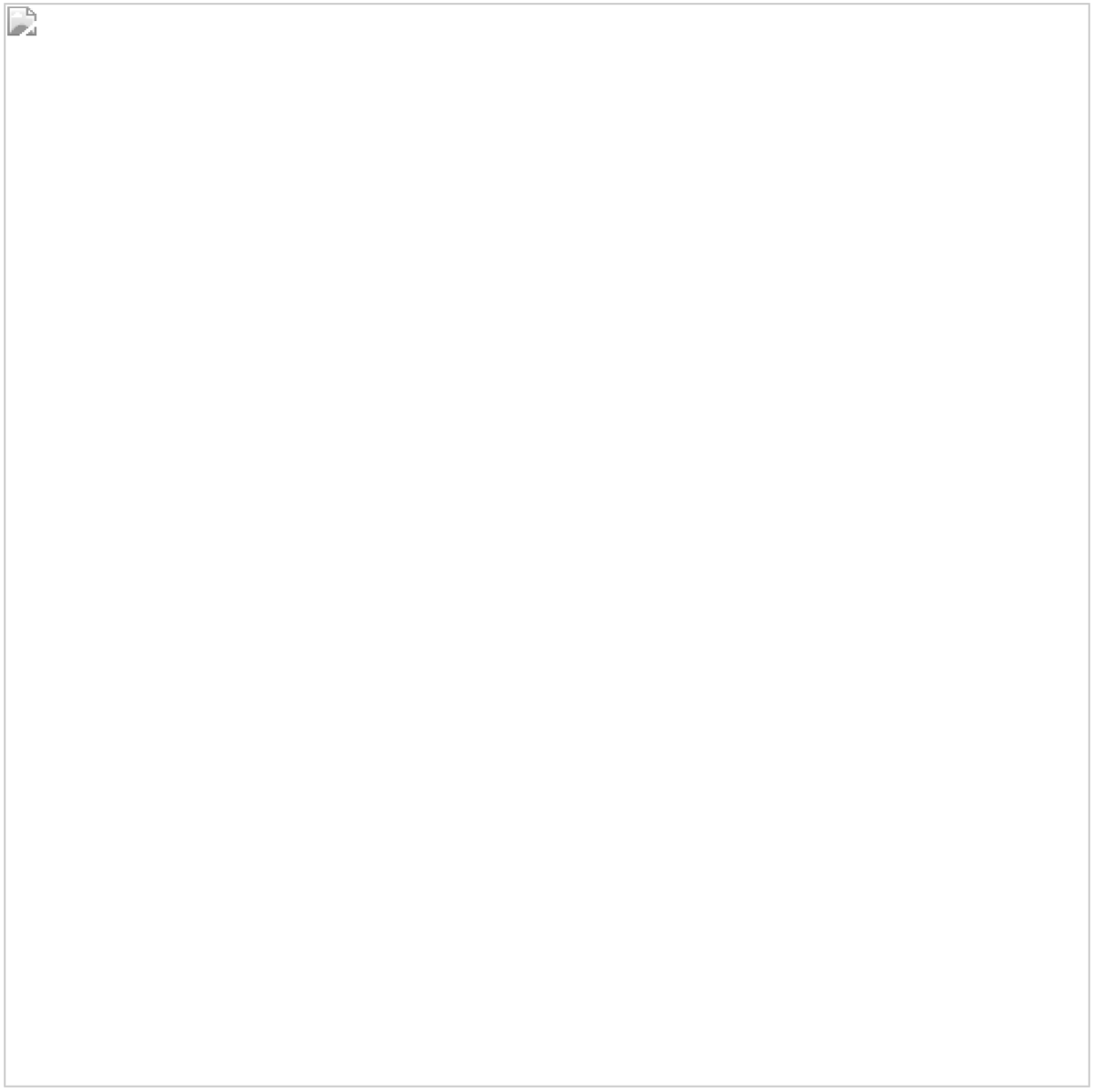
COLORING THE CLASSICS

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

A Girl, a White Rabbit, and a Very Curious Dream

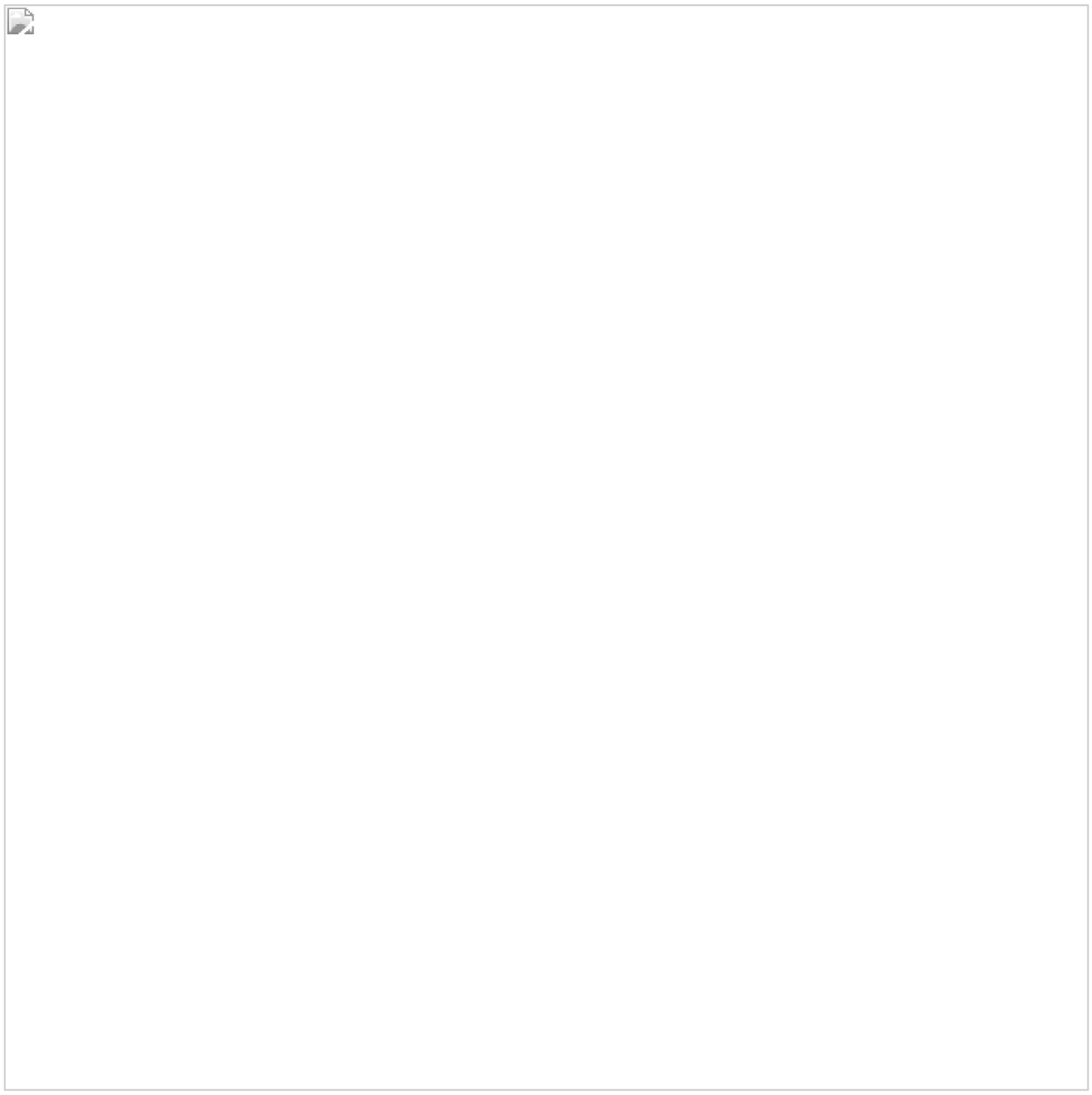


TALK ABOUT IT

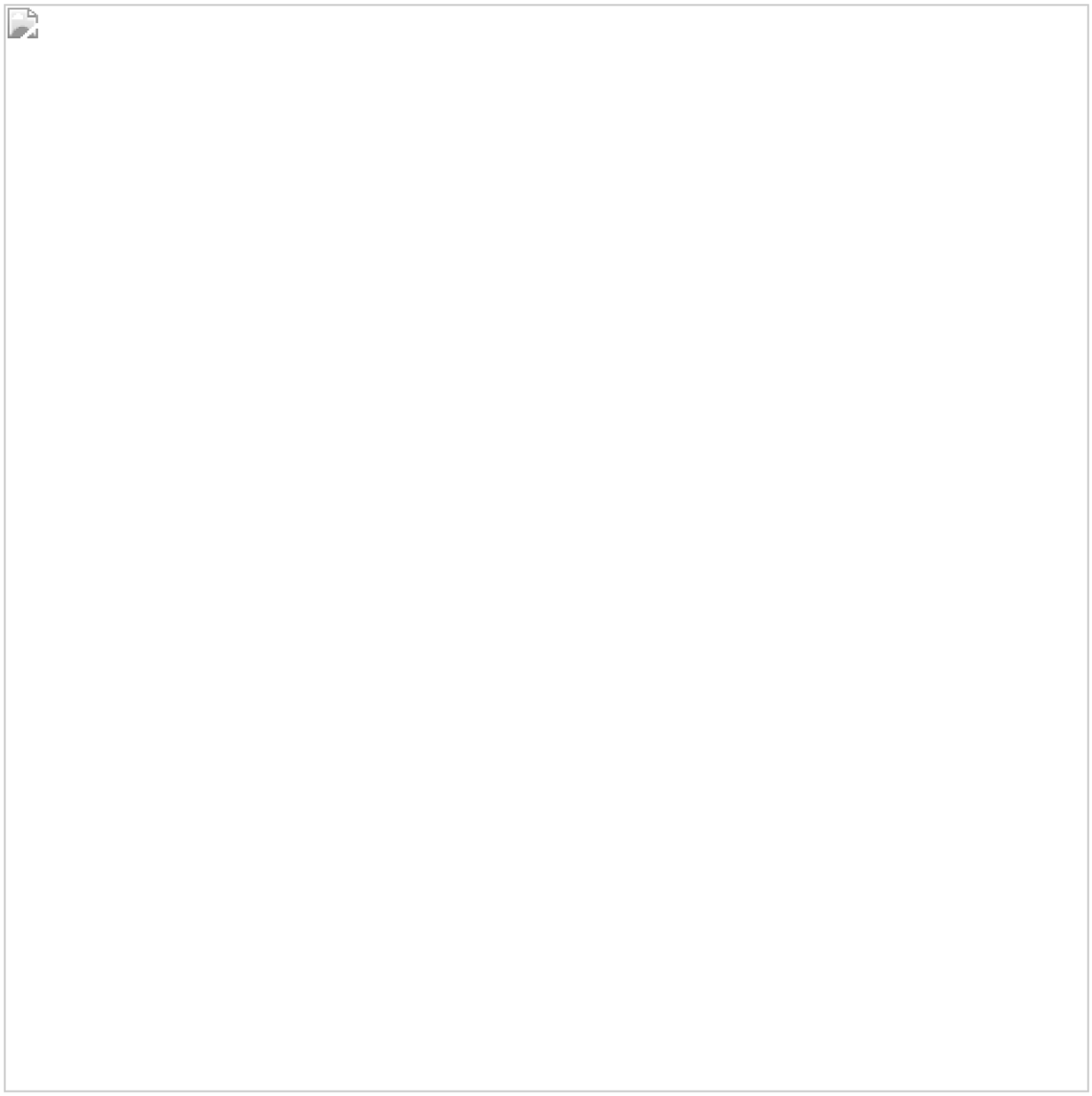
Alice thought a book was no fun "without pictures or conversations." What makes a book fun for you?

This book belongs to _____

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland · another picture



Down the Rabbit-Hole



Alice sat on a riverbank beside her big sister on a hot, sleepy day. Her sister was reading a book with no pictures in it, and Alice had nothing to do.

Then a White Rabbit with pink eyes ran past her, saying, “Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late!” He took a watch out of his waistcoat-pocket, looked at it, and hurried on.

Alice had never seen a rabbit with a watch! She ran after him, just in time to see him pop down a big rabbit-hole under the hedge. In went Alice, and down, down, down she fell, past cupboards and bookshelves.

TALK ABOUT IT

Alice was so curious that she followed the Rabbit without stopping to think. Is it good to be curious? When do you need to stop and think first?

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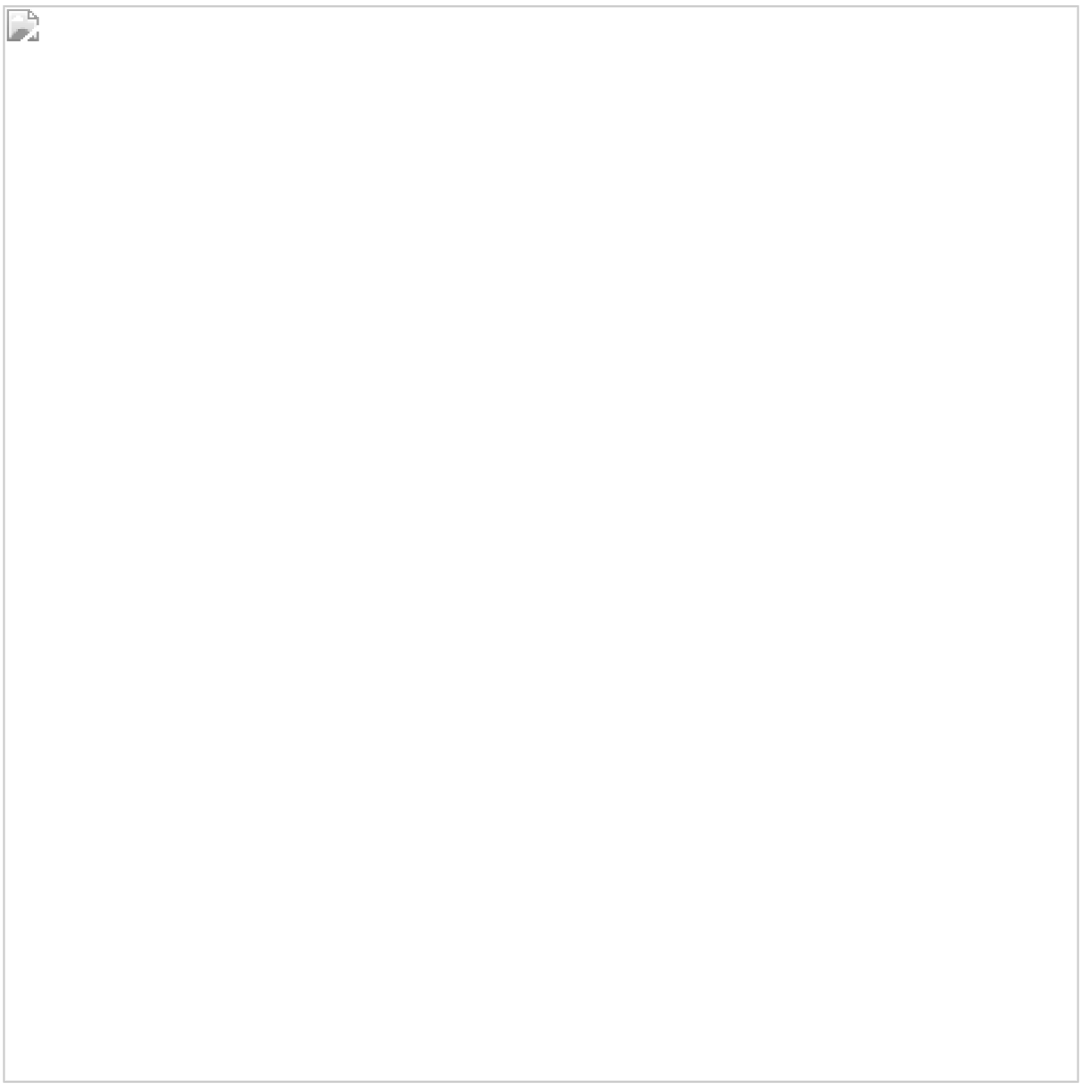


