



Alice in
Wonderland &
Through the
Looking-Glass



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What Do *You* Think? Questions for Discussion



Have you ever been around a toddler who keeps asking the question “Why?” all the time? Does your teacher call on you in class with questions from your homework? Do your parents ask you questions about your day at the dinner table? We are always surrounded by questions that need a specific response. But is it possible to have a question with no right answer?

The following questions are about the book you just read. But this is not a quiz! They are

designed to help you look at the people, places, and events in the story from different angles. These questions do not have specific answers. Instead, they might make you think of the story in a completely new way.

Think carefully about each question and enjoy discovering more about this classic story.

1. How does Alice react the first time she sees the White Rabbit? What would you have done in her place?

2. The narrator says that Alice likes to pretend to be two people. Why do you suppose this is? What do you pretend when you play?

3. Alice continues to alternate between being big and small. What are the benefits of each one? Which would you prefer?

4. Alice says, "I've seen a cat without a grin, but a grin without a cat! That's the most curious thing I've ever seen in my life." What is the most curious thing *you've* ever seen?

5. Alice says of the poem *Jabberwock*, “It seems very pretty . . . but it is *very* hard to understand.” What does Humpty Dumpty tell her it means? Were you able to make any sense of it?

6. The flowers say that it isn’t good manners for them to speak first. Do you agree? Do you have good manners?

7. Why do you suppose the gnat keeps whispering jokes in Alice’s ear? Do you like to tell jokes? What’s your best one?

8. Humpty Dumpty and Alice argue about whether they prefer birthdays or unbirthdays. Which would you prefer to celebrate?

9. Many of the characters in Alice’s dreams represent people in her real life. Which character are you the most like? Which are you the least like?

10. Were you surprised to find out that Alice’s experiences were only dreams? Do you remember your dreams? What is the most unusual one you can recall?