Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Chapter I (part VII)

Hi! Welcome to the Book Passage Discussion lesson!

Today's topic is about "***Alice's Adventures in Wonderland***"

Have fun learning English!

Activity 1| Vocabulary and Expressions

Directions: Listen and repeat.

Vocabulary

- **plainly** [ˈpleɪnli] (adverb) – in a way that is easy to see, hear, understand or believe

  *The sea was **plainly** visible in the distance.*

- **slippery** [ˈslɪpəri] (adjective) – difficult to hold or to stand or move on, because it is smooth, wet or polished

  *The floor is very **slippery**, be careful!*

- **severely** [sɪˈvɪrlɪ] (adverb) – seriously, strictly

  *I **severely** injured my leg so I cannot ski anymore.*

- **box (somebody's) ears** [bɑːks ɪr z] (idiom) – to hit somebody with your hand on the side of their head as a punishment

  *In old times, teachers were punishing students by **boxing their ears**.*

- **croquet** [kroʊˈkeɪ] (noun) – a game played on grass in which players use wooden hammers to knock wooden balls through a series of hoops

  *Have you ever played **croquet**?*

- **respectable** [rɪˈspektəbl] (adjective) – considered by society to be acceptable, good or correct

  *Her mother is a very **respectable** person in their family.*

- **leave off** [liːv ɑːf] (phrasal verb) - used to tell someone to stop being annoying

  *Hey, **leave off**! I hate people touching my hair.*

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Activity 2 | Article

Directions: Read the book passage aloud with your teacher.

Down the Rabbit-Hole (part VII)

`What a curious feeling!' said Alice; `I must be shutting up like a telescope.'
And so it was indeed: she was now only ten inches high, and her face brightened up at the thought that she was now the right size for going through the little door into that lovely garden. First, however, she waited for a few minutes to see if she was going to shrink any further: she felt a little nervous about this; `for it might end, you know,' said Alice to herself, `in my going out altogether, like a candle. I wonder what I should be like then?' And she tried to fancy what the flame of a candle is like after the candle is blown out, for she could not remember ever having seen such a thing.

After a while, finding that nothing more happened, she decided on going into the garden at once; but, alas for poor Alice! when she got to the door, she found she had forgotten the little golden key, and when she went back to the table for it, she found she could not possibly reach it: she could see it quite **plainly** through the glass, and she tried her best to climb up one of the legs of the table, but it was too **slippery**; and when she had tired herself out with trying, the poor little thing sat down and cried.

`Come, there's no use in crying like that!' said Alice to herself, rather sharply; `I advise you to **leave off** this minute!' She generally gave herself very good advice, (though she very seldom followed it), and sometimes she scolded herself so **severely** as to bring tears into her eyes; and once she remembered trying to **box her** own **ears** for having cheated herself in a game of **croquet** she was playing against herself, for this curious child was very fond of pretending to be two people. `But it's no use now,' thought poor Alice, `to pretend to be two people! Why, there's hardly enough of me left to make *one* **respectable** person!'

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Activity 3 | Questions and Answers

Directions: Answer these questions about the book passage.

1. What happened to Alice in the beginning of this passage?
2. Why couldn't she take the key from the table?
3. What kind of advice did Alice give to herself?
4. What kind of game did Alice play against herself?

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Activity 4 | Summary

Directions: Make a summary of this book passage, focusing on the parts that are the most interesting for you, and, please explain why you consider those parts interesting.

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Activity 5 | Free Conversation

Directions: Answer these questions related to this book passage. Have a free conversation about it with your teacher.

1. What do you think will happen next in the book?
2. Which words/expressions did you find interesting in this passage?
3. Are you sometimes strict to yourself like Alice is? If so, in which situations?

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