Think about it

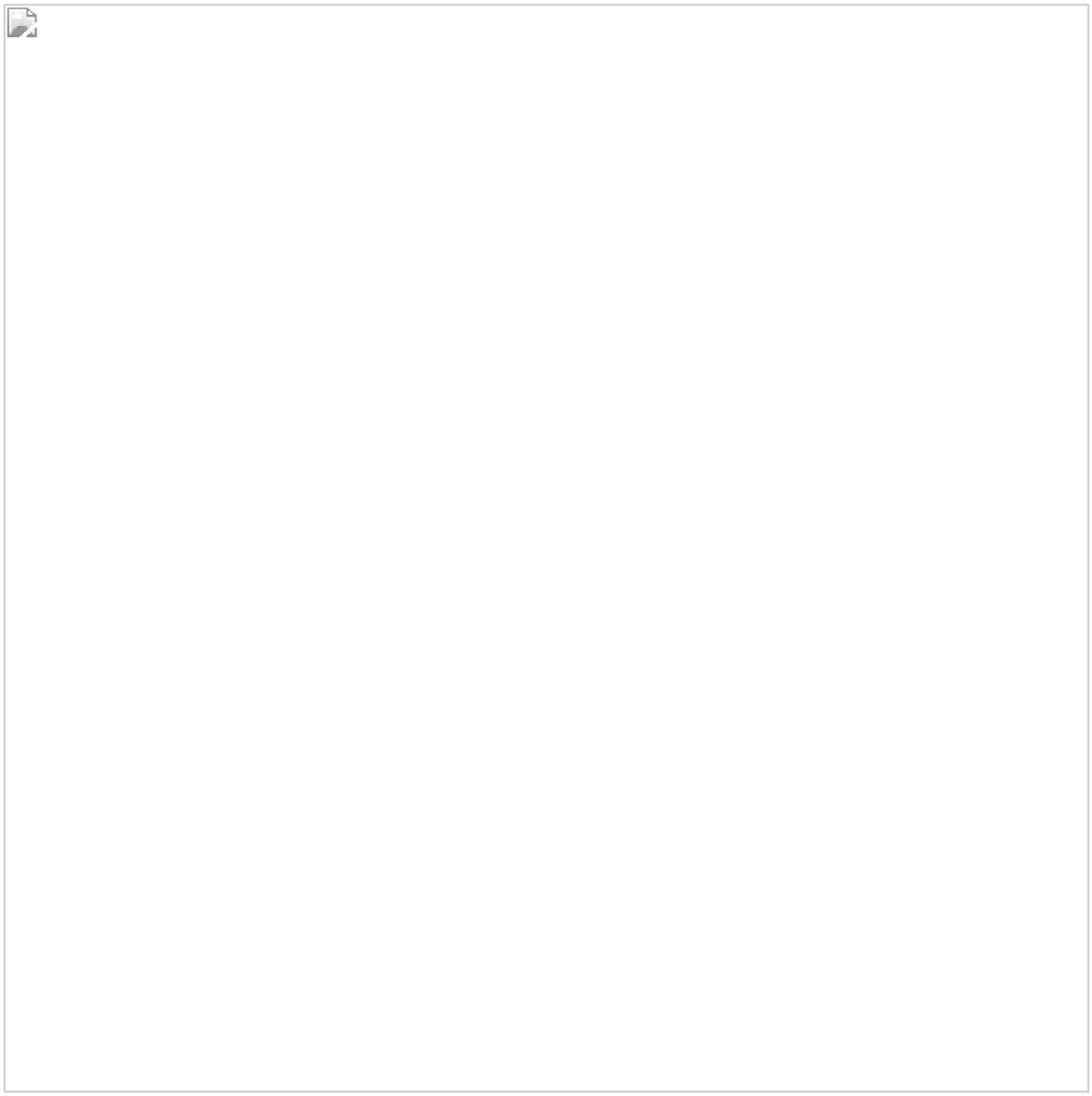
1. What did the White Rabbit take out of his pocket?

- ○ A watch
- ○ A carrot
- ○ A key

2. Where did Alice go when she followed him?

- ○ Down a rabbit-hole
- ○ Up a tree
- ○ Into the river

The Little Door



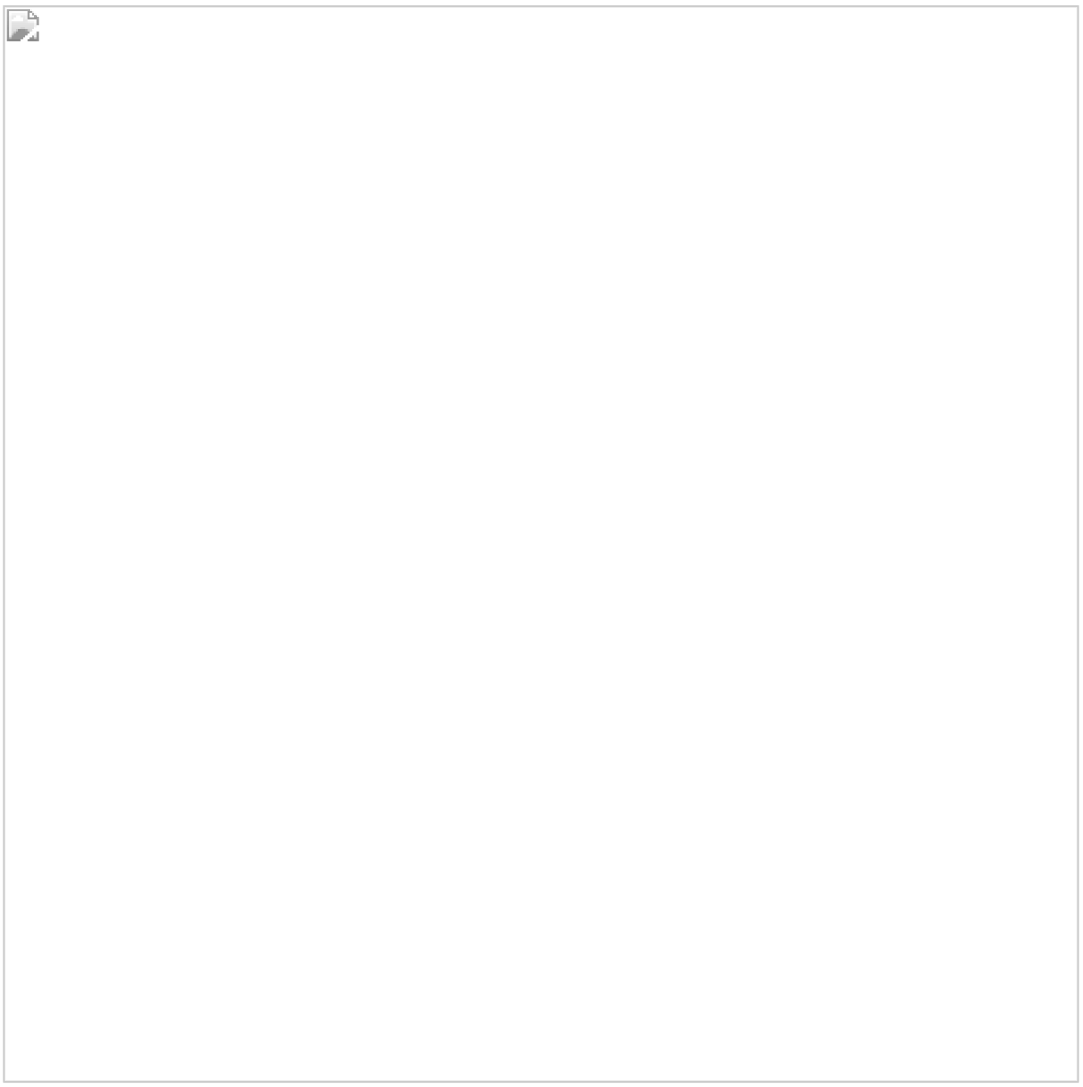
At last Alice landed, thump, on a heap of dry leaves. She was in a long hall with locked doors all around.

On a little glass table lay a tiny golden key. It fitted a little door behind a curtain, only fifteen inches high. Through it Alice saw the loveliest garden, with bright flowers and cool fountains. But she was much too big to get through.

Then she found a bottle labelled "DRINK ME." She drank it and shrank until she was only ten inches high. But oh dear! She had left the key up on the table, and now she could not reach it.

TALK ABOUT IT

Have you ever wanted something you could see but could not reach? What did you do?



Think about it

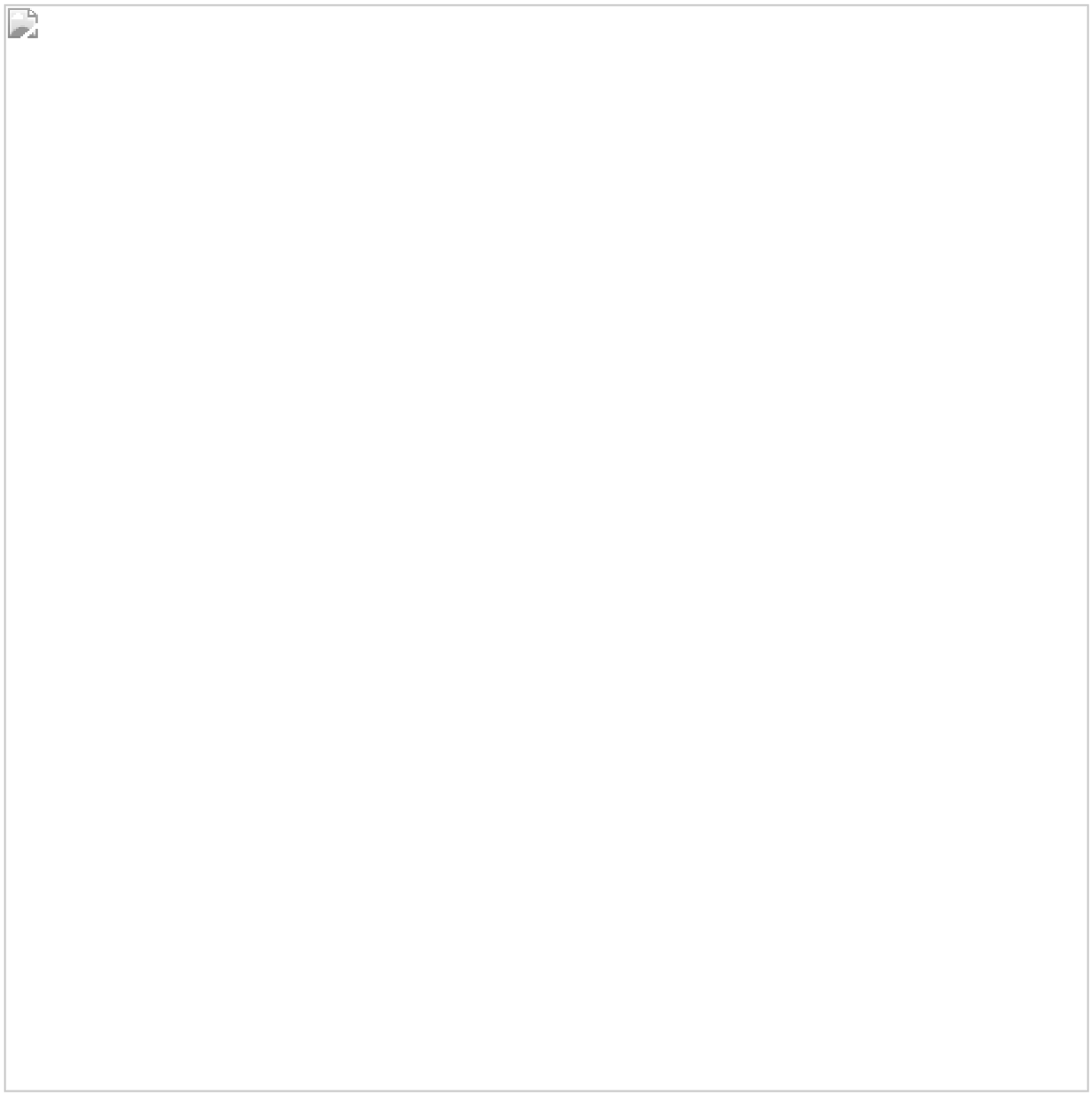
1. What did Alice see through the little door?

- ○ A lovely garden
- ○ A dark cave
- ○ A busy street

2. What did the label on the bottle say?

- ○ DRINK ME
- ○ DON’T TOUCH
- ○ SOUP

Curiouser and Curiouser



Alice sat down and cried. Then she told herself to stop this minute. She generally gave herself very good advice, though she did not always follow it!

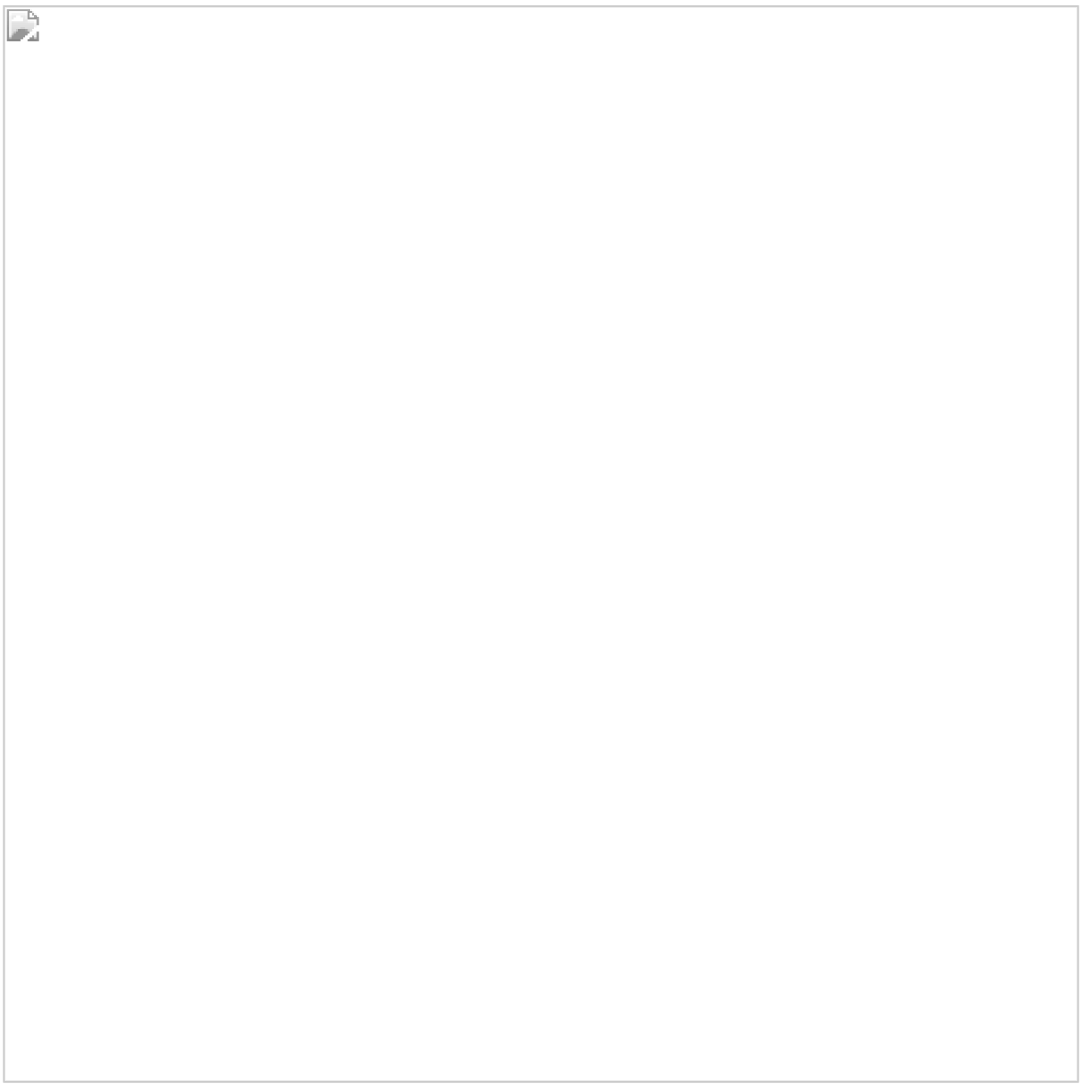
Under the table was a little cake marked “EAT ME” in currants. She ate it, and grew and grew until her head bumped the ceiling. “Curiouser and curiouser!” cried Alice. Her feet were so far away that she called, “Good-bye, feet!”

The White Rabbit came trotting back with white gloves and a fan. When he saw a giant girl, he dropped them in a fright and ran. Alice picked up the fan and wondered, “Who in the world am I?”

TALK ABOUT IT

Alice felt like a different person after so many changes. Have you ever felt that way? What helped you feel like yourself again?

