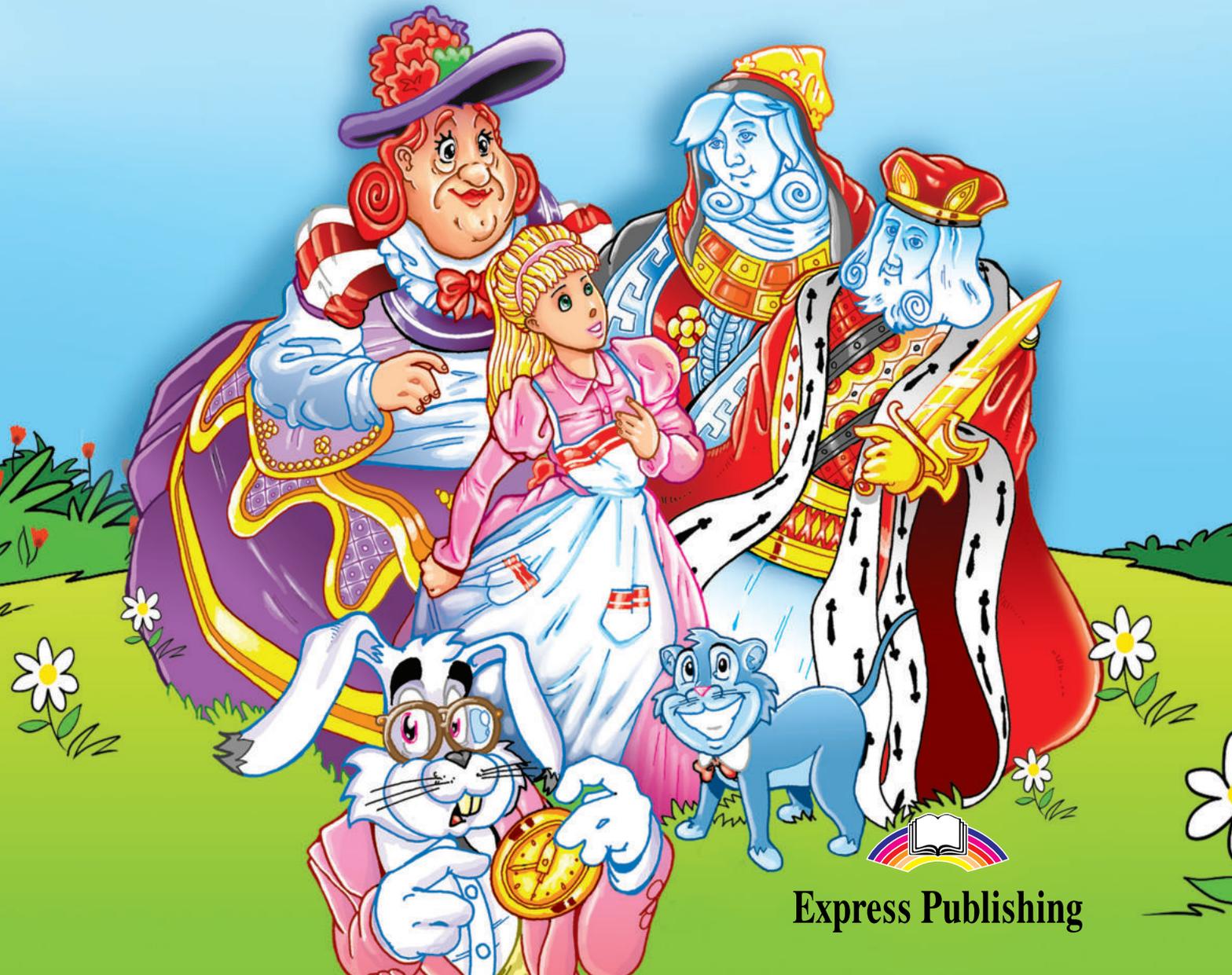




# Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

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# THE CHARACTERS



## ALICE

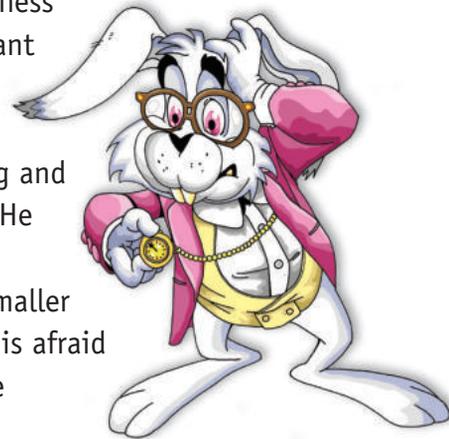
... is a clever little girl who loves adventure. She likes to learn new things, and she enjoys meeting new people. Alice loves animals, and she loves her cat,

