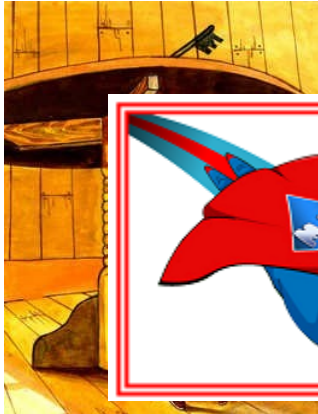


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How Lewis Discovered Alice

by Kimberly M. Hutmacher

Lewis Carroll, who was born Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, had a terrible stuttering problem. Because of this problem, even as an adult, Charles felt more comfortable around children than adults. Charles loved to tell and write stories, and he found that children loved to hear his stories.



On July 4, 1862, Charles went on a picnic with some



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At the end of the day, Alice told Charles that she hoped he would write Alice's stories down for her. Charles promised her that he would try. Three years later to that very day, Alice received her very own copy of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. It wasn't the first book that Charles wrote, but it was the first book that he wrote under the name Lewis Carroll.



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1. What is the author's purpose for writing this passage?
- a. to explain why Lewis Carroll wrote *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
 - b. to describe the plot of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*
 - c. to make readers aware of challenges faced by people with stuttering problems
 - d. to explain why Charles Lutwidge Dodgson chose the pen name Lewis Carroll

2. When did Charles give Alice her own copy of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*?
Write the month, day, and year.

4. How did Charles describe Alice in *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*?



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3. Write down the word that best describes Alice's character.
- courageous creative confident

Why did you choose this word?

5. Tell whether each sentence is true or false.

_____ Charles Lutwidge Dodgson's first book was *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

_____ Alice asked Charles to write down his stories.

_____ *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* was written over 140 years ago.

ANSWER KEY



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Write the month, day, and year.

July 4, 1865

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3. Which word probably best describes Charles Lutwidge Dodgson? (Circle one.)

courageous

creative

confident

Why did you choose this word?

Because it is a unique story with an unusual plot; Writers need to be creative to make interesting stories

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Vocabulary Activity



Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story.
Then, write the full word on the line.

1. u n d e r g r o u n d

clue: below the Earth's surface

1. u n d e r g r o u n d

2. a d v e n t u r e s

clue: exciting or unusual experiences

2. a d v e n t u r e s

3. p i

clue

4. s t

clue



5. b e g g e d

clue: pleaded

5. b e g g e d

6. p r o m i s e d

clue: agreed to do something

6. p r o m i s e d

7. c h i l d r e n

clue: young people

7. c h i l d r e n

8. y e a r s

clue: groups of 365 days

8. y e a r s