

Chapter- 3

Alice and the white rabbit

STUDY NOTES**At a glance**

- Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Alice. One day, she had a very curious dream.
- She saw a white rabbit come running in a great hurry; and just as it passed Alice, it stopped, and took its watch out of its pocket.
- It is really funny to hear that a rabbit is having a pocket to keep his watch in it. It would never do to carry it about in its mouth but it needs its hands some times to run about with.
- The rabbit had pretty pink eyes and pink ears. It was wearing a brown coat that had letters of English alphabet on it. It also had a yellow waistcoat with a blue neck tie. There was a red pocket-handkerchief peeping out of its coat pocket. It was very nicely dressed.
- The rabbit said that he will be very late as it was half past two.
- It was going to visit the duchess. The duchess was a very angry old lady. The rabbit knew that if he would be late then she will become very angry.
- He was afraid the duchess would have him arrested. That was what she did when she was angry with the people. At least she used to order her men to put them in prison. She always thought it was done, though they never really did it.
- So, the white rabbit ran, avoiding the low branches along the way. Alice wanted to see what would happen to it. So she ran after it. She ran and ran till she tumbled right down a rabbit hole.
- Down, and down and down she fell, till she began to wonder, if she was going to come out on the other side of the world!
- It was just like very deep well, but there was no water in it. If anybody really fell down such a well, it would probably kill them, which is why you must always careful while you run around and play! But you know it doesn't hurt a bit to fall in a dream. All the time you think you're falling, you are actually lying somewhere, safe and sound , fast asleep!
- However, this terrible fall came to an end at last. Down came Alice on a heap of sticks and dry leaves. The dust made her cough but she wasn't a bit hurt. So, she jumped right up, and ran after the rabbit again.

- That was the beginning of Alice's curious dream. So, next time you see a white rabbit, try and fancy you're going to have a curious dream, just like dear little Alice.

NEW WORDS

curious - strange

rage – anger

dodging- avoiding

peeping – looking at something secretly

tumble – fall suddenly

Answer key (MCB pg - 26)

Get going

A. Let's find the answers from the story –

1. The rabbit was wearing a brown coat that had letters of the English alphabet on it, it has a yellow waistcoat with blue neck-tie. There was a red pocket-handkerchief peeping out of its coat pocket.
2. The rabbit was going to be late to visit to the duchess.
3. When someone did wrong, the duchess got angry, then she arrested the people and put them in prison.
4. Alice ran after the rabbit because she wanted to see what would happen to it.
5. Alice did not get hurt even after falling into the rabbit hole, because it was not real. She was fast asleep and had a curious dream.

VOCABULARY JUNCTION

1. Match the time to the correct description.

- a) 10.30
- b) 06.15
- c) 09.45
- d) 03.35
- e) 10.10
- It's quarter to ten.
- It's half past ten.
- It's ten past ten.
- It's quarter past six.
- It's twenty-five to four.
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2. Look at the pictures given in the book and write the time.

- i) It's ten past ten.
- ii) It's two o' clock.
- iii) It's quarter past seven.
- iv) It's five minutes to eight.

