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

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

- **break the silence** – to start making a conversation or some noise after a period of silence

  *She **broke the silence** by saying that the lunch was ready.*

- **grumble** [ˈgrʌmbl] (verb) – to complain about somebody/something in a bad-tempered way

  *She **grumbled** because I didn't invite her to the party.*

- **crumb** [krʌm] (noun) – a very small piece of food, especially of bread or cake, that has fallen off a larger piece

  *I hate it when bread **crumbs** fall on my carpet.*

- **gloomily [**ˈgluːmɪli**]** (adverb) – in a way that is sad and without hope

  *"I will never see her again", he said **gloomily**.*

- **readily [**ˈredɪli**]** (adverb) – quickly and without difficulty; willingly

  *She **readily** answered the question.*

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Activity 2 | Article

Directions: Read the book passage aloud with your teacher.

A Mad Tea Party (Part III)

The Hatter was the first to **break the silence**. `What day of the month is it?' he said, turning to Alice: he had taken his watch out of his pocket, and was looking at it uneasily, shaking it every now and then, and holding it to his ear.

Alice considered a little, and then said `The fourth.'

`Two days wrong!' sighed the Hatter. `I told you butter wouldn't suit the works!' he added looking angrily at the March Hare.

`It was the *best* butter,' the March Hare meekly replied.

`Yes, but some **crumbs** must have got in as well,' the Hatter **grumbled**: `you shouldn't have put it in with the bread-knife.'

The March Hare took the watch and looked at it **gloomily**: then he dipped it into his cup of tea, and looked at it again: but he could think of nothing better to say than his first remark, `It was the *best* butter, you know.'

Alice had been looking over his shoulder with some curiosity. `What a funny watch!' she remarked. `It tells the day of the month, and doesn't tell what o'clock it is!'

`Why should it?' muttered the Hatter. `Does *your* watch tell you what year it is?'

`Of course not,' Alice replied very **readily**: `but that's because it stays the same year for such a long time together.'

`Which is just the case with *mine*,' said the Hatter.

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Activity 3 | Questions and Answers

Directions: Answer these questions about the book passage.

1. Who broke the silence?
2. What kind of watch does the Mad Hatter have?
3. What is the reason Alice doesn't have a watch which tells what year it is?

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Activity 4 | Summary

Directions: Make a summary of this book passage, focusing on the parts which 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 about Hatter's and Hare's behavior towards Alice?
2. What is so unusual with the time and watches in this part?
3. In your opinion, does Alice behave like a child or like a grown up at this tea party?

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