

### Session 2, Reading Selection #1

*Read this selection to find out what happens to Alice when she follows the rabbit and falls down a hole in the ground. Use information from the selection to answer the questions that follow.*

## Down the Rabbit-hole

from *Alice in Wonderland*  
by Lewis Carroll

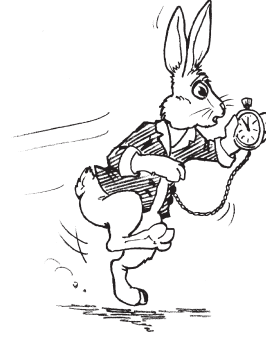
- 1 Alice was getting very tired of sitting next to her sister on the bank, with nothing to do. She had looked at her sister's book, but it had no pictures in it. Alice did not see the point of a book without pictures.
- 2 Alice was beginning to wonder whether she should make a daisy-chain, when suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her. There was nothing strange about that, and Alice was not even very surprised when she heard the Rabbit say to itself, "Oh dear! I shall be so late!" But when the Rabbit took a watch out of its waistcoat-pocket, Alice jumped to her feet and ran across the field after it. She was just in time to see it pop down a large rabbit-hole. Alice followed it never giving a thought as to how she would get out again.
- 3 The rabbit-hole went straight on like a tunnel. Suddenly, Alice found herself falling down what seemed to be a very large hole. Either the hole was very deep or she was falling very slowly, for she had plenty of time to look around her as she fell.
- 4 At first, she tried to look down but it was too dark to see anything. Then she looked at the sides, and noticed they were filled with cupboards and bookshelves. She took down a jar from one of the shelves as she passed. It was labelled "ORANGE MARMALADE" but it was empty. She put it into one of the cupboards as she fell past.
- 5 Down, down, down. Would the fall never come to an end? "I wonder how many miles I have fallen?" said Alice to herself. "I must be near the centre of the earth by now. I wonder if I shall fall right through the earth!"
- 6 Down, down, down. There was nothing else to do, so Alice started to talk again. "Dinah will miss me very much tonight." (Dinah was her cat.) "I hope they give her a saucer of milk at dinner-time." Alice started to get very sleepy. She felt that she was dozing off, and had just began to dream that she was walking hand in hand with Dinah, when suddenly, thump! Thump! Thump! Down she came upon a heap of dry sticks and leaves. The fall was over.

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7 Alice was not hurt, she jumped to her feet and looked up to see how far she had actually fallen but it was too dark to see anything. In front of her was another long passage. The White Rabbit was hurrying down it. Quickly Alice followed. She heard the Rabbit say as it turned a corner, "Oh my ears and whiskers, how late it is getting!" Alice was close behind as she turned the corner, but the Rabbit had disappeared. She found herself in a long, low hall. There were doors all round the hall, but they were all locked and when Alice had been all the way down one side and up the other trying every door, she walked sadly down the middle wondering how she was ever going to get out again.

8 Suddenly she came across a three-legged table, made of glass. The only thing on the table was a tiny golden key.

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### Session 2, Multiple-Choice Questions

- 21 At the beginning of this selection, Alice is in a
- A. hall.
  - B. tunnel.
  - C. cupboard.
  - D. field.

*Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 21: Literature/Learning Standard 12*

- 22 Alice PROBABLY followed the rabbit because it
- A. could talk.
  - B. had pink eyes.
  - C. was late.
  - D. had a watch.

*Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 22: Literature/Learning Standard 12*

- 23 In paragraphs 5 and 6, the author keeps repeating the word **down** in order to
- A. make the story longer.
  - B. show Alice had a long fall.
  - C. make the lines rhyme.
  - D. keep the reader's interest.

*Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 23: Literature/Learning Standard 15*

- 24 According to this selection, why did Alice think she was near “the centre of the earth”?
- A. It was hot in the rabbit-hole.
  - B. All she could see was dirt.
  - C. She had fallen a long way.
  - D. The hole was filled with cupboards.

*Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 24: Literature/Learning Standard 12*

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Read the sentence in the box below.

Alice was getting very tired of sitting next to her sister on the bank, with nothing to do.

- 25 In the sentence above, the word **bank** is used as
- A. a noun.
  - B. an adjective.
  - C. a verb.
  - D. an adverb.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 25: **Language/Learning Standard 5**

Use the dictionary entry to select the meaning of the word **pop** in the sentence below.

**pop** (pop) v. **1.** to make a sudden, explosive sound; **2.** to go or come suddenly; **3.** to shoot at something; **4.** to bulge from the socket.

- 26 “She was just in time to see it **pop** down a large rabbit-hole.”
- A. definition 1
  - B. definition 2
  - C. definition 3
  - D. definition 4

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 26: **Language/Learning Standard 4**

- 27 This selection is an example of a
- A. biography.
  - B. fantasy.
  - C. myth.
  - D. tall tale.

Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 27: **Literature/Learning Standard 10**

Session 2, Open-Response Question

- 28 Describe what Alice saw, heard, and felt when she fell down the rabbit-hole. Use specific information from the selection to support your answer.

*Reporting Category/Learning Standard for Item 28: Literature/Learning Standard 12*