Curiouser and Curiouser · another picture



Think about it

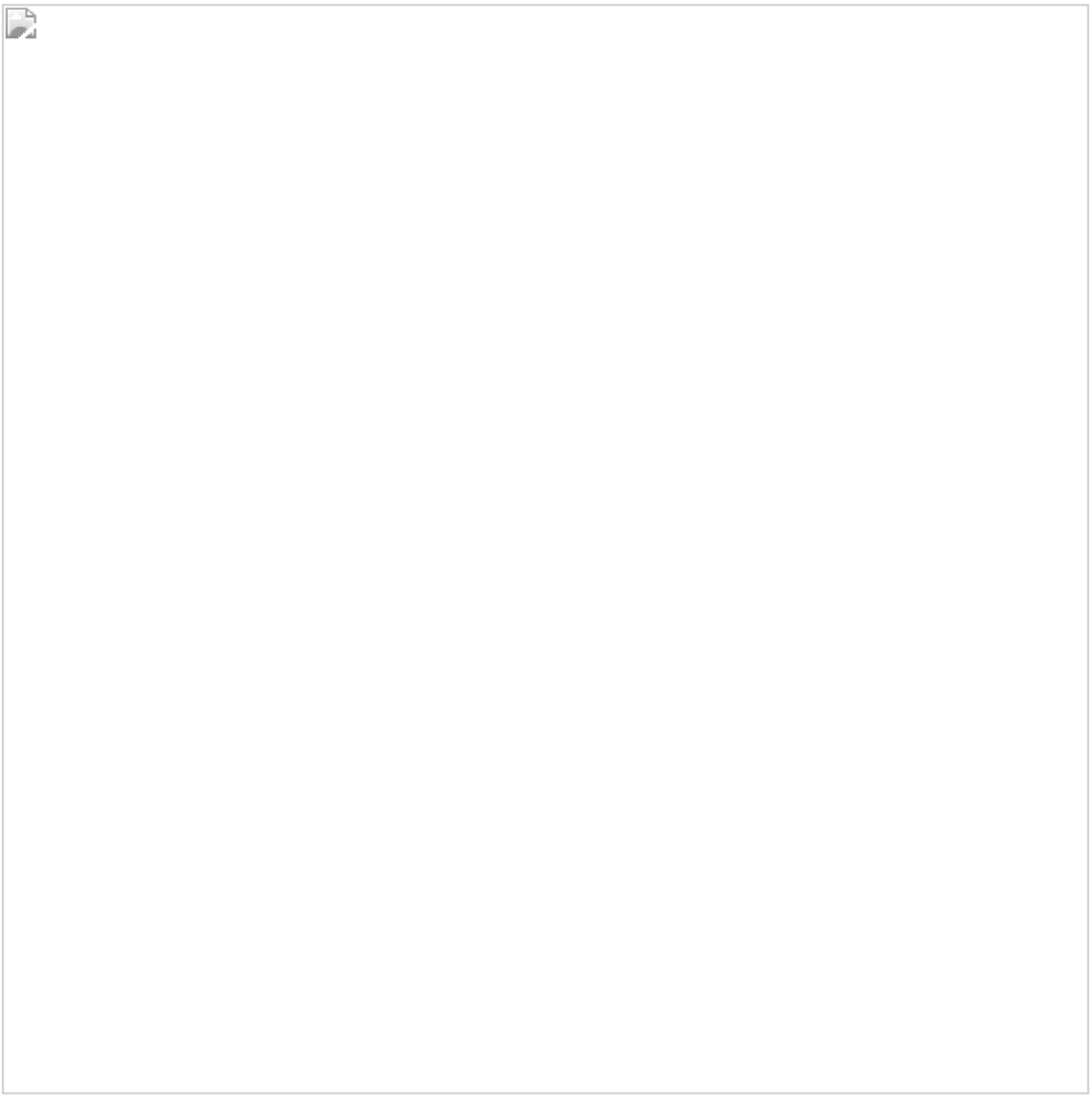
1. What happened when Alice ate the “EAT ME” cake?

- ○ She grew very tall
- ○ She fell asleep
- ○ She turned into a rabbit

2. What did the White Rabbit drop?

- ○ His gloves and his fan
- ○ His watch
- ○ His hat

The Pool of Tears



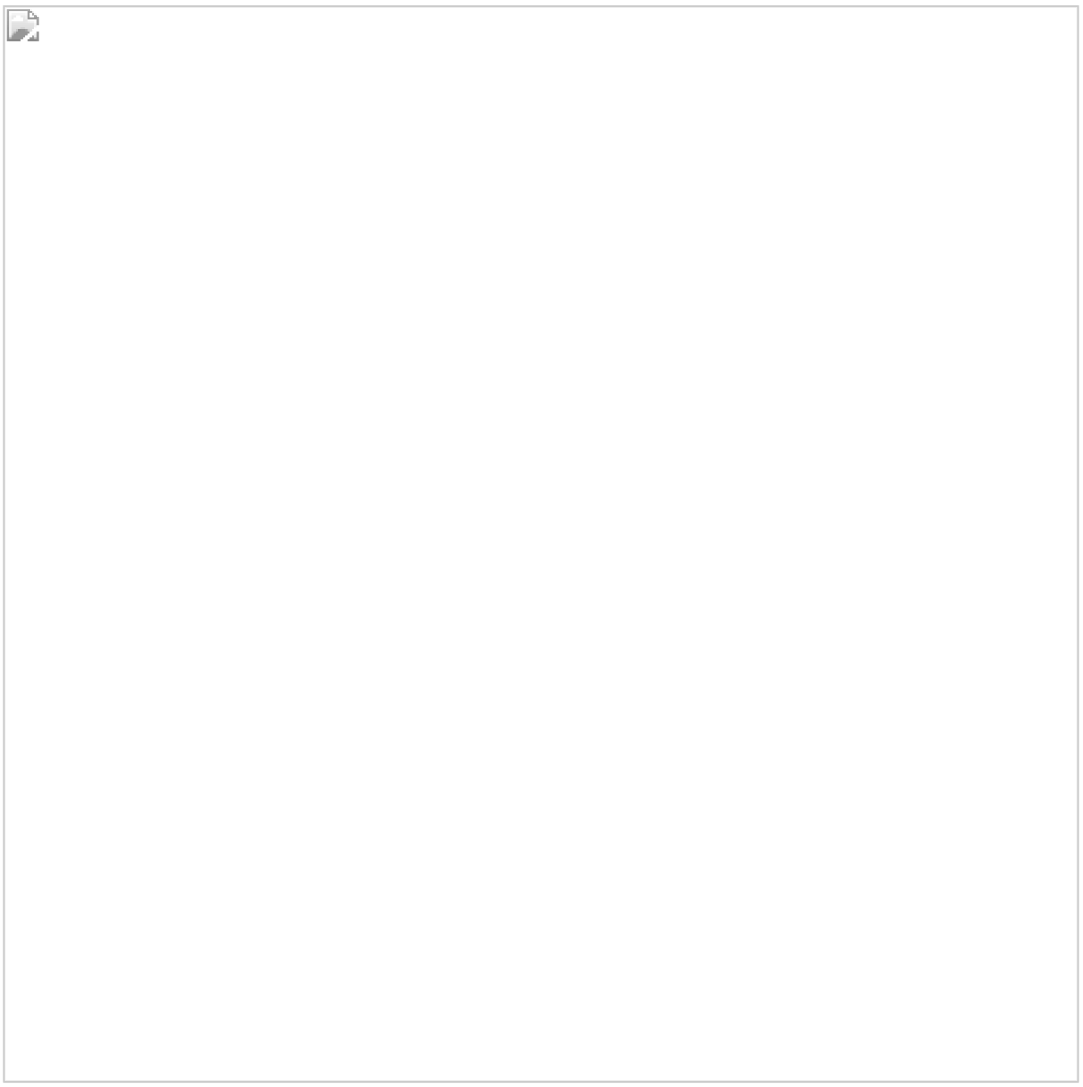
While Alice fanned herself, she began to shrink again. Then, splash! She slipped into a big salty pool. It was made of the tears she had cried when she was a giant!

A Mouse was swimming there too. Alice began to chatter about her cat, Dinah, who was very good at catching mice. The poor Mouse trembled all over. Alice was sorry at once. “Mouse dear! Do come back again,” she called, and promised not to talk about cats any more.

Soon the pool was full of creatures: a Duck, a Dodo, a Lory, an Eaglet, and many more. They all swam to shore together.

TALK ABOUT IT

Alice upset the Mouse without meaning to, and then she said sorry. Why is it good to say sorry, even when you did not mean to hurt someone?



Think about it

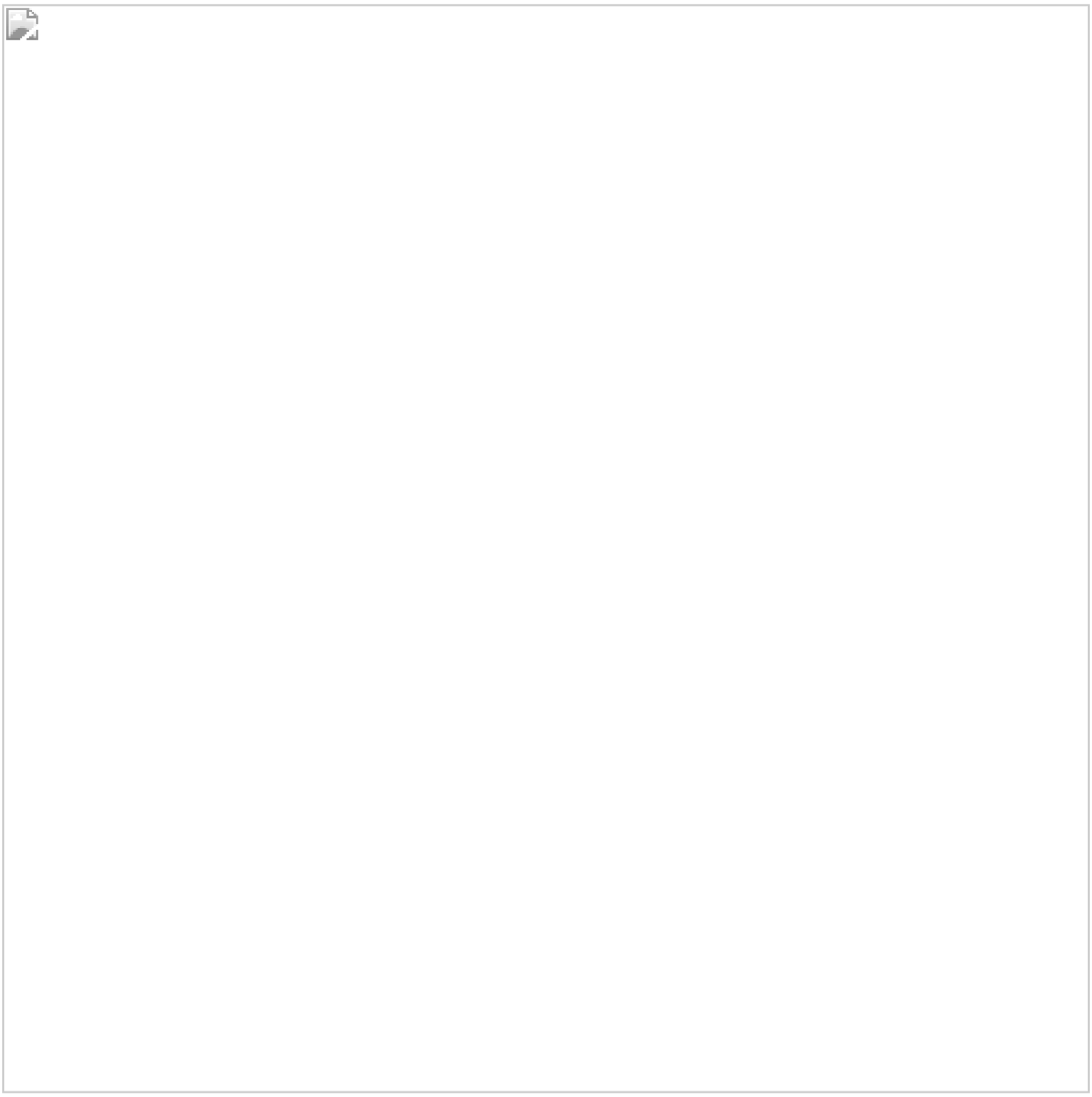
1. What was the pool made of?

- ○ Alice's tears
- ○ Rain
- ○ Lemonade

2. Why did the Mouse tremble?

- ○ Alice talked about her cat
- ○ The water was cold
- ○ It was late for school

A Race Where Everyone Wins



Everyone came out of the pool dripping wet. “The best thing to get us dry,” said the Dodo, “would be a Caucus-race.” So they ran around in a circle, starting and stopping whenever they liked.

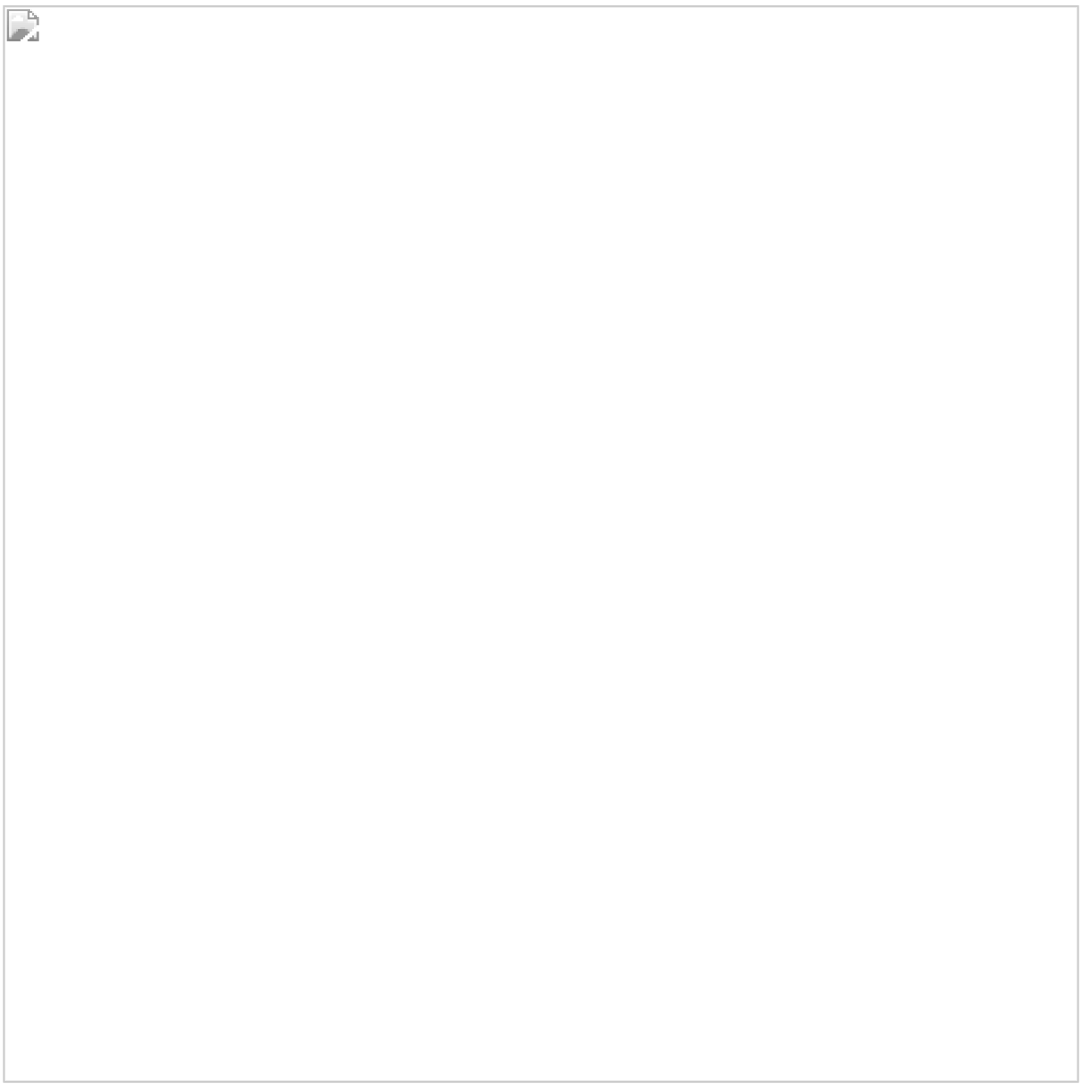
After half an hour they were quite dry. “But who has won?” everyone asked. The Dodo thought a long time, one finger on its forehead. At last it said, “Everybody has won, and all must have prizes.”

Alice handed round comfits, little sweets, from her pocket: exactly one each. But then there was no prize for Alice! So the Dodo took her thimble and grandly handed it back as her prize.

TALK ABOUT IT

In this race, everybody won. Can you think of a game where everyone can have fun, even without one winner?

