

ALICE IN AUSTRALIA

STORY THREE : MODERN ART

Improve Your Literacy – Suggested Activities

Art and Design

What do you notice about the style of the title page of this story compared with the previous two? Why do you think it has been done this way?

What is an 'exhibition'? Where does the word come from?

Design and make the invitation to Ming's exhibition of paintings.

Alice makes a sandwich for her lunch. Think of your favourite sandwich and write a simple set of instructions so that someone else could make it.

Looking for Patterns

Look at the text above the last panel on pages 2 and 3. What do you notice about the words the writer has used? Do you know what this language feature is called? See if you can find some more examples of your own.

This is what you might call a 'language pattern'. Can you find any other patterns (of any kind) in this episode of Alice in Australia or in the three stories so far?

Discussion/Reflection - Learning Out of School

Alice is busy on the maths homework set by her tutor. Would you prefer to learn at home or is school better? What are the advantages and disadvantages of school?

Make a list of your favourite subjects and compare them with others in your group. Talk for one minute on your personal favourite.

The twins can't go to the beach with Alice because they are on detention. Is detention a good form of punishment? Is punishment necessary, and if so what kind of punishment is fairest?

Discussion/Reflection - Learning Out of School

"She has put her own signature on three of my mother's paintings." What is her 'signature' and why does Alice call it that?

What happens next? Imagine this was not the end of the story. Use the Snappy tool to design and create the final page.