

Alice in Wonderland

(Text 3)

“Now which way **shall** I go?” Alice wondered. The **signposts** she found along the path we no help — they pointed all over.

- **Shall** (modal verb): used with “I” and “we” in questions in order to make suggestions, or ask for advice

Ex.:

Shall I get the keys?

I'm cold. Shall I close this window?

- **Signposts**: a signpost is a sign where roads meet that tells you which direction to go in to reach a particular place or different places and also gives information about routes and distances.

Ex.:

The road from here to London is well signposted.

- **All over**: everywhere.

Ex.:

I searched all over for her missing key.

“If I were looking for the White Rabbit, I’d ask the Mad Hatter,” said a **grinning** Cheshire Cat up in a tree. “He lives down there.”

- **Grinning from Grin** (verb): a wide smile.

Alice found the Mad Hatter and the March Hare celebrating their un-birthdays at a tea party. She joined them for a while.

After that nonsensical tea party, Alice wanted to go home. But none of the strange creatures seemed to know the way.

Alice **wandered** into the Queen’s Garden. Soon, along came the Royal Procession. And who should be the royal trumpeter but the White Rabbit himself!

- **Wandered past form for wander** (verb): if you wander in a place, you walk around slowly in a relaxed way or without any clear purpose or direction.

Ex.:

We spent the morning wandering around the old part of the city.

The Queen of Hearts asked Alice to play croquet. But Alice did not like the looks of the game.

“Off with her head!” cried the Queen.

Away Alice ran, while the army of cards gave chase, down all the **tangled** paths of Wonderland, and back to the riverbank.

- **Tangled** (adjective): confused and complicated.

“I’m glad to be back where things are really what they seem,” said Alice as she woke up from her strange Wonderland dream.

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