A Race Where Everyone Wins · another picture



Think about it

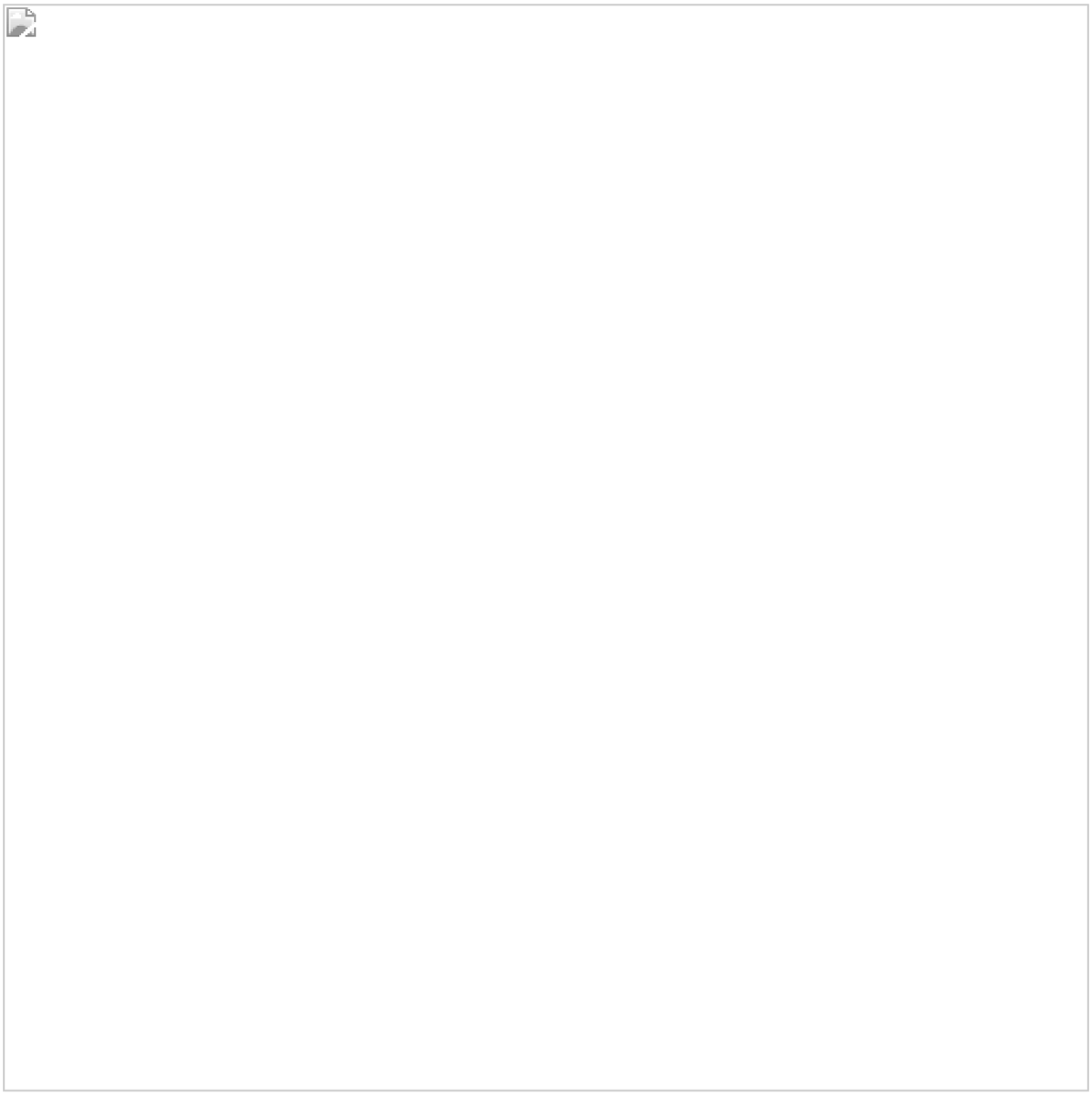
1. Who won the Caucus-race?

- ○ Everybody
- ○ The Dodo
- ○ Nobody

2. What prize did Alice get?

- ○ Her own thimble
- ○ A gold cup
- ○ A comfit

Stuck in the Rabbit's House



The White Rabbit came back for his gloves and fan. He thought Alice was his maid, Mary Ann, and sent her to his house to fetch them.

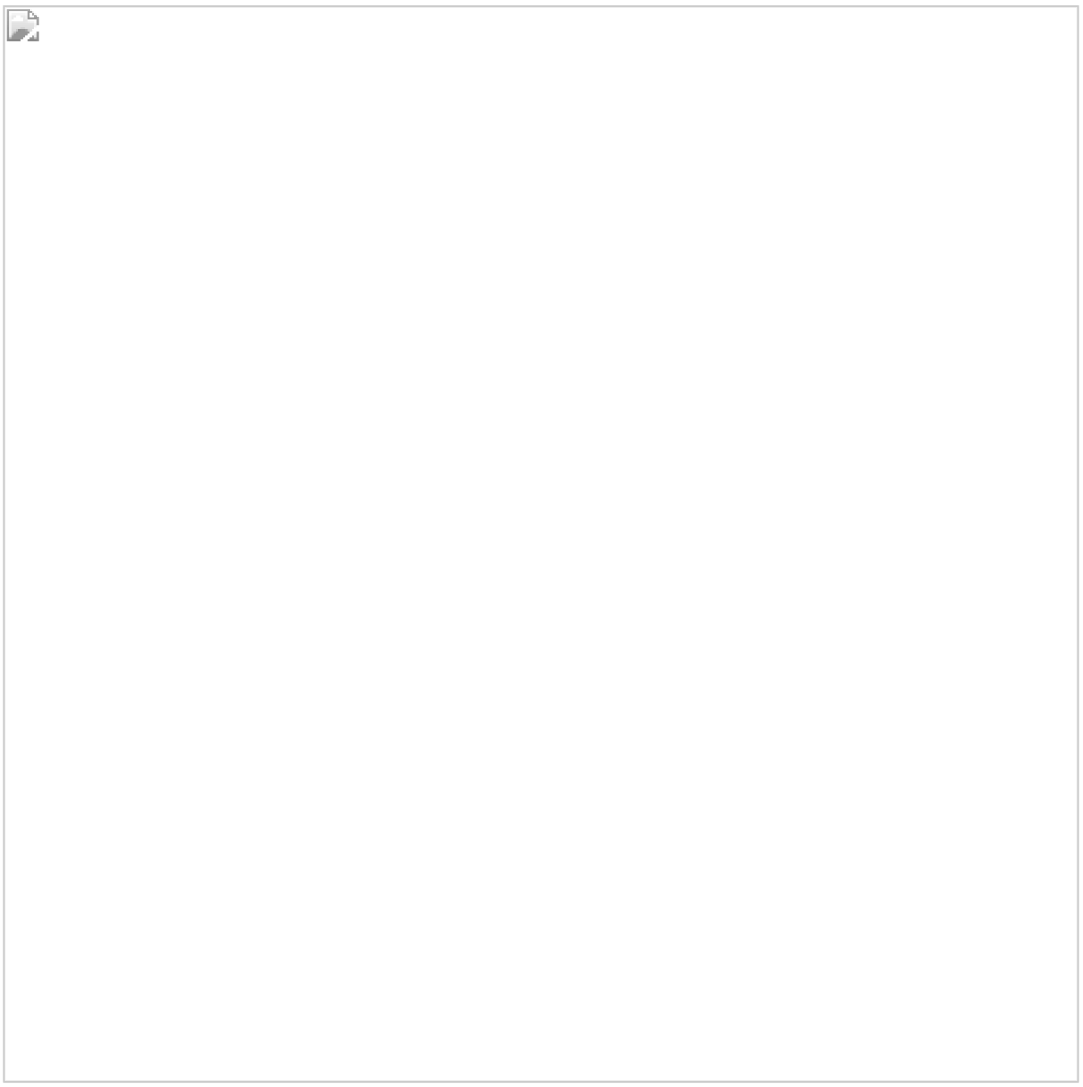
In the Rabbit's neat little house she found another little bottle. It had no label, but she drank it anyway. At once she grew until she filled the whole room, with one arm out of the window and one foot up the chimney!

The Rabbit and his friends threw in a shower of pebbles, and the pebbles turned into little cakes. Alice ate one, shrank small, and ran out into a thick wood.

TALK ABOUT IT

This time Alice drank from a bottle with no label at all. What should you do if you find something and you do not know what it is?

Stuck in the Rabbit's House · another picture



Think about it

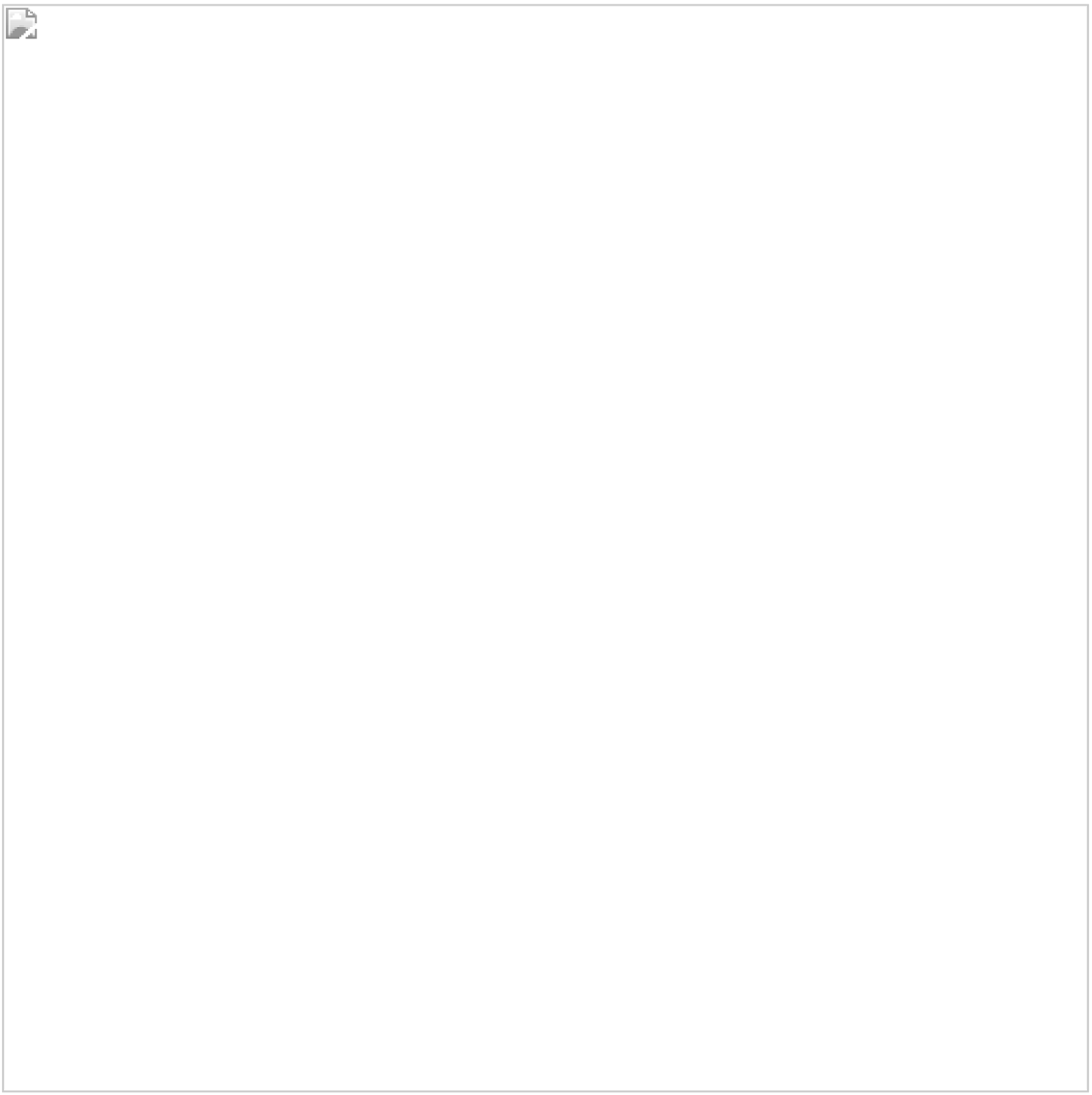
1. Who did the Rabbit think Alice was?

- ○ His maid, Mary Ann
- ○ The Queen
- ○ His sister

2. What did the pebbles turn into?

- ○ Little cakes
- ○ Flowers
- ○ Butterflies

Advice from a Caterpillar



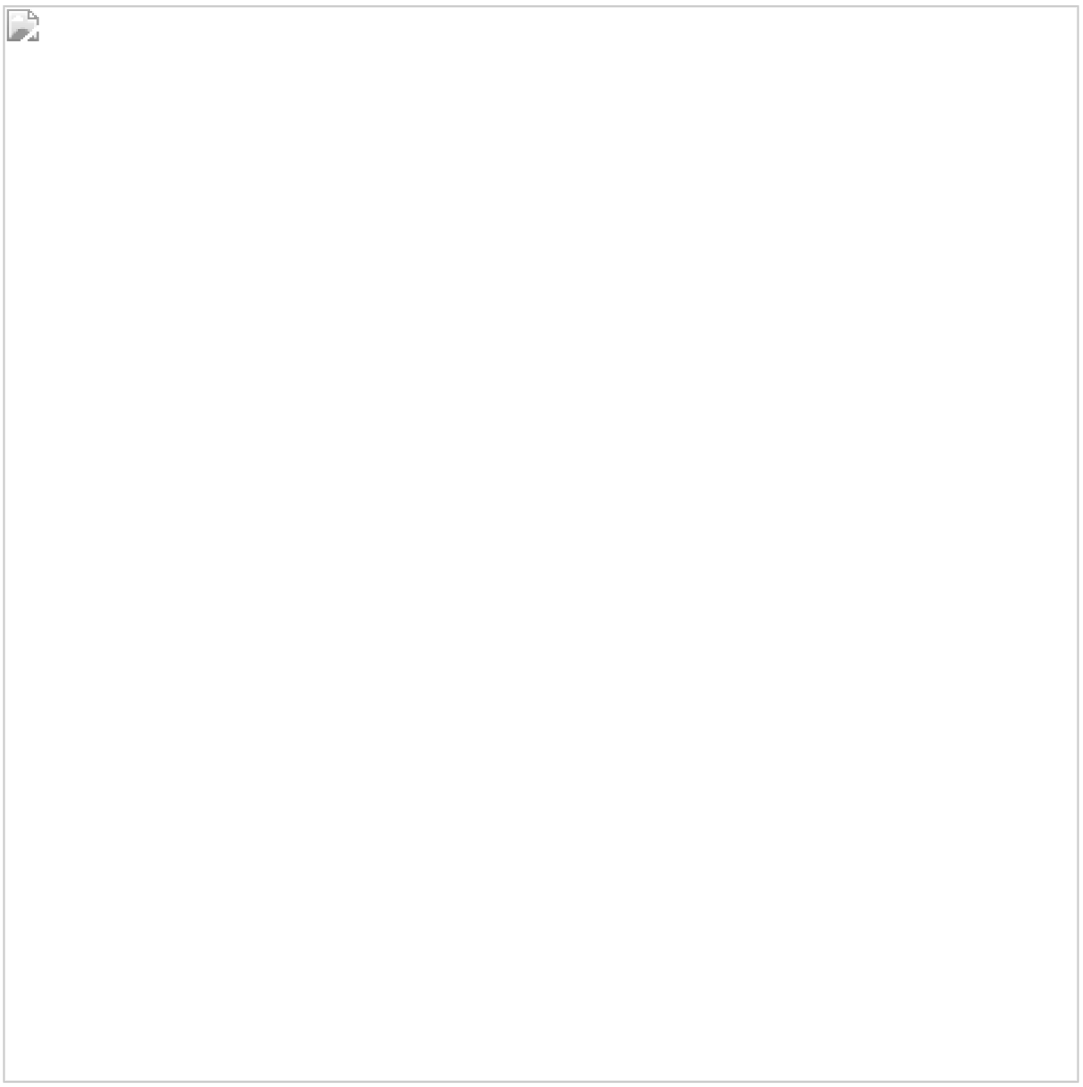
In the wood Alice found a big mushroom. On top sat a large blue Caterpillar. It stared at Alice a long time. Then it said, very slowly, “Who are you?”

“I—I hardly know, sir, just at present,” said Alice. She had changed size so many times that day.

As it crawled away, the Caterpillar said, “One side will make you grow taller, and the other side will make you grow shorter.” It meant the mushroom! One nibble made Alice’s neck so long that a Pigeon thought she was a serpent. She nibbled the other side, little by little, until she was just right, and kept some in her pocket.

TALK ABOUT IT

The Caterpillar asked Alice, “Who are you?” How would you answer that question?



