

## Extra Support Guided Reading - Week 7

Read through the narrative below, answer the questions on the following page and mark your answers which are on the page after that.

### Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* is a novel by Lewis Carroll. Alice is lost when she meets some gardeners who are acting strangely...

A large rose-tree stood near the entrance of the garden: the roses growing on it were white, but there were three gardeners busily painting them red. Alice thought this a very curious thing, and as she went nearer to watch them, she heard one of them say, "Look out now, Five! Don't go splashing paint over me like that!"

"I couldn't help it," said Five, in a sulky tone. "Seven jogged my elbow."

At which Seven looked up and said, "That's right, Five! Always lay the blame on others!"

"You'd better not talk!" said Five. "I heard the Queen say only yesterday you deserved to be beheaded!"

"What for?" said the one who had first spoken.

"That's none of your business, Two!" said Seven.

"Yes, it is his business!" said Five. "And I'll tell him — it was for bringing the cook tulip-roots instead of onions."

Seven flung down his brush, and had just begun "Well, of all the unjust things —" when his eye chanced to fall upon Alice, as she stood watching them, and he checked himself suddenly. The others looked round also, and all of them bowed low.

"Would you tell me," said Alice, a little timidly, "why you are painting those roses?"

Two began in a low voice, "Why the fact is, you see, Miss, this here ought to have been a red rose-tree, and we put a white one in by mistake; and if the Queen was to find it out, we should all have our heads cut off." At this moment, Five, who had been anxiously looking across the garden, called out "The Queen! The Queen!" and the three gardeners instantly threw themselves flat upon their faces.



An abridged extract from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll.

Remember to write your answers in full sentences where possible.

1 Who brought the cook tulip-roots instead of onions?

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1 mark

2 Seven "flung" down his paintbrush. Why do you think the author chose this word rather than "put down"?

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2 marks

3 Which word suggests that Alice is speaking shyly?

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1 mark

4 Why are the gardeners painting the roses?

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2 marks

5 What does "instantly" mean? Circle one.

carefully      after a while      slowly      right away

1 mark

6 Why do you think the gardeners throw themselves flat on their faces?

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1 mark

7 Do you think this story is set in the real world? Explain your answer.

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2 marks

Total  
out of 10

*Mark your answers and correct any mistakes you've made by rereading the text.*

## **Answers**

1. Seven
2. E.g. Because it shows that Seven is really angry. "Put down" might be used when someone is calm.
3. timidly
4. E.g. Because the Queen wanted red roses and they accidentally planted a white rose tree.
5. right away
6. E.g. Because they are scared of the Queen.
7. Any appropriate answer. E.g. No, because you wouldn't really paint roses if they were the wrong colour.