

CHAPTER 1

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. In another moment down went Alice after it, never once considering how in the world she was to get out again.

After reading the above extract, use APE technique to answer the question below.

Answer it

What's your point?

First make a simple statement to answer the question... • The picture shows that.../ I think that... I agree that... The writer suggests that... • The writer shows this by using... • The writer describes... as...

Prove it

Give proof from the text to support your point.

For example... • For instance in the third paragraph... • Because.../ where.../when.../ so... • The writer/character says that... • The text includes... • For instance in the beginning... • The writer states that...

Explain it

Give an explanation to support your point.

• This implies... • This suggests that... • The writer has used... to show... • This means that... • This creates the impression... • This makes the reader feel... • The effect of this is...

Explain how the writer's methods affect the reader.

Example

How old was Alice's sister?

Answer it

Alice's sister was probably older than her.

Prove it

We know this because the text tells us that, 'once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it.'

Explain it

This tells us that Alice found her sister's book boring because it didn't have pictures in. Books with pictures are usually aimed at younger children.

Question for homework: Use APE to answer the following question on the back of this sheet

Why do you think the rabbit didn't stop to talk to Alice?