Think about it

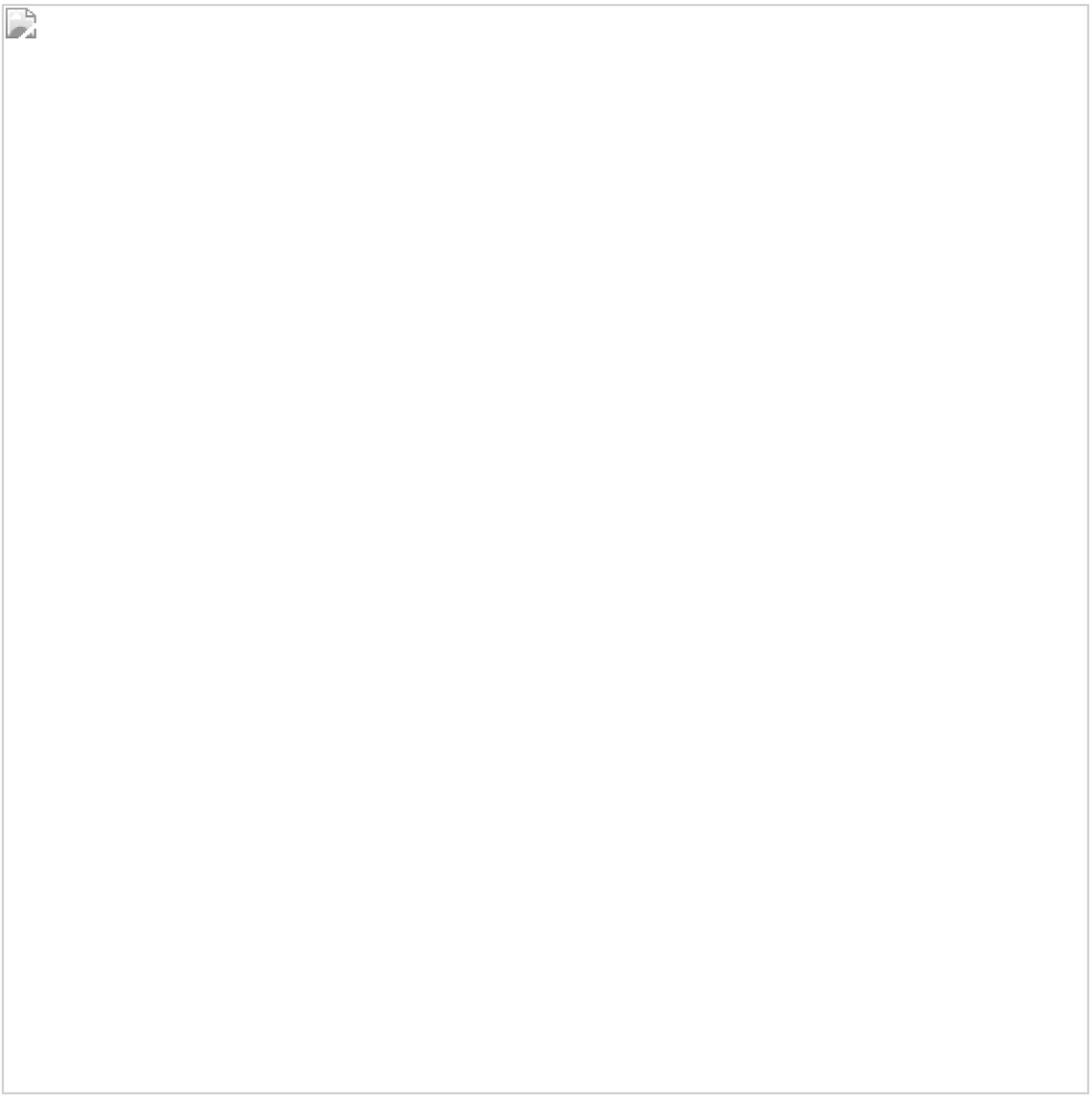
1. What color was the Caterpillar?

- ○ Blue
- ○ Green
- ○ Orange

2. What did the mushroom do?

- ○ One side made her taller, one side shorter
- ○ It made her fly
- ○ It made her invisible

Pig and Pepper



Alice came to a little house whose kitchen was full of pepper. A Duchess sat holding a baby, and a cook stirred the soup. Everyone was sneezing except the cook and a cat on the hearth, grinning from ear to ear.

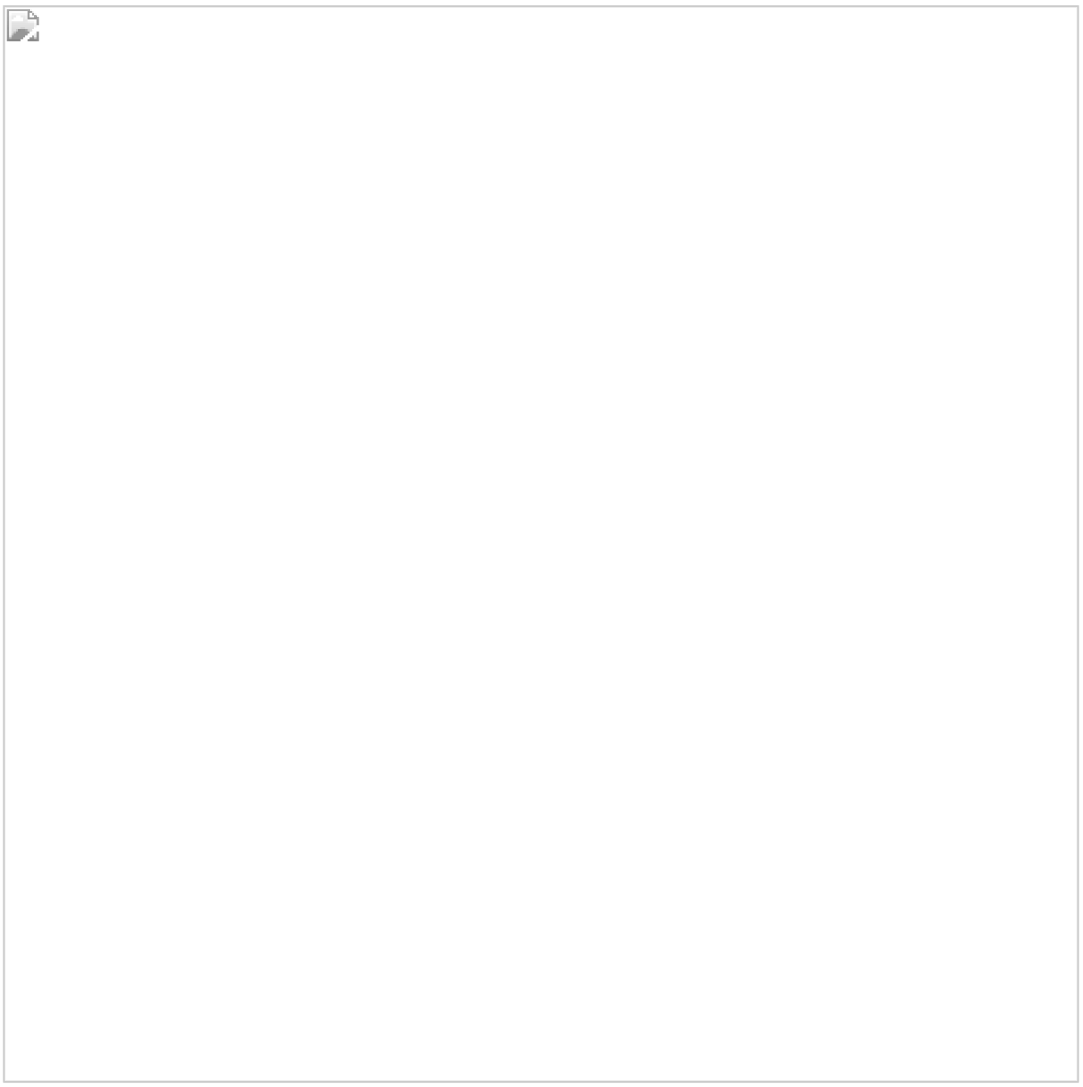
The cook threw pots and pans about, and nobody looked after the baby. Then the Duchess tossed it to Alice and rushed off to play croquet with the Queen.

Alice carried it out, because it would not be safe in there. But the baby began to grunt, and its nose turned into a snout. It was a pig! Alice set it down, and it trotted into the wood.

TALK ABOUT IT

Alice looked after the baby when no one else would. Who looks after you? Who could you help look after?

Pig and Pepper · another picture



Think about it

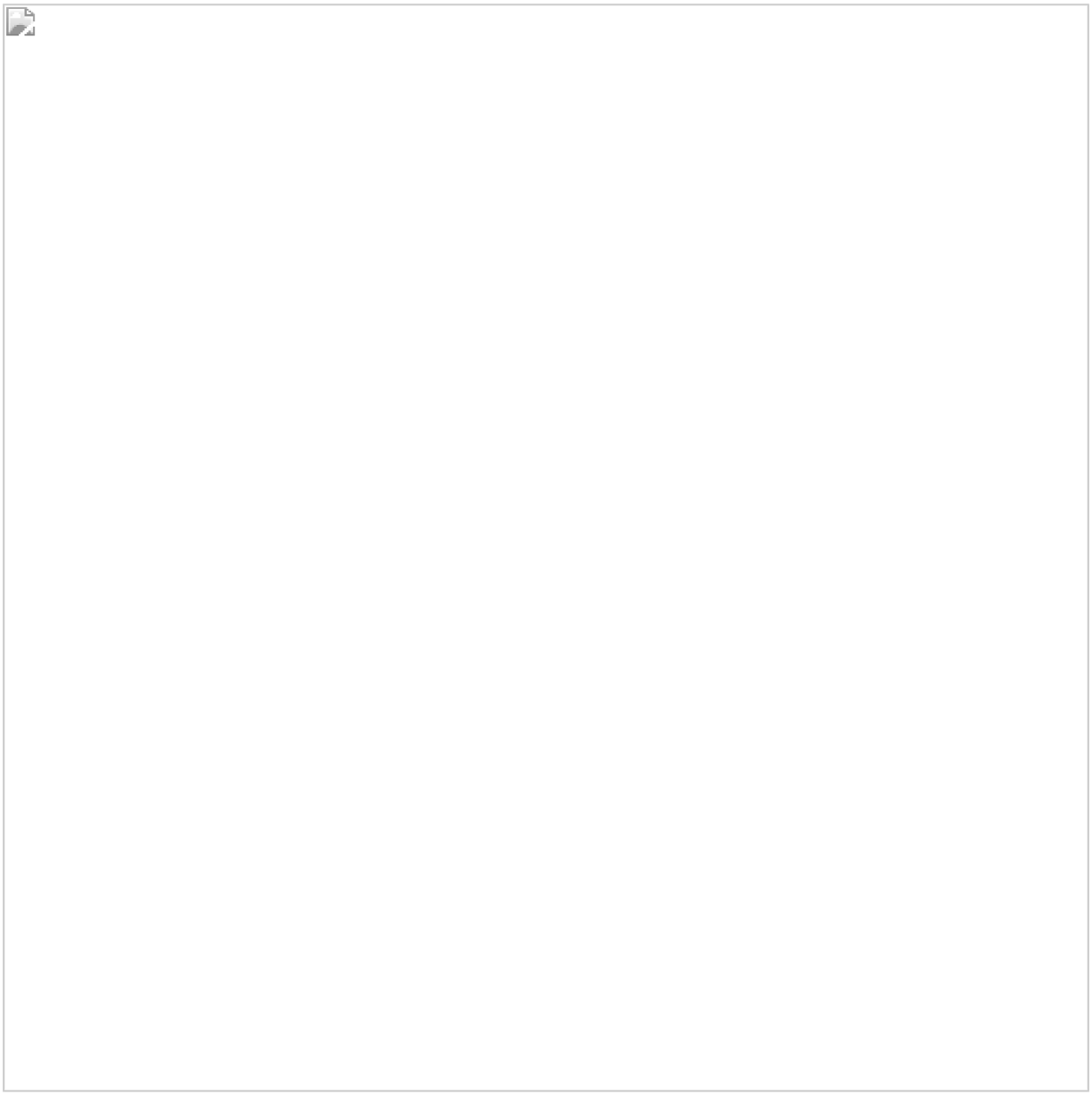
1. Why was everyone in the kitchen sneezing?

- ○ There was too much pepper
- ○ They had colds
- ○ There were flowers

2. What did the baby turn into?

- ○ A pig
- ○ A puppy
- ○ A frog

The Cheshire Cat



Up in a tree sat the grinning Cheshire Cat. Alice asked it which way to go.

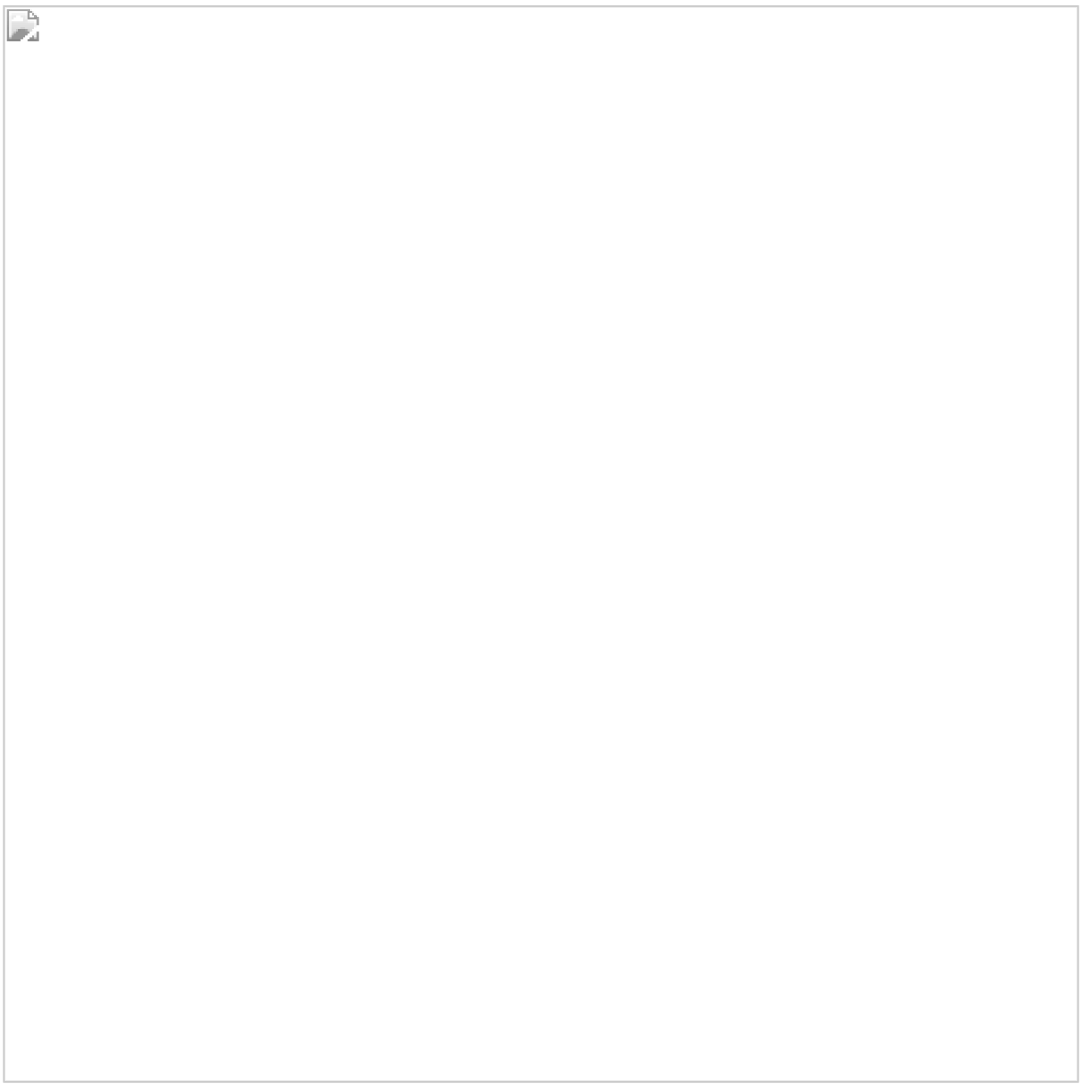
The Cat waved one paw, then the other. “In that direction,” it said, “lives a Hatter: and in that direction,” it went on, “lives a March Hare. Visit either you like: they’re both mad.” By mad, it meant very silly.

Then the Cat began to vanish, starting with the end of its tail. Last of all its grin was left, hanging in the air. “I’ve often seen a cat without a grin,” thought Alice, “but a grin without a cat! It’s the most curious thing I ever saw in my life!”

TALK ABOUT IT

What would be the most curious thing you could ever see? Can you draw it?

