,
8. The three gardeners
9. The pigeon thought
10. Alice picked up the jury box

Endings

- a. but didn't say anything.
- b. until she was nine inches shorter.
- c. to make a racecourse.
- d. beginning with the end of the tail, and ending with the grin.
- e. Alice was a snake.
- f. to the centre of the earth.
- g. and put all the jury back in it.
- h. in the middle of the kitchen.
- i. ran to Alice to save them.
- j. was the same size as Alice.

Test-3

Who said this in the story?

*Alice, The Mad Hatter, March Hare, The White Rabbit
The Queen of Hearts or The Cheshire Cat*

1. “Why are you painting those roses?”
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2. “I will tell you my adventures from this morning,”
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3. “Visit whichever you like: they’re both mad. We’re all mad here.”
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4. “We won’t talk about cats or dogs either, if you don’t like them!”
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5. “Have some wine.”
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6. “What day of the month is it?”
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7. “Take this young lady to see the Mock Turtle.”
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8. “Off with his head!”
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9. “Well, I’ve tried to say ‘HOW DOTH THE LITTLE BUSY BEE,’ but it all came out different!”
.....
10. “Silence in the court!”
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Test-4

Answer the following questions.

1. Who said that Alice was nearly two miles high?
2. Who did the Gryphon take Alice to see?
3. Who vanishes in front of Alice's eyes?
4. What is the name of Alice's cat?
5. Who was looking for the fan and the gloves?
6. Who liked playing croquet?
7. What did Alice eat to get bigger?
8. Who stole the tarts?
9. What did Alice do to make the flood?
10. What was the oldest rule in the rule book?

Test-5

Put the list in order by writing 1 to 10 in the purple circles.

- a. The White Rabbit called Alice, Mary Ann.
- b. Alice fell asleep by the river.
- c. The gardeners were painting the roses red.
- d. Alice met the Dodo.
- e. The Caterpillar told Alice about the mushroom.
- f. The March Hare and the Mad Hatter told Alice there was no room.
- g. Twelve birds and animals made up the jury.
- h. The fish gave the frog an invitation.
- i. The Mock Turtle told Alice about Uglification.
- j. Alice's sister began dreaming too.