

Classics Quick Check Level Y

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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

- 1. Why does Alice stop midsentence when the Mock Turtle asks her if she has ever met a lobster?
  - A She doesn't trust him and decides to keep her information a secret.
  - B She is confused by his question.
  - © She forgets what she was going to say.
  - ⑤ She doesn't want to offend him by saying that she once tasted a lobster.
- 2. How is the Lobster Quadrille different from a regular Quadrille?
  - (A) It is set to music.
  - B It involves the throwing of lobsters.
  - ① It has dancers moving with a partner.
  - ① It is organized in special steps.

- 3. Read this sentence: But the snail replied, "Too far, too far!" and gave a look askance. What is the meaning of askance?
  - (A) a disapproving look
  - **B** an approving look
  - (C) a sideways look
  - ① a threatening look
- **4.** What is the difference between the way Alice and the Mock Turtle think about the whiting?
  - A The Mock Turtle is offended by Alice's history with whiting and refuses to listen to her.
  - B The Mock Turtle sees whiting as a source of food, while Alice considers whiting a type of pet.
  - © Alice sees whiting as a food, while the Mock Turtle views whiting as a fellow sea animal.
  - D Alice is confused by the Mock Turtle's description of whiting and misunderstands all the details he shares.



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- **5.** How are the Gryphon and the Mock Turtle the same?
  - A They both know about the Lobster Quadrille.
  - B They are both turtles.
  - ① They are both melancholy.
  - ① They both sing silly songs to Alice.
- **6.** Read this sentence: His voice had a tremulous sound. What is the meaning of tremulous?
  - (A) loud
  - B bold
  - © timid
  - (D) clear
- 7. What causes Alice to become nervous when the Mock Turtle and Gryphon sit so close beside her?
  - A They open their eyes and mouths wide.
  - **B** They smell unpleasant.
  - ① They are quite ugly.
  - ① They threaten to eat her.

- **8.** How does the reader know that Alice feels frustrated after she recites the first part of "'Tis the voice of the sluggard"?
  - (A) She cries.
  - B She puts her face in her hands.
  - © She kicks the sand.
  - ① She refuses to speak anymore.
- **9.** Why does the snail in the Lobster Quadrille turn pale at the mention of France?
  - A French people often have snails as pets.
  - (B) Snails are common in France.
  - © French people are known for eating snails.
  - ⑤ Snails are not allowed in France.



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- **10.** Why is the song the Mock Turtle sings so odd?
  - (A) It's about eating turtle soup, and he is a turtle.
  - **B** It's overly dramatic.
  - ① There are very few rhyming words.
  - ① It is all about the oddness of Wonderland.
- 11. Extended Response: This part of the story ends with the Gryphon and Alice racing off to attend a trial. Why do you think the Mock Turtle doesn't join them?
- 12. Extended Response: There are many references to food and eating in this part. Write a paragraph explaining the many allusions to food and eating, and possible reasons the author had for including them.

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- 1. 

  Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- 2. B Compare and Contrast
- 3. A Vocabulary
- **4.** (C) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **5.** (A) Compare and Contrast
- **6.** © Vocabulary
- 7. (A) Cause and Effect
- 8. (B) Analyze Character
- 9. (C) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
- **10.** (A) Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

- 11. Answers will vary but should indicate the following: The Mock Turtle is quite consumed with his melancholy and has very little interest in anything but his own sadness and reminiscing about the past. It is unlikely that he would have any interest in a trial.
- **12.** Answers should describe the many references to food in this part, for example: the various types of food in the Quadrille, such as lobsters, snails, and whiting; the times that Alice catches herself almost saving that she knew certain animals because she had eaten them; the Mock Turtle singing about turtle soup and so on. Then answers will provide some suggestions as to the author's reasoning, such as the fact that Alice is interacting with so many characters that are eaten as meals in her real world and the author wants to point out this irony, or that eating is an important part of everyday life and the author likes to turn that mundane thing on its head in Wonderland.

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