The Cheshire Cat · another picture



Think about it

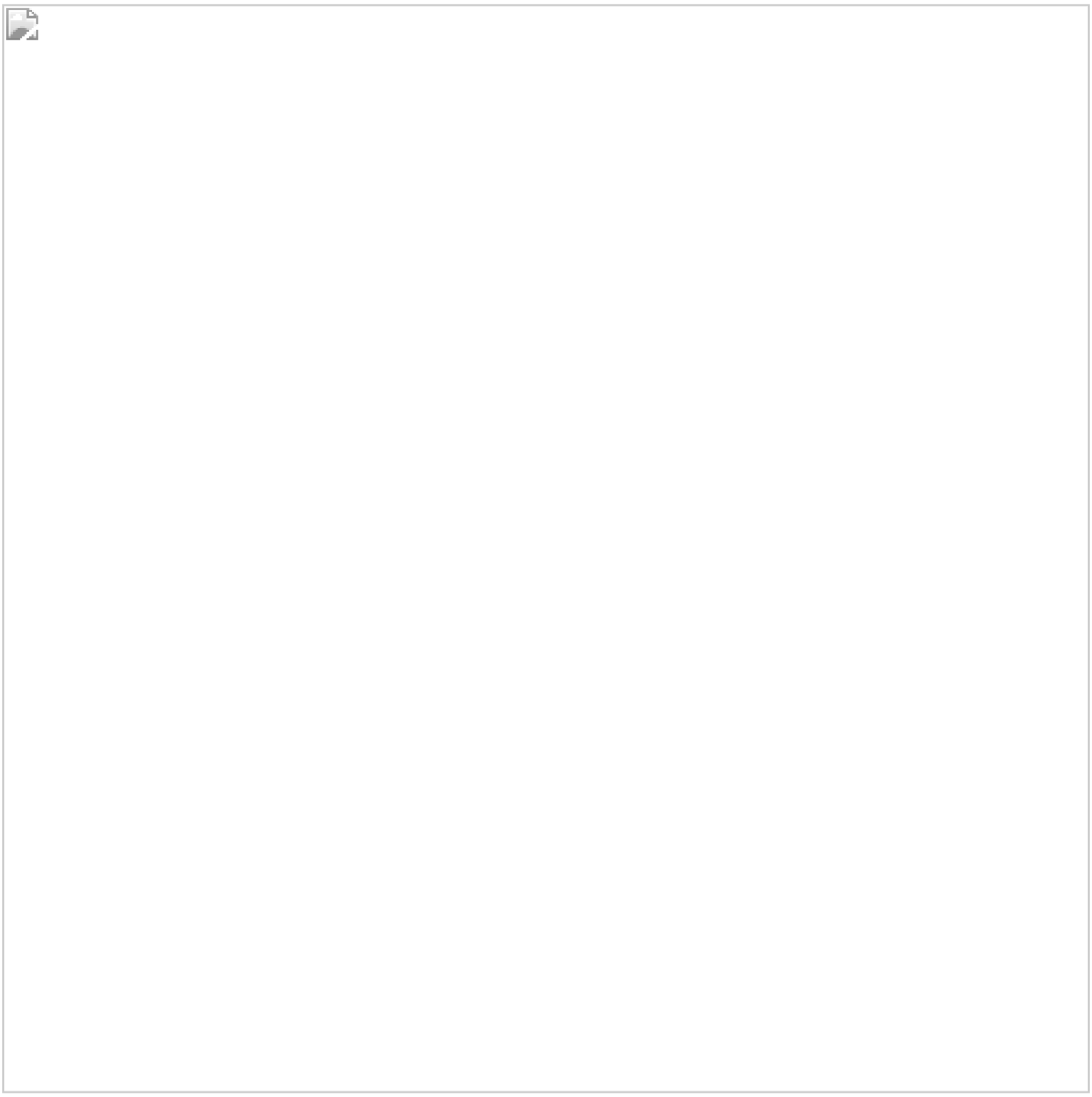
1. What was the last part of the Cat to disappear?

- ○ Its grin
- ○ Its tail
- ○ Its ears

2. Who did the Cat say lived nearby?

- ○ A Hatter and a March Hare
- ○ A King and a Queen
- ○ Three bears

A Mad Tea-Party



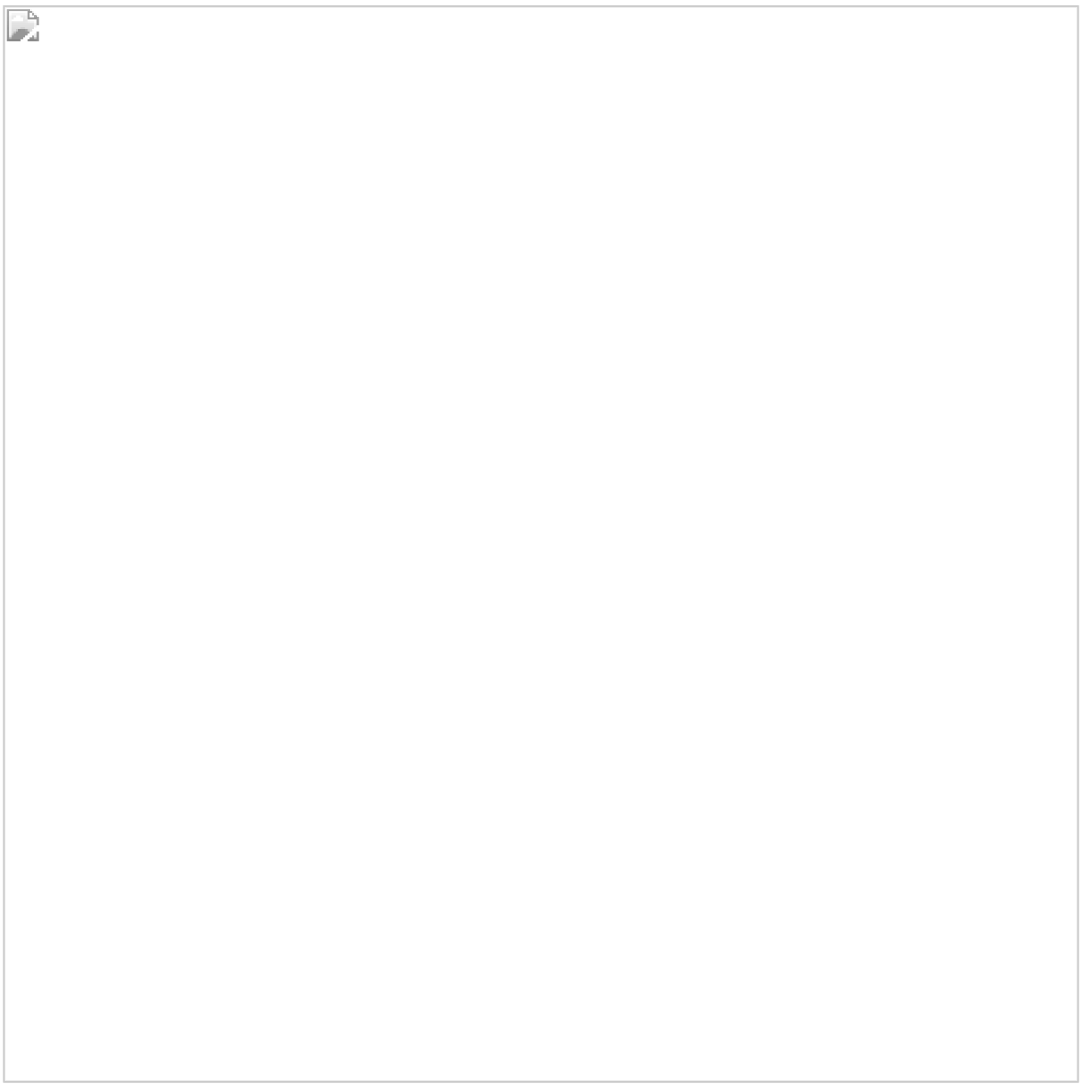
Under a tree, the March Hare and the Hatter were having tea, with a Dormouse between them, crowded at one corner of a big table. “No room! No room!” they cried. “There’s plenty of room!” said Alice, and sat down.

“Your hair wants cutting,” said the Hatter. “You should learn not to make personal remarks,” said Alice. Then he asked, “Why is a raven like a writing-desk?” Nobody knew, not even the Hatter!

Alice had enough of their rudeness and left. A door in a tree led her back to the hall. This time she took the golden key first, nibbled her mushroom, and walked into the garden.

TALK ABOUT IT

The Hatter and the March Hare were not very kind to their guest. If someone came to your tea-party, how would you make them feel welcome?



Think about it

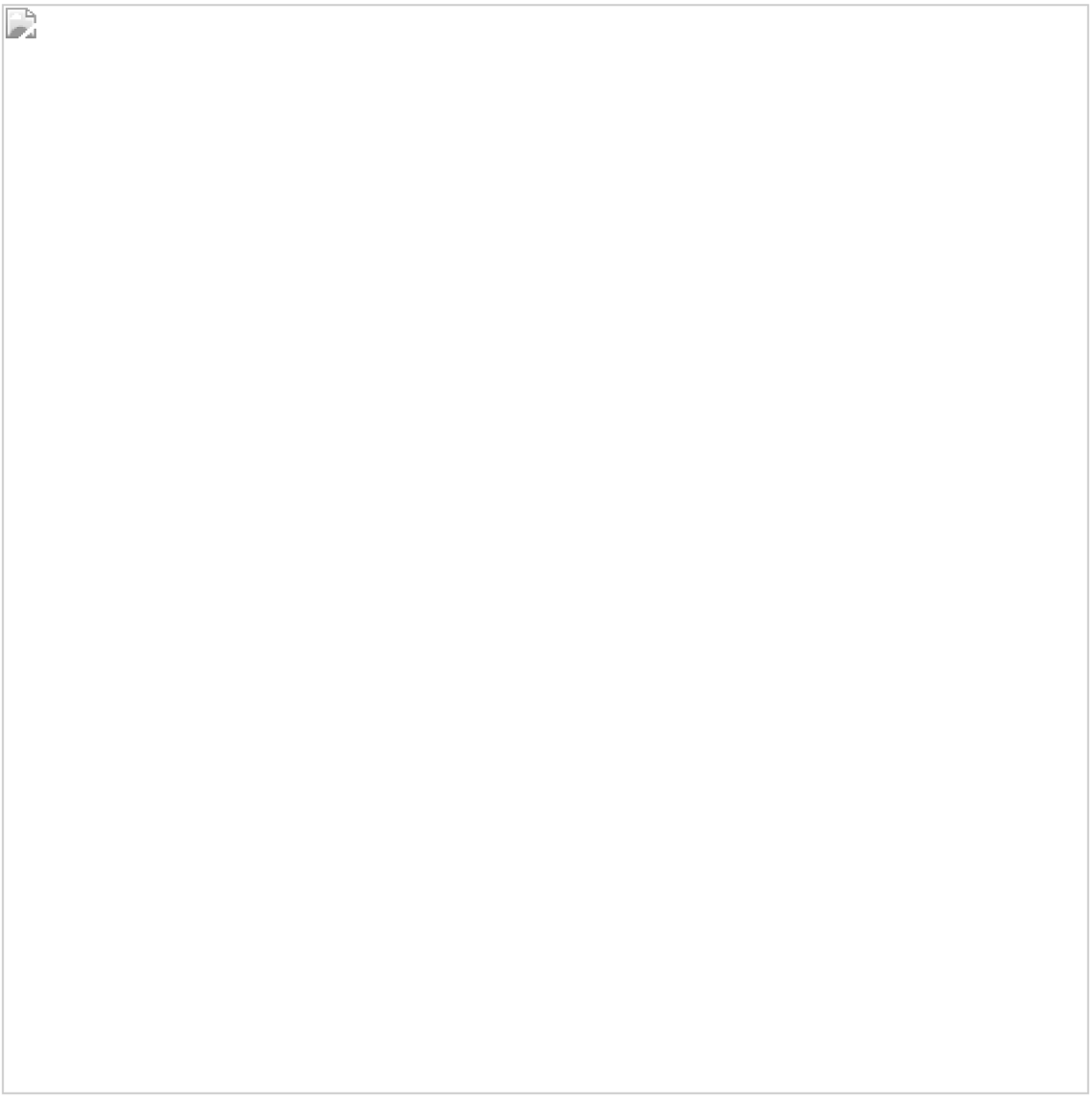
1. What did the Hatter and March Hare shout when Alice came?

- ○ “No room! No room!”
- ○ Welcome
- ○ Good morning

2. What did Alice do first, the second time she was in the hall?

- ○ She took the golden key
- ○ She drank from a bottle
- ○ She cried

The Queen of Hearts



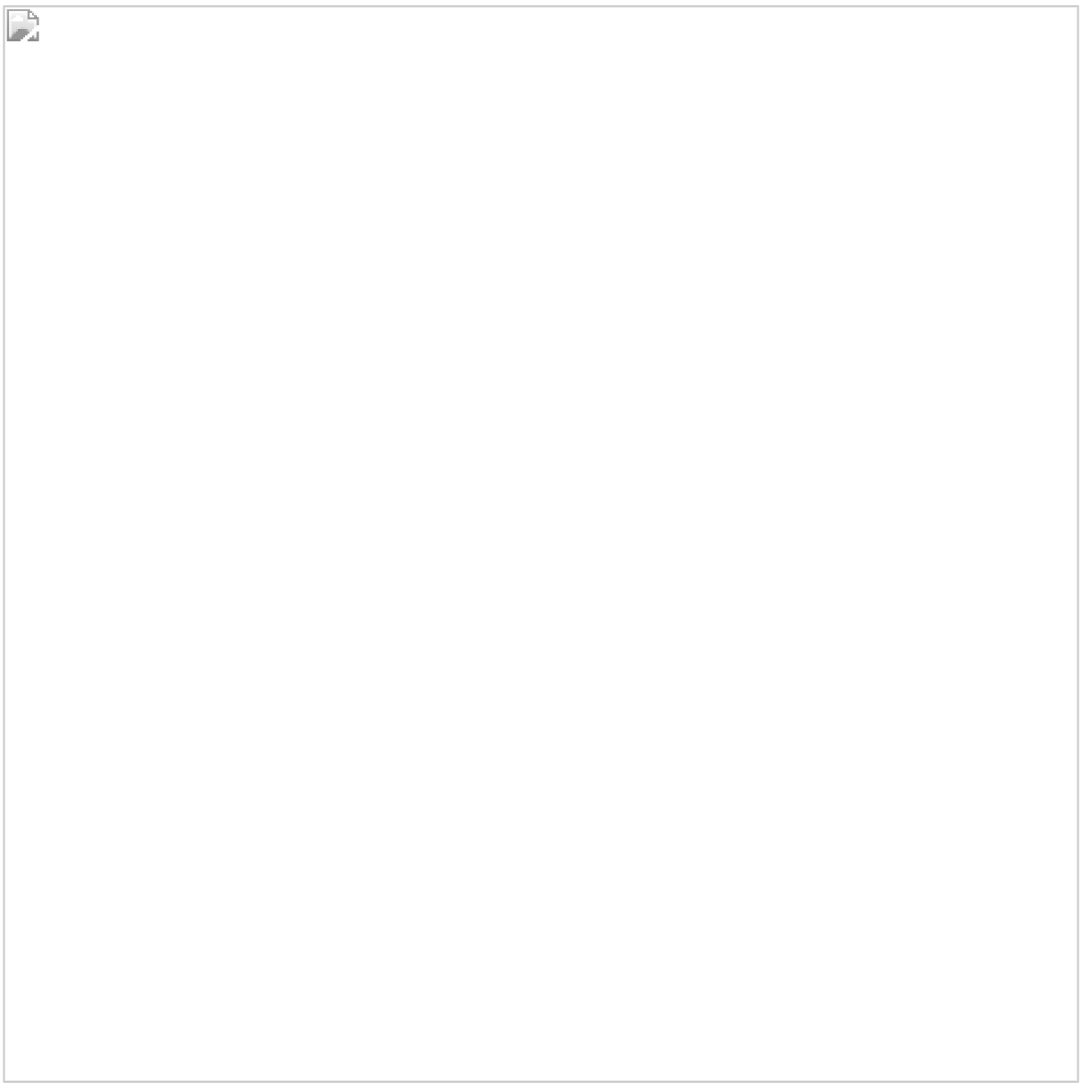
In the garden, three gardeners shaped like playing cards were painting white roses red. They had planted a white rose-tree by mistake, and feared the Queen.

Then the King and Queen of Hearts marched in with their soldiers, all cards too. The Queen saw the gardeners and shouted, “Off with their heads!” Alice hid the gardeners in a big flower-pot so the soldiers could not find them.

When she shouted at Alice too, Alice said, “Nonsense!” loudly, and the Queen was silent. The King said, “Consider, my dear: she is only a child!” And nobody ever lost a head; the King quietly let them all go.

TALK ABOUT IT

Alice was brave and helped the gardeners hide. When is it right to stand up for someone else?



