

LESSON 1

CHAPTER I

Down the Rabbit-Hole



Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, “and what is the use of a book,” thought Alice, “without pictures or conversation?”

So she was considering in her own mind (as well as she could, for the hot day made her feel very sleepy and stupid), whether the pleasure of making a daisy-chain

would be worth the trouble of getting up and picking the daisies, when suddenly a White Rabbit with pink eyes ran close by her.

There was nothing so very remarkable in that; nor did Alice think it so very much out of the way to hear the Rabbit say to itself, “Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late!” (when she thought it over afterwards, it occurred to her that she ought to have wondered at this, but at the time it all seemed quite natural); but when the Rabbit actually took a watch out of its waistcoat-pocket, and looked at it, and then hurried on, Alice started to her feet, for it flashed across her mind that she had never before seen a rabbit with either a waistcoat-pocket, or a watch to take out of it, and burning with curiosity, she ran across the field after it, and fortunately was just in time to see it pop down a large rabbit-hole under the hedge.

WORDS

get tired of	～に飽きる・うんざりする
(sitting) by	～のそばに
bank	土手
peep into	～をのぞき見る
what is the use of	～なんて何の役に立つというのか、～するなんて時間の無駄だ
as well as she could	精一杯に(考える)
for (the hot day)	というのも、なぜかというと
stupid	頭がぼんやりとした ; 「馬鹿な、無分別な」という意味が一般的

whether	considering から続く ; ~かどうか(考えていた)
daisy-chain	daisy chain ヒナギクの花輪
worth	~に値する、~の価値がある
trouble	面倒、手間、迷惑
pick	(花、果実を)摘む、つみ取る
remarkable	注目すべき、目立った、非凡な、驚くべき
in that	そのこと(ピンクの目をした白ウサギがすぐそばを走っていったこと)には
out of the way	異常な、不可解な
Oh dear	ああ(どうしよう)、あらまあ
think...over	~についてよく考える、熟考する
occur	ふと気付く、思いつく ; it occurred to her that... that 以下のことに気付いた
ought to have 過去分詞	~すべきだった
wonder at	~を不思議に思う
waistcoat	(特に英国で)チョッキ、ベスト
(hurried) on	動作が続くことを表す ; ここでは、時計を見てから、 また走り出したこと
start	(驚いたりして)急に体を動かす
to one's feet	(前に動詞を伴って)立ち上がる ; started to her feet 急に立ち(起き)上がった
flash across one's mind	(考えなどが)ぱっとひらめく、心に浮かぶ、気付く ; it は that 以下を受ける
curiosity	好奇心
burning with	desire, rage, curiosity などが後にきて、(燃えるよう な)強い感情を表す ; burning with curiosity 強い 好奇心にかられて
after	~の後について、後を追って
pop	(急いで、急に、不意に)どこかへ行く・来る ; ここで は突如穴へ入っていったことを意味する
hedge	生け垣、垣根

I TRUE OR FALSE

According to the text you have read, are the following statements true, or false?

1. Alice got tired of reading a book with her sister.
2. Alice thought that a book was useless without pictures and conversations in it.
3. You can infer that Alice is younger than her sister.
4. Alice felt sleepy and stupid because she could not read her sister's book.
5. Alice had decided to pick some daisies before the White Rabbit appeared.
6. Alice at first did not think it very strange to hear the Rabbit say something in English.
7. The White Rabbit did not stop at all to look at its watch.
8. To satisfy her curiosity, Alice ran after the Rabbit.
9. The rabbit hole that the White Rabbit popped down was on the bank of a river.

II CHOOSE APPROPRIATE WORDS

1. The police found tire tracks on the () of the river.
close chain glass bank
2. The little girl went and sat () her father.
close down by of

3. Full of (), the child looked at me.
 curiosity mind eyes trouble
4. It didn't () to her that her husband had had an affair.
 think occur wonder pop
5. I never get tired () listening to the Beatles.
 with by in of
6. He was () through her bedroom window.
 occurring peeping picking wondering
7. Don't () any flowers from the garden.
 pick flash pop peep
8. It was a () achievement.
 wonder curiosity remarkable worth
9. It's no () at all. It's my pleasure to help you.
 remarkable worth trouble stupid
10. Grand Canyon National Park is certainly () a visit.
 worth trouble curiosity pick

III SAY IT IN ENGLISH

1. tired of
 ① お前にはもううんざりだ。

② 新しい彼氏のことを聞かされるのにはもううんざりしてきた。

2. **peep**

あの男が鍵穴からのぞいていた。

3. **what's the use of**

① 緊急の時に使えないのなら、君の携帯はいったい何の役に立つんだ。

② そのことを心配してもしかたがない。

4. **worth**

① その映画は確かに見る価値がある。

② その花瓶は約100万円の値打ちがある。

5. **trouble**

① いろいろご迷惑をおかけしましてすみません。

② 自分でビールをつくるのも結構だが、その手間に見合うものではない。

6. **pick**

① 子供達はイチゴ摘みを楽しんだ。

② このリンゴ(複数)はもぎたてだ。

7. **remarkable**

① ヘレン・ケラーは素晴らしい女性だった。

② 事故で誰もけがをしなかったのは驚くべきことだ。

8. occur

- ① 彼女が自分のことを嫌っていたとは彼には思いもよらなかった。
- ② 保険の契約(条項)をチェックしようとは思わなかったの？

9. curiosity

- ① ちょっと好奇心から聞くんだけど、あのがらくたにいくら払ったの？
- ② 我々は好奇心を満たすためその殺人現場へ行った。

10. after

後を追いかけて、彼女に謝ったほうがいい。