Dinah, most of all.

She hates rude people and she doesn't like people who shout. She is very kind and cares about other people.

## THE WHITE RABBIT

... is a very nervous animal. He is always late, and he worries a lot, because he is scared of the Duchess and he doesn't want to get into trouble. He works for the King and Queen of Hearts. He is quite bossy to people who are smaller than him, but he is afraid of people who are bigger than him!



## THE DUCHESS

... is a very bossy woman who shouts a lot. She always tells people what to do. She can be friendly, but she can also get very angry. She is not very nice to her cook, but she likes Alice and wants to be her friend.



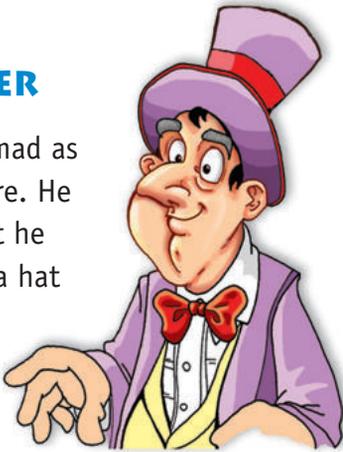
## THE MARCH HARE

... is mad and very silly. He loves drinking tea and he likes to tell jokes. He talks a lot, but the things he says are not very sensible! His best friend is the Hatter, and they spend all day drinking tea and arguing about silly things.



## THE HATTER

... is just as mad as the March Hare. He sells hats, but he doesn't have a hat of his own, so he wears hats from his shop. He is lazy, so he doesn't work very hard. He sits and drinks tea with the March Hare all day, and he can be very rude to people.



## THE QUEEN OF HEARTS

... is very bossy and shouts all the time. She gets very angry with people and wants to cut off their heads, but she never really hurts anyone. She changes her mind a lot, and can be happy one minute and angry the next, so she makes people feel very nervous. She likes to win, and she doesn't like rude people.



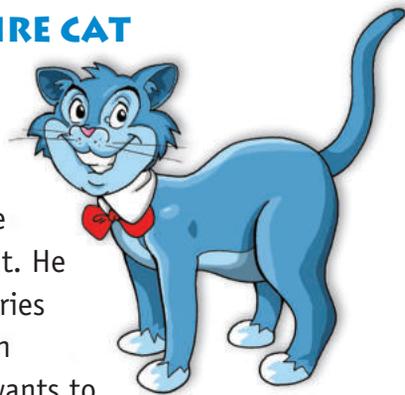
## THE KING OF HEARTS

... is a gentle man. He never shouts, and he doesn't get angry very often. He knows that the Queen gets angry a lot, and he tries to calm her down and stop her from shouting at people. He doesn't talk very much, but he is quite kind.



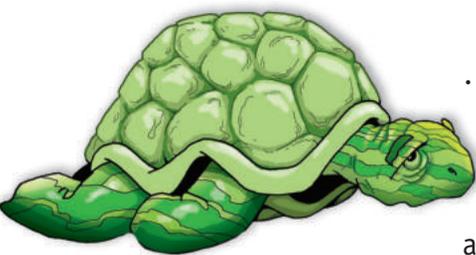
## THE CHESHIRE CAT

... is friendly and cheerful. He is always smiling, because he is a happy cat. He likes Alice and tries to help her when she is lost. He wants to be her friend. He always stays calm, even when the Duchess or the Queen shouts at him.



## THE MOCK TURTLE

... is a very sad animal. He cries all day and he thinks that his life is very bad. He likes to tell people his story and sing songs about his life, but he is very boring and nobody likes to listen to him because he is always crying.





