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READING COMPREHENSION

niveau atteint : A1 / A1+ / A2 / A2+



Lewis Carroll

Lewis Carroll's real name was Charles Lutwidge Dodgson. He was born on 27 January 1832 in Daresbury in Cheshire, England. He was the third son of a pastor. When he was a child he loved creating puppet^① shows. He was also fond of logic and mathematic games.

In 1851, he went to Oxford University. A few years later, he got his diploma in mathematics and became a teacher. He taught at the university and also took religious classes. He became a deacon^② in 1861.

He worked on mathematics and, at the same time, published short stories in a magazine called *The Train*, under the pen name Lewis Carroll. In 1865, he published his most famous novel *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and soon became a famous writer. Then in 1871, he published its sequel *Through the Looking Glass*.

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland was written for a little girl who liked listening to his stories very much. Her name was Alice Liddell, she was one of his friends' daughter.

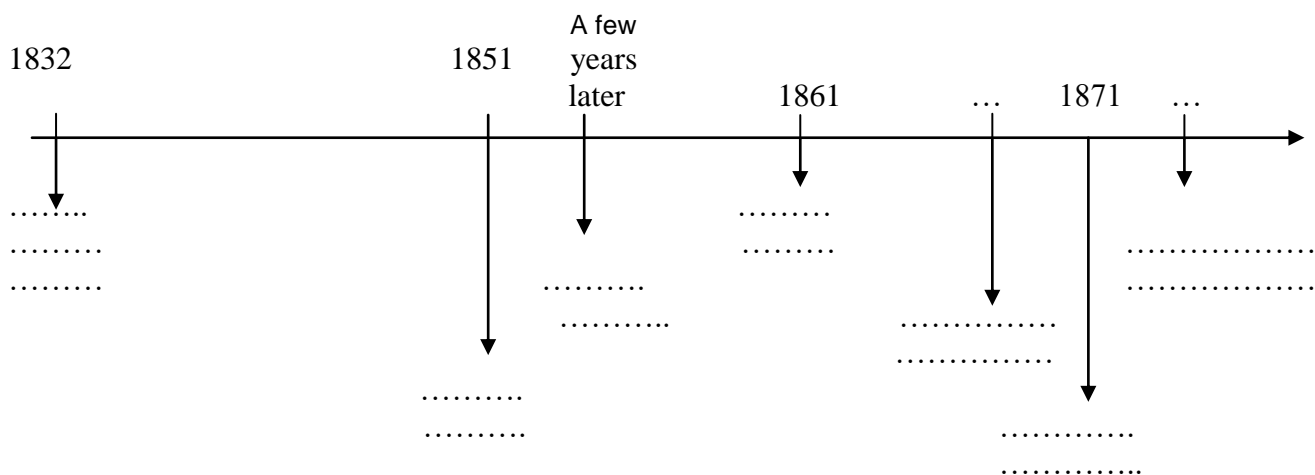
At first, his stories were for kids, but adults got interested in them too. They liked to find hidden messages in them. His stories are full of absurdity, nonsense and fantasia.

Lewis Carroll was also a photographer. He took plenty of photos of little girls disguised in fairies^③. He died in Guileford, on 14 February 1896 of influenza. He was 65.

- ① marionnette ② un diacre ③ a fairy: une fée

1. This document is: a biography a novel a letter

2. Fill in the time chart below. (Remplis la frise ci-dessous)



2. **RIGHT** or **WRONG**. Pick out in the text the pieces of information about Lewis Carroll to justify your answers. Vrai ou faux. (Trouve dans le texte les informations pour justifier tes réponses et cite le texte)

1. Lewis Carroll est un pseudonyme / un nom d'emprunt. Vrai Faux

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2. Lewis Carroll était enfant unique. Vrai Faux

3. Enfant, il détestait les mathématiques et la logique. Vrai Faux

4. Il a enseigné la littérature à l'université. Vrai Faux

5. Avant de publier « *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* », Lewis Carroll n'avait jamais rien écrit. Vrai Faux

6. « *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* » a été créé pour un petit garçon qui adorait écouter ses histoires. Vrai Faux

7. Les romans de Lewis Carroll n'intéressent pas du tout les adultes. Vrai Faux

3. **Find** in the text Lewis Carroll's four jobs. (Trouve dans le texte, les quatre métiers de Lewis Carroll).

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4. **Propose a translation** for the words below. They are underlined in the text. **Say how** you found it.
 (Propose une traduction pour les mots suivants. Ils sont soulignés dans le texte. Dis comment tu arrives à cette conclusion. Quelle est ta démarche intellectuelle ?)

was fond of

diploma:

pen name :

sequel :

nonsense :

Critères de réussite :

Fiche d'évaluation : compréhension écrite Courte biographie	A1	A1+	A2	A2+
1. Question 2. Sait replacer des évènements sur une frise temporelle peu la plupart tous		✦	✦	✦
2. Questions 2, 3. Sait identifier dans une courte biographie pas ou peu d'informations, sans savoir justifier peu d'informations, en justifiant la plupart des informations avec quelques erreurs de justification la plupart des informations avec précision	✦	✦		✦
3. Question 4. Sait inférer les sens de mots nouveaux proches du français de mots nouveaux en se servant de leur formation, du contexte, etc.		✦	✦	
Note :	→ 05	→ 10	→ 15	→ 20