

# 5-for-5 Reading

Test Four

## Alison Avoids Wonderland

Scene 1 – Alison Sleeps

**(Alison is asleep centre stage. She is content and smiles occasionally as if she were enjoying a pleasant dream. A strange, white rabbit hurriedly appears from stage left. He is wearing a waistcoat and is carrying a pocket watch. He approaches Alison. She continues to sleep.)**

**Rabbit:** Oh my, what do we have here? A strange sleeping child. What shall we do? I know: I'll summon the Mad Hatter. Surely, he'll know how to help.

**(The rabbit taps three times on his pocket watch and the Mad Hatter appears from stage right. He is dishevelled with wild hair and is wearing an oddly decorated top hat. He jumps slightly when he sees Alison.)**

**Mad Hatter: (going to poke Alison but recoiling at the last second)**

What is this?

**Rabbit:** A child. Should we wake her?

**Mad Hatter:** No. The last time a child was here they shrunk themselves, regrew themselves and caused all sorts of havoc. Although I did rather enjoy its company, we'd better leave this one to sleep.

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*but recoiling at the last second*  
What does this description suggest about the way that the Mad Hatter feels about Alison?

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Using information from the text, put a tick in the correct box to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
The Mad Hatter is wearing a waistcoat.		
The rabbit shouts for the Mad Hatter.		
Alison doesn't wake up.		

3

Draw lines to match each section of the play script to its function.

Section	Function
Mad Hatter:	shows you what the character says out loud
(going to poke Alison but recoiling at the last second)	shows you what action the character needs to perform
What is this?	shows you which character is speaking

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How does the rabbit summon the Mad Hatter?

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How might someone watching the play know that Alison is happy?

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