## 1. The White Rabbit

Alice was hot, bored and sleepy. She didn't have anything to do. She sat by the river, waiting for teatime. Her older sister was also there, reading a book. Alice looked at the book. It was very boring, because there weren't any pictures in it.

Just then, a white rabbit with pink eyes ran past Alice, and she heard it say, "Oh dear! I'm very late!" The rabbit took a watch out of its waistcoat pocket, looked at it and started to run even faster.

"A rabbit with a waistcoat and a watch!" thought Alice. "That's very strange."

She stood up and followed the rabbit. It ran across a field and went through a little door in a tree. Alice went through the door, too.



There was a hole behind the door. It went straight down, like a deep well, and Alice fell down and down. She fell very slowly, and for a very long time.

"I must be near the centre of the earth," she thought. Suddenly she landed on some sticks and dry leaves.

Alice stood up and looked around. She saw the white rabbit running down a tunnel, so she ran after it. "Oh my ears and whiskers! I'm so late!" said the rabbit.

The rabbit ran around a corner. Alice followed, but when she turned the corner the rabbit wasn't there. Alice was in a long, low room with doors all around it. She tried to open the doors, but they were all locked.

"What am I going to do now?" she thought. "How am I going to get out of here?"

## Episode 7

### Before Reading

**1 Look at the pictures. Can you find:**

- the March Hare? • the Dormouse?
- the Hatter? • the Cheshire Cat?

**What do you think each of these characters is like? How are they related to the title? Listen and read to find out.**

### While Reading

**2 Read and answer the questions.**

- 1 The Cheshire Cat tells Alice about two characters she can visit. Which ones? What does he say about both of them?
- 2 Who does Alice decide to visit first?
- 3 What does the March Hare's house look like?
- 4 Where is the March Hare, and what is he doing?
- 5 Why does Alice think that the March Hare is rude?
- 6 Why does Alice leave the table?

### After Reading

**3 In pairs, answer the questions.**

- 1 Do you think the March Hare and the Hatter are rude or funny? Why?
- 2 How do you feel when people are rude to you?
- 3 Do you think it is important to be polite?
- 4 Would you like to have tea with the March Hare and the Hatter? Why (not)?
- 5 Where do you think Alice is going to go now?

## Episode 8

### Before Reading

**1 Look at the title and the pictures. What do you think is happening in each picture?**

**2 Look at the pictures and these subheadings for the episode. What do you think is going to happen in this episode? Listen, read and check.**

- The Door in the Tree
- Small Again
- The Beautiful Garden
- The King and Queen of Hearts
- A Game of Croquet

### While Reading

**3 Who does what? Read and complete the sentences.**

- 1 ..... sees a tree with a door in it.
- 2 ..... lie down on their faces.
- 3 ..... tells the Queen to calm down.
- 4 ..... stand on their hands and feet to make hoops.
- 5 ..... gets very angry.
- 6 ..... wanted to get away.

### After Reading

**4 Discuss in pairs:**

- Why are people scared of the Queen?
- Do you think the Queen is good or bad? Why?
- Why do you think the Queen shouts all the time?

**5 Alice plays a very strange game of croquet. Can you think of a strange way to play your favourite sport or game? Tell the class about it.**

## Episode 9

### Before Reading

- 1 Look at the title and the pictures. Who is the Mock Turtle? Who are the other characters in the pictures?
- 2 Tick (✓) the events that you think are going to happen in this episode. Listen, read and check.

- Alice meets the Cheshire Cat again.
- The Duchess is angry with Alice.
- Alice meets a Gryphon and a Mock Turtle.
- The Mock Turtle tells Alice a story.
- Alice is scared of the Gryphon.
- Alice dances with the Gryphon.

### While Reading

- 3 Read and correct the words in bold.
  - 1 The Duchess is **sad** to see Alice.
  - 2 The Duchess is very **beautiful**.
  - 3 The **King** wants Alice to meet the Mock Turtle.
  - 4 The Mock Turtle is very **cheerful**.
  - 5 The Mock Turtle tells Alice a **joke**.