GRAMMAR JUNCTION

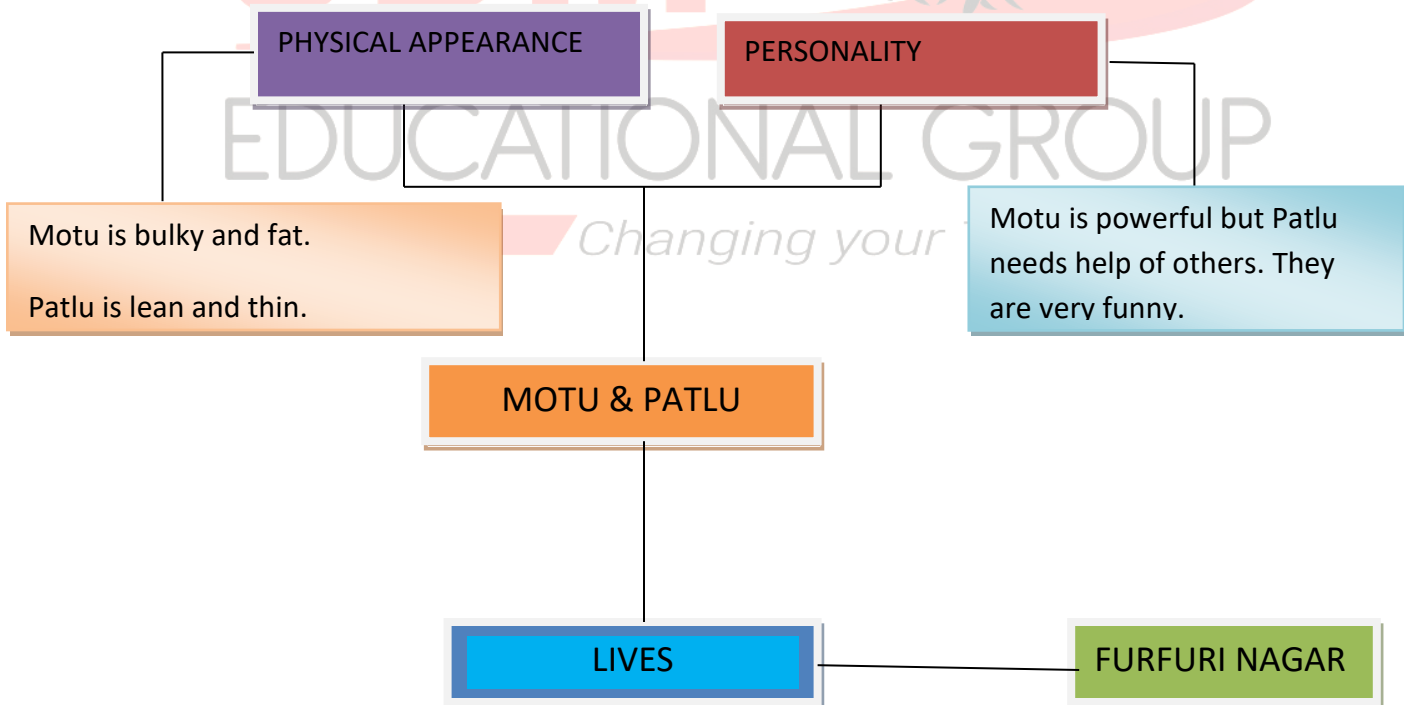
3. Replace the incorrectly used conjunctions with the correct ones.

- a) I watched TV **when** I finished my homework.
- b) You must always wash your hands **before** having food.
- c) Govind saw an injured puppy **while** he was walking in the park.
- d) **After** you finish drinking the milk, you can eat the pizza.
- e) **When** I grow up, I would like to be a pilot.

4. Complete the following passage using the correct conjunctions.

One day, Xian got up early to go to the nearby forest to pluck some fruits and berries. **While** going to the forest, he picked up a big basket from Uncle Tom's shop. **When** he reached the forest, the sun was shining brightly. There were pretty flowers everywhere and beautiful butterflies were hovering over them. Xian ran after them and chased them from flower to flower. **When** he was playing, a fox slowly crept up to him. Xian saw the fox and was frightened. He took out his magic pencil and book, and drew two fox cubs. Whoosh! Sparks flew and two cubs appeared. Seeing the cute cubs, the fox became very happy **and** started licking them. The cubs too were happy to find a mother. **Then** the fox left with two cubs, Xian quickly picked up his basket and started plucking the berries and fruits. Soon his basket was full and he returned home happily.

WRITING JUNCTION



My favourite fictional characters are Motu and Patlu. They are best friends and they live in Furfuri nagar. They always fall into trouble. And to solve those problems they need other friends help but when Motu eats samosa, he gets lots of energy and try to solve the problems of his own. Both of them are very funny. They always make us laugh by doing the funny activities.

