

# ALICE IN AUSTRALIA

## STORY FIVE : HOMEWORK

### Improve Your Literacy – Suggested Activities

#### Digital Narrative - Questions for Discussion

How does the presentation of this story differ from previous episodes?

Why is it different?

How many different fonts (print styles) can you see in the text? Explain why you think each of them has been chosen.

There are some strong colours used in the story. Why do you think these particular colours have been used?

Apart from words, photographs and drawings, what can you see on the page? Why do you think these have been added?

#### Group Activity - Homework

For a bit of fun, Alice gives herself an A++ for her own homework. How would you like to be able to mark your own homework?

If you were Alice's teacher, what comments would you put on the end of her story?

NB Perhaps before you answer that question, you and your partners should make a list of 'things which make a story a good one'. Then you can decide whether you think Alice has written a good story.

#### Homework - Some Research

How much homework do you have in a week? Is it a fair amount? Should you have homework at all? How does it compare with other classes, other schools, other countries? Use as many 'social networks' as you can (perhaps your teacher can set up a Twitter account or a blog?) to draw up comparisons and make your presentations.

#### Creative Writing - The Six-Picture Challenge

For this activity you are given six photographs, which can be linked by a theme or simply chosen at random, and you have to create the most imaginative story you can come up with by linking the photographs in any order.

Note: This can be done electronically, using the Snappy tool or any comic creation software. Alternatively, some old magazines and scissors will do the job equally well.