### After Reading

- 4 Answer the questions.
  - 1 Do you think the Mock Turtle likes being sad? Why (not)?
  - 2 Why do you think Alice listens to the Mock Turtle's story?
  - 3 What do you think will happen at the trial?
  - 4 Why do people have trials?

## Episode 10

### Before Reading

- 1 Look at the title and the pictures. What do you think the trial is about? What do you think is going to happen in this episode? Listen and read to find out.

### While Reading

- 2 Read or listen to the episode and put the events in the correct order.
  - The King tells Alice that she is too tall.
  - The White Rabbit calls the first witness.
  - Alice sees a plate of tarts.
  - The playing cards fly into the air.
  - The King tells the Hatter to go away.
  - 1 Alice and the Gryphon go into the courtroom.
  - Alice wakes up.
  - Alice tells Edith about her strange dream.
  - The White Rabbit calls Alice.
  - Alice starts to grow again.

### After Reading

- 3 Discuss in pairs:
  - How do you think Alice feels when she wakes up? Why?
  - Do you think Alice wants to go back to Wonderland? Why (not)?
  - Do you think Alice is brave? Why (not)?

Characters: Alice  
Small Alice  
Big Alice  
Edith  
White Rabbit  
Mouse  
Dodo  
Duck  
Pat (Guinea Pig)  
Bill (Lizard)  
Fish Man  
Frog Man  
Duchess

Cook  
(Cheshire) Cat  
March Hare  
Hatter  
King of Hearts  
Queen of Hearts  
Playing Cards (2 gardeners,  
1 soldier  
Gryphon  
Mock Turtle

Narrator(s): At least one student dressed as a playing card

## Scene 1

**SONG: A World full of Magic**

We can show you magic things  
We can make you smile  
Join us in a wonderland  
Stay here for a while

**CHORUS:** *A world full of magic  
So wonderful and new  
A world full of magic  
Is waiting here for you  
A world full of magic  
So wonderful and new  
A world full of magic  
Is waiting here for you*

We can travel far away  
Let us show you how  
Come with us to Wonderland  
Let's all go there now

**REPEAT CHORUS**



**Narrator:** Alice and Edith sat out in the sun. But Alice was bored and she wanted some fun.

Just then a rabbit came hurrying by. He looked at his watch and he shouted:

**White Rabbit:** Oh my! Look at the time, now! I'm terribly late!

**Alice:** I want to come, too! Mr Rabbit, please wait!



**SONG: I'm Late!**

**CHORUS:** *I'm late, I'm late, I'm late,  
Oh! It really is a crime!  
I'm always in a hurry,  
But I'm never quite on time!*

I'm going to be in trouble  
The Duchess hates to wait  
She's going to be so angry  
'Cause I'm late, I'm late, I'm late!

**REPEAT CHORUS**

What am I going to do now?  
I just can't miss this date  
But, oh, my ears and whiskers!  
I'm late, I'm late, I'm late!

**REPEAT CHORUS**

People often tell me  
Time doesn't wait for men  
But I am just a rabbit  
And I'm late, I'm late again!



**Scene 2**

**Alice:** Don't go without me! Please stop! Turn around!

**Narrator:** The rabbit ran into a hole in the ground.

**Alice:** That's where his house is! I'm going in, too!

**Narrator:** She went down the hole. What a brave thing to do! Falling and falling, down into the ground. She landed at last and she looked all around.



**Alice:** Look at this table, and look at this key. It opens this door, but it's too small for me. Look at that garden! I want to go there. But I'm far too big! Oh, it's really not fair!

Wait! There's a bottle! What is it? Let's see. The label says "DRINK ME!" It must be for me!

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Now I am smaller, so I can go through! But the key's on the table! Oh, what can I do? Look! There's a cake here, with "EAT ME" on top.

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Oh good! Now I'm taller! That's tall enough! Stop! Now I'm too big! I can't fit through the door! I don't think I like this strange room any more!

**Narrator:** Alice cried quietly. Her tears made a lake.





# Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Alice is bored and sleepy. Then she sees a white rabbit in a waistcoat, carrying a pocket watch. She follows him down a rabbit hole, into a magical world where very strange things happen. Wonderland is never boring – but how can Alice get home again?



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