



STEP 1: Read the story 'Alice and the Mouse' once again from your textbook (or the **attached scanned pages**, in case you do not have the book).

Please note – Questions I to III are to be done in the notebook

I. Answer the following questions in brief: (20 – 30 words)

- What did Alice say to make the mouse feel insulted? (**Hint** - tail/ tale __ not/knot)
- If you were a small bird or a mouse, why would you be afraid of Dinah? (**Hint** – cat)
- Why did Alice keep on talking about Dinah? (**Hint** - lonely, loved her the most, missed)

II. Fill in the missing words in the following sentences:-

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lonely

come

tale

cat

afraid

- Alice wanted the mouse to finish his _____.
- Dinah was Alice's pet _____.
- The birds and animals were _____ of Dinah.
- Alice felt very _____ and low-spirited when she was left alone at the end.
- Alice wanted the mouse to change his mind and _____ back.

III. Change the underlined words to correct the given sentences.

- a) The mouse was talking about his long tail.
- b) The mouse felt happy at being insulted.
- c) The Canary encouraged his children to stay.
- d) Alice was very happy to be left alone.

FUN TIME - Synonyms - We Mean the Same

Synonyms mean words which mean the same; it's just the game of calling something with a different name.

Children, read the story 'Alice and the Mouse' once again and try and find the synonym of the words given below from the story. Write the same in the space provided for the same (or in any notebook, if printout is not possible).....The first one has been done for you as an example.

- a) insulted – offended
- b) scared – _____
- c) upset – _____
- d) unhappy – _____
- e) hurriedly – _____
- f) refusal – _____

HAVE FUN AND REMAIN SAFE INSIDE THE HOUSE!!

1 Alice and the Mouse

Have you read or heard a strange story? Work in pairs and tell your partner.

This is an extract from Lewis Carroll's novel, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Published in 1871, it is a fantastic story of a young girl named Alice, who follows a white rabbit down a rabbit hole and discovers a long passage with lots of doors.

She finds a golden key and a tiny door that it fits. Beyond the door is a beautiful garden. Alice wants to go into the garden, but cannot, because the door is only fifteen inches high.

She finds a bottle that says DRINK ME and when she does, it shrinks her to a tiny ten inches. But she still can't get through the door because she left the key on the table and could not reach it anymore.

She then comes across a tiny cake that says EAT ME. This makes her nine feet tall. Alice begins to cry. Luckily she finds a fan that shrinks her. By now all her tears have made a huge pool and Alice finds herself swimming in it.

Now, read on.

She heard something splashing about in the pool a little way off, and she swam nearer to make out what it was: at first she thought it must be a walrus or hippopotamus, but then she remembered how small she was now, and she soon made out that it was only a mouse that had slipped in like herself.

'Would it be of any use, now,' thought Alice, 'to speak to this mouse? Everything is so out-of-the-way down here, that I should think very likely it can talk: at any rate, there's no harm in trying.'

So she began: 'O Mouse, do you know the way out of this pool? I am very tired of swimming about here, O Mouse!'

The Mouse looked at her rather inquisitively, and seemed to her to wink with one of its little eyes, but it said nothing.

'Perhaps it doesn't understand English,' thought Alice; so she began again, 'O^uest ma chatte?' which was the first sentence in her French lesson-book.

The Mouse gave a sudden leap out of the water, and seemed to shiver with fright.

'Oh, I beg your pardon!' cried Alice hastily, afraid that she had hurt the poor animal's feelings. 'I quite forgot you didn't like cats.'

'Not like cats!' cried the Mouse in a shrill, passionate voice. 'Would you like cats if you were me?'

'Well, perhaps not,' said Alice in a soothing tone: 'don't be angry about it. Are you — are you fond — of — of dogs?'

The Mouse began swimming away from her as hard as it could.

So she said softly, 'Mouse dear! Do come back again, and we won't talk about cats or dogs either, if you don't like them!'

When the Mouse heard this, it turned round and swam slowly back to her. Its face was pale, and it said in a trembling voice, 'Let us get to the shore, and then I'll tell you my history.'

🎧 'Mine is a long and a sad tale!' said the Mouse, turning to Alice, and sighing.

'It IS a long tail, certainly,' said Alice, looking down with wonder at the Mouse's tail; 'but why do you call it sad?'

And she kept on puzzling about it while the Mouse was speaking, so that her idea of the tale was something like this —



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met in the
house,
"Let us
both go to
law: I will
prosecute
you.—Come,
I'll take no
denial; We
must have a
trial: For
really this
morning I've
nothing
to do."

Said the
mouse to the
cur, "Such
a trial,
dear Sir,
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no jury
or judge,
would be
wasting
our
breath."

"I'll be
judge, I'll
be jury,"
Said
cunning
old Fury:
"I'll
try the
whole
cause,
and
condemn
you
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death."

'You are not attending!' said the Mouse to Alice severely. 'What are you thinking of?'

'I beg your pardon,' said Alice very humbly: 'you had got to the fifth bend, I think?'

'I had NOT!' cried the Mouse, sharply and very angrily.

'A knot!' said Alice, always ready to make herself useful, and looking anxiously about her. 'Oh, do let me help to undo it!'

'I shall do nothing of the sort,' said the Mouse, getting up and walking away. 'You insult me by talking such nonsense!'

'I didn't mean it!' pleaded poor Alice. 'But you're so easily offended, you know!'

The Mouse only growled in reply.

'Please come back and finish your story!' Alice called after him; and the others all joined in chorus, 'Yes, please do!' but the Mouse only shook his head impatiently, and walked a little quicker.

'What a pity he wouldn't stay!' sighed the Lory, as soon as he was quite out of sight; and an old Crab took the opportunity of saying to her daughter 'Ah, my dear! Let this be a lesson to you never to lose YOUR temper!'

'Hold your tongue, Ma!' said the young Crab, a little snappishly. 'You're enough to try the patience of an oyster!' 'I wish I had our Dinah here, I know I do!' said Alice aloud, addressing nobody in particular. 'She'd soon fetch him back!'

'And who is Dinah, if I might venture to ask the question?' said the Lory.

Alice replied eagerly, for she was always ready to talk about her pet: 'Dinah's our cat. And she's such a capital one for catching mice you can't think! And oh, I wish you could see her after the birds! Why, she'll eat a little bird as soon as look at it!'



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This speech caused a remarkable sensation among the party. Some of the birds hurried off at once: one old Magpie began wrapping itself up very carefully, remarking, 'I really must be getting home; the night-air doesn't suit my throat!' and a Canary called out in a trembling voice to its children, 'Come away, my dears! It's high time you were all in bed!' On various pretexts they all moved off, and Alice was soon left alone.

'I wish I hadn't mentioned Dinah!' she said to herself in a melancholy tone. 'Nobody seems to like her, down here, and I'm sure she's the best cat in the world! Oh, my dear Dinah! I wonder if I shall ever see you any more!' And here poor Alice began to cry again, for she felt very lonely and low-spirited. In a little while, however, she again heard a little pattering of footsteps in the distance, and she looked up eagerly, half hoping that the Mouse had changed his mind, and was coming back to finish his story.

From Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll

New Words

prosecute	start legal proceedings
denial	refusal
offended	felt insulted
angrily	angrily
melancholy	unhappy

can fussy