

Alice in Wonderland – Chapter 7

A Mad Tea Party



One of the most famous scenes from Lewis Carroll's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* is this tea party. Alice, who has stumbled into a very strange land, joins the Mad Hatter, the March Hare and the Dormouse for an odd tea party.

These questions can be answered as bullet points.

1. Where, at the start of the passage, is the table set out?
2. Write down the names of the 3 characters sitting at the table and say what each is doing.

These should be answered using complete sentences.

3. Give 2 reasons why it is surprising that they greet Alice with 'No room! No room!'
4. What does Alice do to offend the March Hare?
5. a) Explain the trick he then decides to play on her.
b) What lesson do you think he wants to teach her?
6. Alice becomes increasingly annoyed. Copy 3 phrases which prove this.
7. A dormouse, like a bear, hibernates, or sleeps for long periods of time. Write a sentence or two from the passage that shows this.
8. Explain the difference between "I see what I eat" and "I eat what I see."
9. In what way is the Hatter's watch very different from ordinary ones?
10. There are 3 possible reasons for the watch not working properly. What are they?

Answer in a short paragraph.

Which character would you like to have tea with? Why?

Using these words in context – underline the meaning of the word in bold.

1) 'There's **plenty** of room!' said Alice indignantly, and she sat down in a large arm-chair at one end of the table.

a. a limited supply b. a small supply c. a full supply d. an endless supply

2) 'Then it wasn't very **civil** of you to offer it,' said Alice angrily.

a. polite b. rude c. safe d. important



3) 'You should learn not to make personal remarks,' Alice said with some **severity**; 'it's very rude.'

- a. kindness b. hesitation c. confusion d. harshness

4) 'I do,' Alice **hastily** replied; 'at least--at least I mean what I say--that's the same thing, you know.'

- a. slowly b. quickly c. carefully d. thoughtfully

5) 'It is the same thing with you,' said the Hatter, and here the conversation **dropped**, and the party sat silent for a minute..."

- a. became heated b. stopped c. started d. changed

Quiz

1. Who was asleep?
 - a) The March Hare
 - b) Alice
 - c) The Dormouse
2. Who told Alice her hair needed cutting?
 - a) The Hatter
 - b) The Dormouse
 - c) The March Hare
3. Who said 'I breathe when I sleep?'
 - a) The Dormouse
 - b) The Hatter
 - c) The March Hare
4. Why was Alice looking over her shoulder?
 - a) To look if anyone was coming
 - b) To look at the watch
 - c) To see if there was any wine
5. Who knew the answer to the riddle?
 - a) The Hatter
 - b) Alice
 - c) Neither of them
6. Who did the Hatter sing to?
 - a) The March Hare
 - b) The Queen of Hearts
 - c) Alice
7. Why is there so much at the table?
 - a) They are expecting visitors
 - b) It is always tea time
 - c) They can't count
8. Who wanted a clean cup?
 - a) The Hatter
 - b) The March Hare
 - c) Alice
9. What word wasn't used that begins with 'M'?
 - a) Mousetrap
 - b) Money
 - c) Muchness
10. Where did Alice find herself?
 - a) In a beautiful garden
 - b) Back in her home
 - c) Still at the table