Think about it

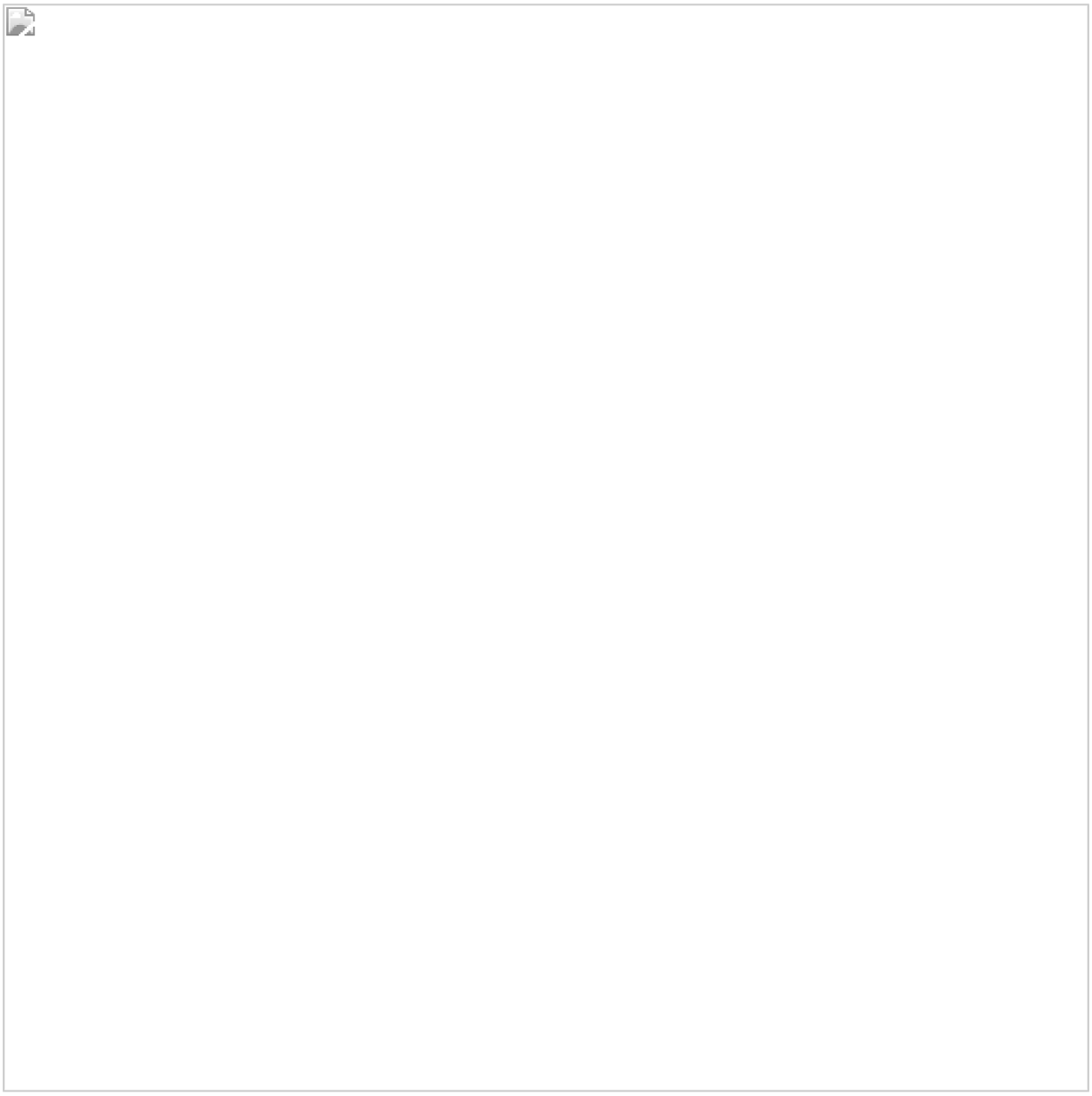
1. Why were the gardeners painting the roses?

- ○ They planted white roses by mistake
- ○ The roses were dirty
- ○ It was a game

2. How did Alice help the gardeners?

- ○ She hid them in a flower-pot
- ○ She painted with them
- ○ She ran away

A Very Curious Croquet Game



Then the Queen called everyone to play croquet. It was the most curious croquet game Alice had ever seen.

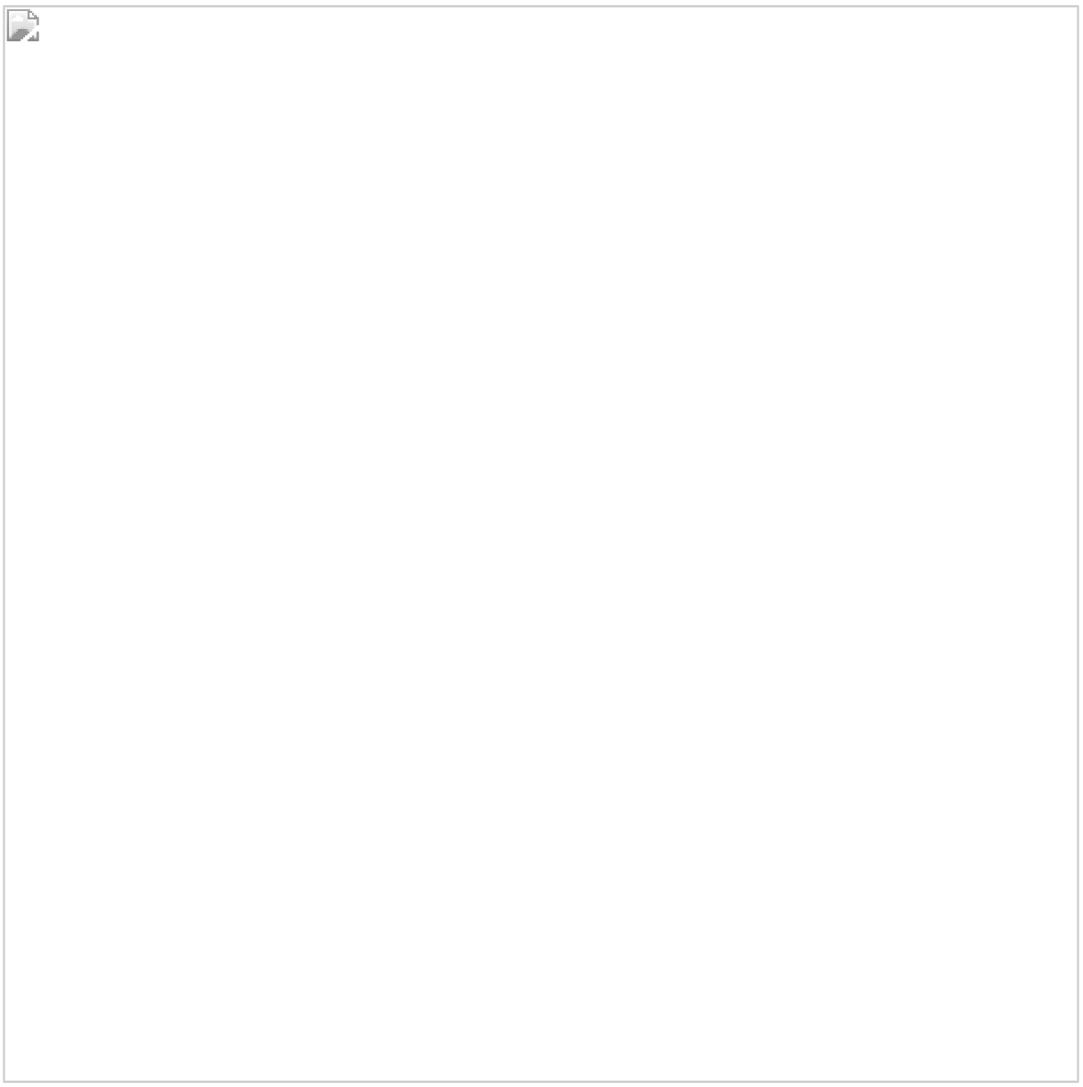
The balls were live hedgehogs. The mallets were live flamingoes. And the soldiers had to bend over on their hands and feet to make the arches.

Every time Alice got her flamingo's neck nice and straight, it twisted round and looked up into her face with such a puzzled look that she burst out laughing. And by then her hedgehog had uncurled itself and crawled away!

TALK ABOUT IT

If you could make up a silly game with animals, what would it be?

A Very Curious Croquet Game · another picture



Think about it

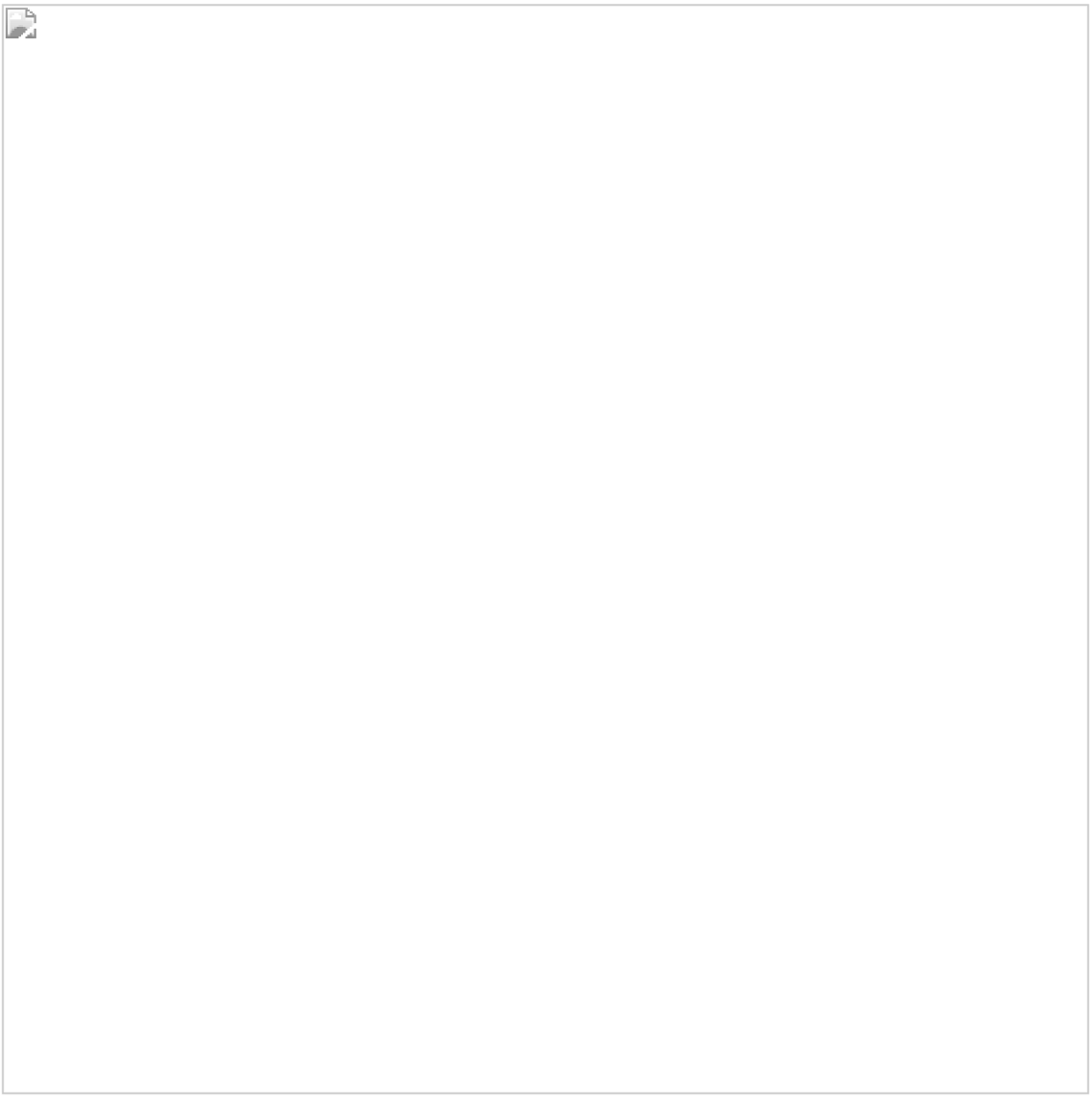
1. What did they use for croquet balls?

- ○ Hedgehogs
- ○ Apples
- ○ Eggs

2. What did they use for mallets?

- ○ Flamingoes
- ○ Brooms
- ○ Spoons

The Mock Turtle



The Queen sent Alice off with a Gryphon, half eagle and half lion. He took her to the Mock Turtle, who sat on a rock by the sea, sighing and sobbing.

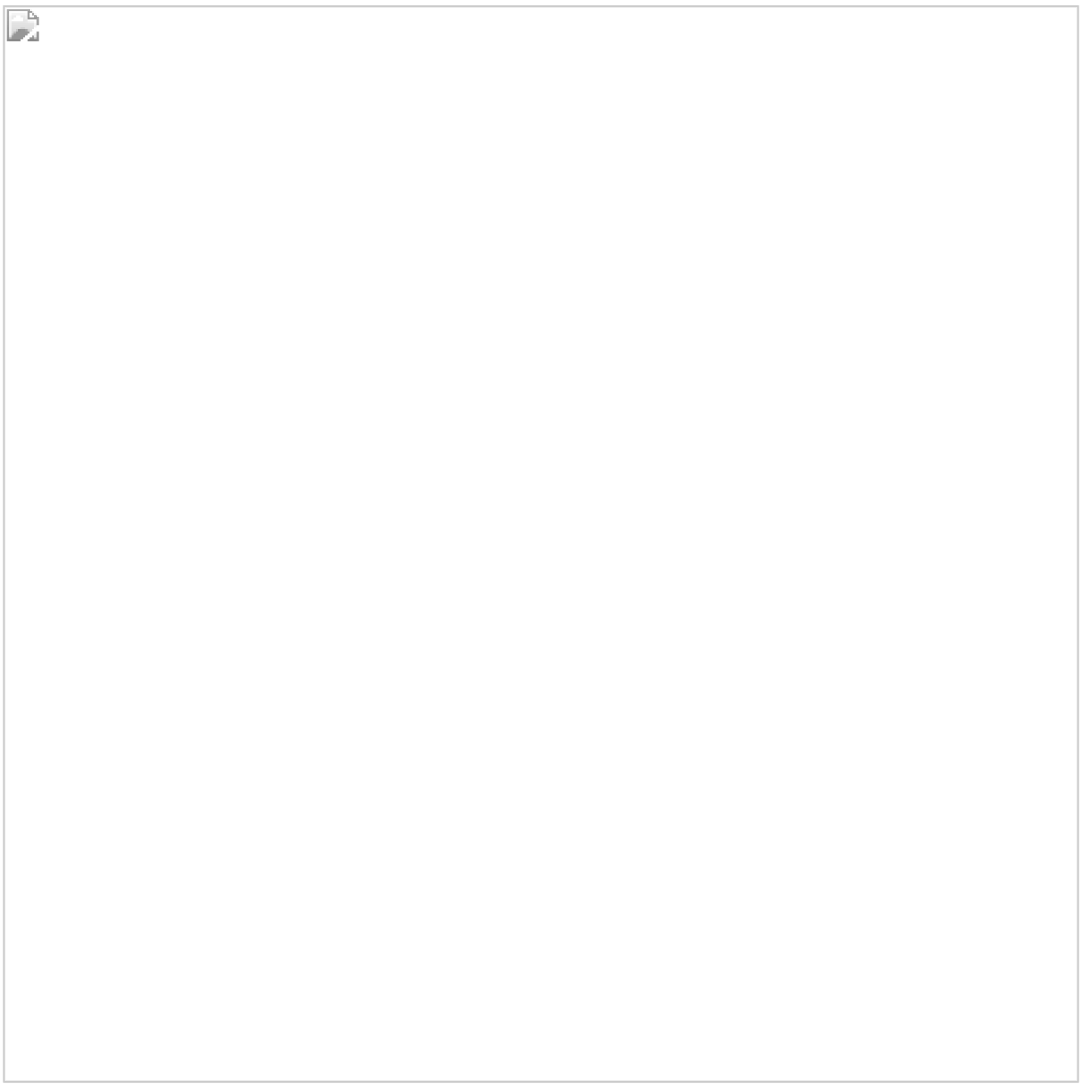
"Once," said the Mock Turtle at last, "I was a real Turtle." He told Alice about his school in the sea. The teacher was an old Turtle. "We called him Tortoise because he taught us."

Then the two danced the Lobster Quadrille on the sand. When they asked for her adventures, Alice said, "It's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then." Then a cry rang out: "The trial's beginning!"

TALK ABOUT IT

The Mock Turtle was very sad, and Alice listened to his whole story. How can you help a friend who is sad?

