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 up the Isis River. One of the children on the picnic was a ten year old girl named Alice. Alice begged Charles to tell her one of his stories. So he began telling her about a young girl named Alice and her adventures underground.

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.
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 who stutter
   d. to explain why Charles Lutwidge Dodgson chose the pen name Lewis Carroll

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   Write the month, day, and year. __________________________________________________________________________________

3. How old was Alice when she received her copy of Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland?
   a. 10  b. 11  c. 12  d. 13

4. Which word best describes Charles Lutwidge Dodgson? (circle one)
   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.
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Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story. Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

1. __n______ ______ _n____  clue: below the Earth’s surface

2. ____ ____ ____ e ____ u ____ s  clue: exciting or unusual experiences

3. ____ i_______ ______  clue: outdoor meal

4. ____ ____ ____ t ____ ____ n g  clue: having difficulty speaking

5. ____ g____ e d  clue: pleaded

6. ____ ____ ____ s ____ d  clue: agreed to do something

7. ____ i_______ ____ ____  clue: young people

8. e ____ _____  clue: groups of 365 days

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He tells a unique story with an unusual plot. Writers need to be creative to make interesting stories.

July 4, 1865
false  true  true

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