

# ALICE IN AUSTRALIA

## STORY TEN : SCHOOL DAY

### Improve Your Literacy – Suggested Activities

#### For Discussion

##### School Uniform

Alice doesn't have a school uniform as she doesn't normally go to school. Does your school have one?

Is school uniform a good thing? What are the advantages and what are the disadvantages of having a school uniform? Where did the idea originate?

Find out which countries have uniforms and which countries don't.

##### School Lunches

Do you take a packed lunch to school? What is your favourite lunch?

Carry out a survey in your class or in your school. Calculate the number of children who bring packed lunches and those who have school dinners (if your school provides them).

Present the figures on a bar chart.

Do the same for the contents of packed lunches. Calculate the most popular lunch items and display the results as a pie chart.

##### School Rules

Alice is introduced to some of the school rules. Where are your school rules to be found? Are they on the wall? Who decided what they should be?

If you were to come up with only THREE rules which must be observed at all times by everyone in the

school, what would they be? Compare your results with other groups and decide which three rules are the most important.

##### Language Practice

When Alice sees all the boys and girls going in the school gates in their blue and green uniforms, she says it is 'LIKE a blue and green river flowing through the gates.' This is called a SIMILE.

Can you explain the similarity?

Who can make up the best simile to describe:-

The noise of children in the playground?

The smell of newly-cut grass?

At another point in the story, Alice says, 'There is a big knot in my stomach.' Of course, there isn't really a knot in her stomach, this is just how she feels. She is using a METAPHOR, or speaking metaphorically (BIG WORD).

Can you explain these common metaphors:-

You need to pull your socks up!

Looks like he is in hot water again.

Can you think of any other metaphors which you have used recently without realising that's what they were?

##### Digital Literacy

Why are Miss Kazmierski's feet the first thing we see of her? What else do you notice about the pictures of her? Why has she been shown this way?

##### Creative Writing

'Everyone is Looking at Me!'

Write about a time when you felt like this.