The Mock Turtle · another picture



Think about it

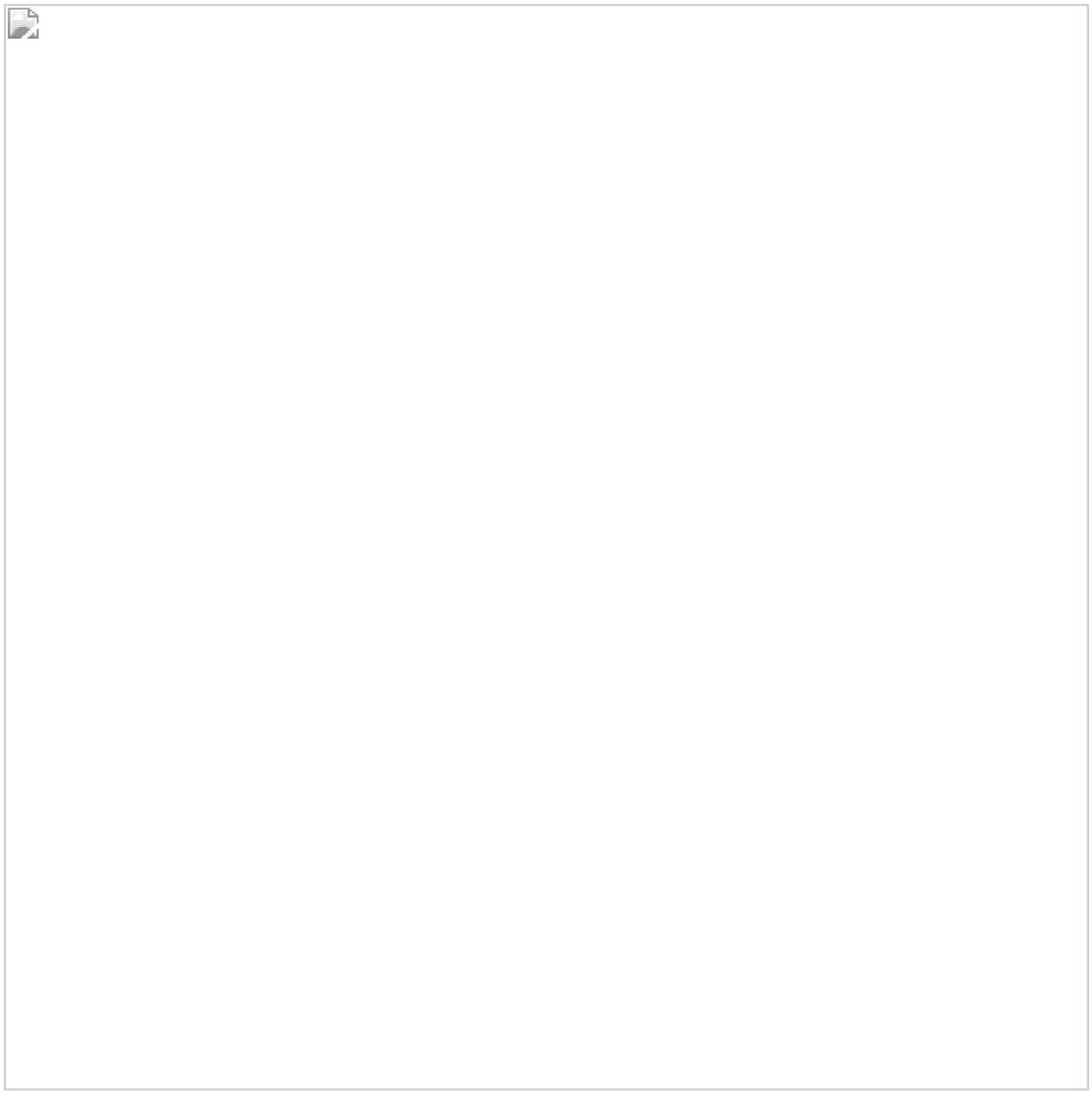
1. Where did Alice meet the Mock Turtle?

- ○ On a rock by the sea
- ○ In a tree
- ○ In the kitchen

2. What dance did they do for Alice?

- ○ The Lobster Quadrille
- ○ The Rabbit Hop
- ○ The Card Shuffle

Who Stole the Tarts?



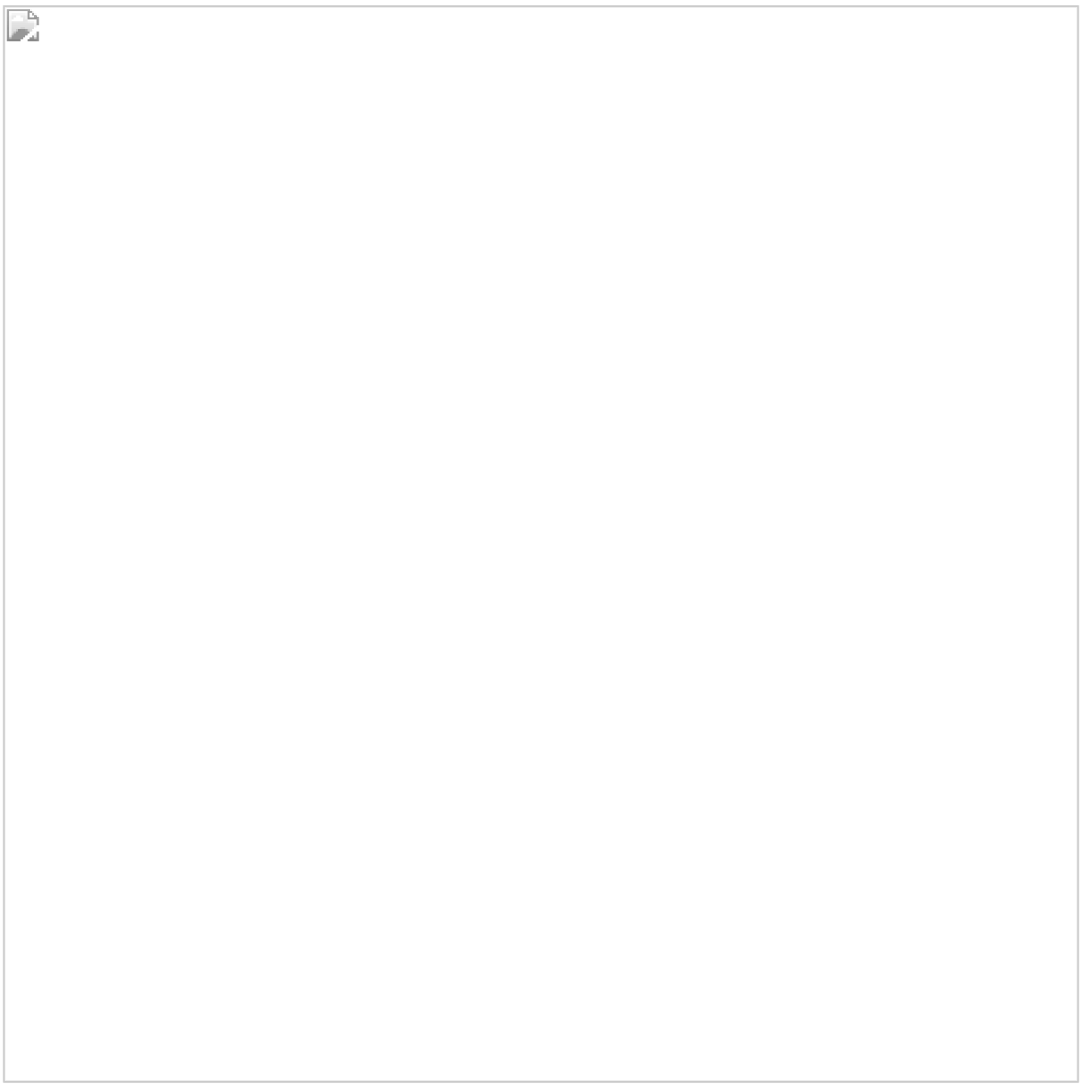
In the court, the King and Queen of Hearts sat on their thrones. The Knave of Hearts stood in chains between two soldiers. In the middle was a dish of tarts, and twelve creatures sat in the jury-box.

The White Rabbit blew three blasts on his trumpet and read: “The Queen of Hearts, she made some tarts, all on a summer day: The Knave of Hearts, he stole those tarts, and took them quite away!”

The first witness was the Hatter. He came in with a teacup in one hand and bread-and-butter in the other, because he had not finished his tea. Meanwhile, Alice was slowly growing again.

TALK ABOUT IT

In a fair trial, everyone gets to tell their side before anyone decides. Why is that fair?



Think about it

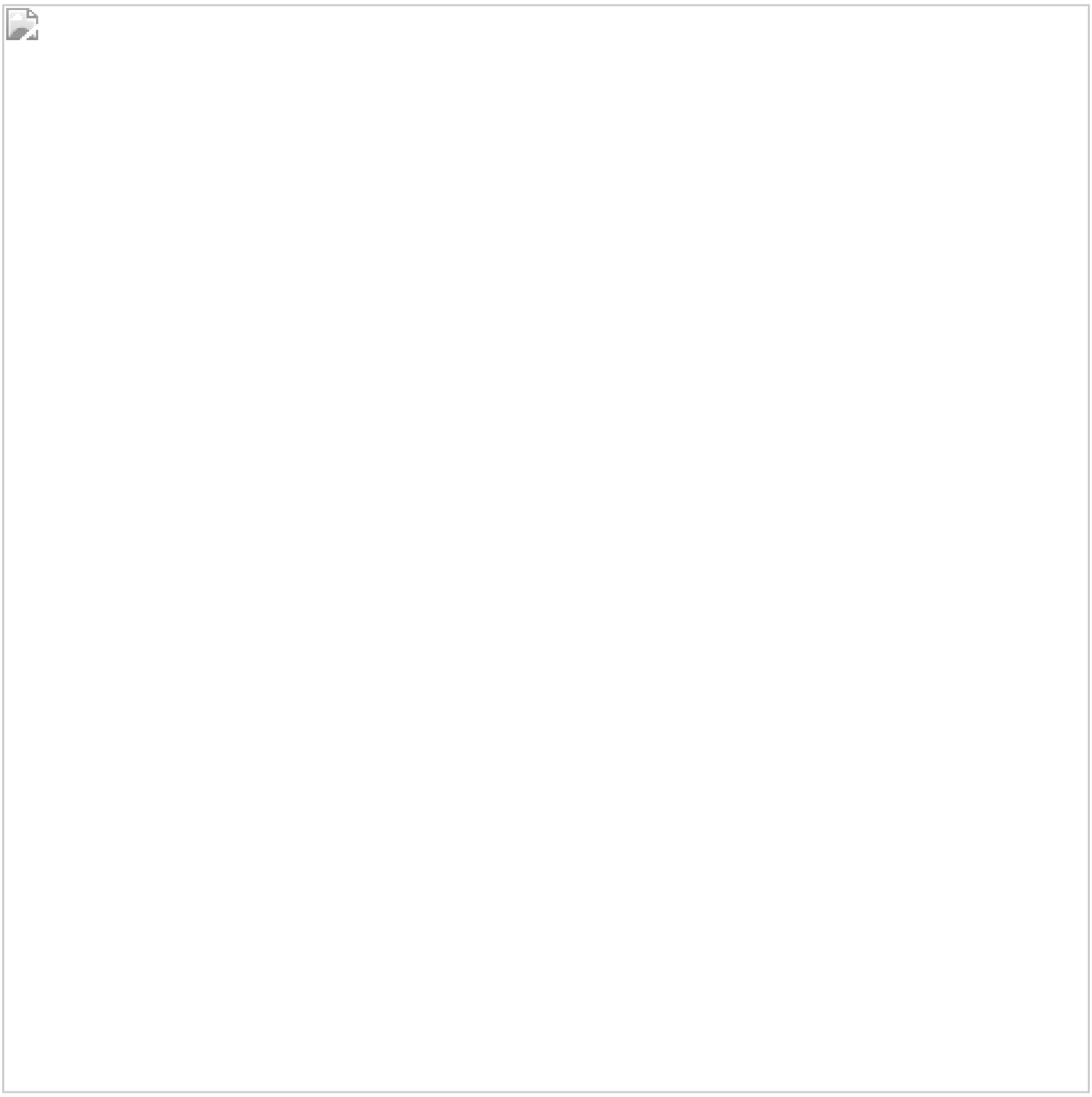
1. What was the Knave of Hearts accused of?

- ○ Stealing the tarts
- ○ Painting the roses
- ○ Being late

2. What did the Hatter bring into court?

- ○ A teacup and bread-and-butter
- ○ A hat and a cane
- ○ A cake

Nothing but a Pack of Cards



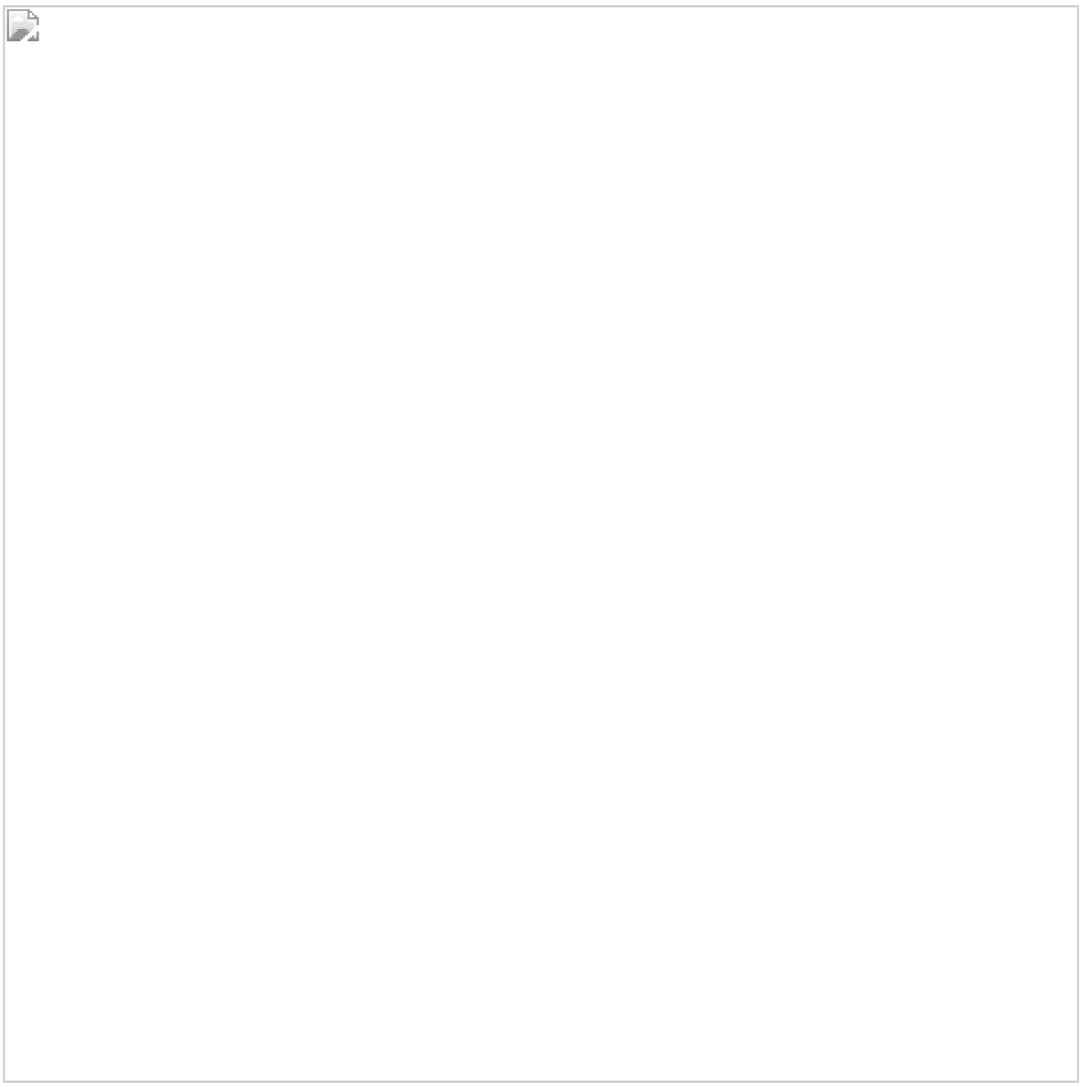
“Sentence first—verdict afterwards,” said the Queen. That meant punishing before anyone knew who did it! “Stuff and nonsense!” said Alice. She had grown to full size. “You’re nothing but a pack of cards!”

The whole pack flew up and came down on her, and Alice woke on the riverbank, her head in her sister’s lap. “Wake up, Alice dear!” said her sister.

Alice told her sister her curious dream. Her sister kissed her and sent her in for tea, then sat watching the sunset. She pictured Alice grown up, keeping “the simple and loving heart of her childhood,” and telling stories to other little children.

TALK ABOUT IT

Alice’s sister hoped Alice would keep a loving heart even when she grew up. What do you hope you will always keep, even when you are grown?



Think about it

1. Where was Alice when she woke up?

- ○ On the riverbank with her sister
- ○ In the Queen's garden
- ○ Down the rabbit-hole

2. If you fell down a rabbit-hole, what would you hope to find at the bottom? Why?

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— Yeshua HaMashiach

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