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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



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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.



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



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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

1. _____



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clue: having difficulty speaking

5. ____ ____ g ____ e d

clue: pleaded

5. _____

6. ____ ____ ____ ____ s ____ d

clue: agreed to do something

6. _____

7. ____ ____ i ____ ____ ____ ____

clue: young people

7. _____

8. ____ e ____ ____ s

clue: groups of 365 days

8. _____

ANSWER KEY

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false

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

true

Alice asked Charles to write down his stories.

true

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

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clue: young people

8. y e a r s

clue: groups of 365 days

7. children

8. years