



## Synopsis:

Lewis Carroll's classic novel *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* was published in 1865. The delightful story tells about Alice, a young English girl. One day when she is bored, she follows a talking white rabbit down a hole. There she finds a magical world of interesting characters. Alice has trouble staying her normal size. She often becomes very large or very small. As this chapter begins, Alice is very small.

## Chapter IV: The Rabbit Sends in a Little Bill

It was the White Rabbit, **trotting** slowly back again and looking anxiously about as it went, as if it had lost something; Alice heard it **muttering** to itself, "The Duchess! The Duchess! Oh, my dear paws! Oh, my fur and whiskers! She'll get me executed, as sure as ferrets are ferrets! Where can I have dropped them, I wonder?" Alice guessed in a moment that it was looking for the fan and the pair of white kid-gloves and she very good-naturedly began hunting about for them, but they were nowhere to be seen—everything seemed to have changed since her swim in the pool, and the great hall, with the glass table and the little door, had **vanished** completely.

Very soon the Rabbit noticed Alice, and called to her, in an angry tone, "Why, Mary Ann, what are you doing out here? Run home this moment and **fetch** me a pair of gloves and a fan! Quick, now!"

"He took me for his housemaid!" said Alice, as she ran off. "How surprised he'll be when he finds out who I am!" As she said this, she came upon a **neat** little house, on the door of which was a bright brass plate with the name "W. RABBIT" engraved upon it. She went in without knocking and hurried upstairs, in great fear of that she might meet the real Mary Ann and be turned out of the house before she had found the fan and gloves.

By this time, Alice had found her way into a **tidy little room** with a table in the window, and on it a fan and two or three pairs of tiny white kid-gloves; she took up the fan and a pair of the gloves and was just going to leave the room, when her eyes fell upon a little bottle that stood near the looking-glass. She **uncorked** it and put it to her lips, saying to herself, "I do hope it'll make me grow large again, for, really, I'm quite tired of being such a tiny little thing!" Before she had drunk half the bottle, she found her head **pressing** against the ceiling, and had to stoop to save her neck from being broken. She hastily put down the bottle, remarking, "That's quite enough—I hope I **sha'n't** grow anymore."

**Alas!** It was too late to wish that! She went on growing and growing and very soon she had to **kneel** down on the floor. Still she went on growing, and, as a last resource, she put one arm out of the window and one foot up the **chimney**, and said to herself, "Now I can do no more, whatever happens. What will become of me?"

Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

**1-Preparatory phase:** answer the following questions before reading the text:

- How is the text organized? and what is its type?
- Who is the writer of this story? Where did you find him?
- Is this the entire story? How did you know?
- There are words written in bold, explain them and give their synonyms.

Task1: Put the following events in the passage in the order they happened. Mark the first event with a 1, the second with a 2 and so on.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Alice drinks from a bottle.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The White Rabbit sends Alice to his house.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alice grows very large.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alice helps the White Rabbit look for the lost items.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alice finds a bottle.

Task2: Write the correct answer in the blank.

1. The White Rabbit was looking for a \_\_\_\_\_ and a pair of \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. The lost items belonged to \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. The White Rabbit thought Alice was Mary Ann, the \_\_\_\_\_ .

4. Alice drank the bottle because she wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Alice grew so large that she had to stick her \_\_\_\_\_ out the window and legs into\_\_\_\_\_.

Task3: A synonym is a word that has the same or similar meaning to another word. For example, “big” and “large” mean about the same thing, so they are synonyms. Below are some sentences and phrases from the passage. Circle the letter of the synonym for the underlined word.

1. “...the White Rabbit, trotting slowly back again and looking anxiously about...”

- A. worriedly    B. enthusiastically    C. happily    D. impatiently

2. “...and the glass table and the little door had vanished completely. ...”

- A. broke    B. extinct    C. misplaced    D. disappeared

3. “...a little bottle that stood near the looking-glass.”

- A. glasses    B. mirror    C. outdoor    D. window

4. “She hastily put down the bottle...”

- A. slowly    B. carefully    C. swiftly    D. hysterically

5. “...she very good-naturedly began hunting about for them...”

- A. cheerfully    B. wisely    C. politely    D. intelligently

## **Discussion:**

Create a piece of writing, where you create your own world similar to ALICE’s wonderland, make up a series of events “the plot” and let your imagination run wild.

PS. You can even draw it and submit it next session with your writing (No more than 15lines)