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Excercise 1. Once upon a time...

Once upon a time, on a beautiful day, the sun 1. was shinning. Alice was drowsily sitting by the riverbank. Her sister was reading a book Alice didn't like since it didn't have any pictures or conversations in it. She 2. was falling asleep when all of a sudden, a white rabbit ran past her. She immediately noticed that it pulled a watch out of its waistcoatpocket, looked at it to check what time it was and said to itself "Oh dear! Oh, dear! I shall be late!" Bewildered Alice remembered she had never seen a rabbit wearing a waistcoat, carrying a watch and talking to itself. So filled with curiosity she 3. ran after it and 4. followed it down into a large rabbit-hole. The hole was so deep, or she was falling so slowly that she had time to distinguish all the different things that were in the cupboards and bookshelves in the well walls. It seemed an endless tunnel that she wondered: "How long 5. have I been falling?" On her way down, she could grab a jar of orange marmalade, but disappointed, because it was empty, she put it back in one the cupboards as she fell past it. After a while, Alice finally 6. reached the bottom of the hole which was surrounded by doors of different sizes. She heard the rabbit was speaking, but when she turned around the rabbit 7.had disappeared, she found herself alone. Later, after she 8. had been trying to open the doors with a key she had found on a glass table, she realized that key was never to open any of the doors for either the locks were too big or the key was too small. However, later Alice came to a curtain she had not noticed before and found a golden key which fitted one of the door locks.

That door led to a beautiful garden, but she could not get in because she was too big. The garden was so beautiful that it made her imagine herself wandering among its beds of flowers. Now she wished to be able to shut up and retract like a telescope to fit through the hole. Suddenly Alice thought: How long 9. have I been wasting time waiting at this little door thinking about how to fit in?, and then added: "so many weird things have happened lately that indeed very few things are really impossible". So she decided to go back to the table hoping to find another key on it, but this time she found a bottle with a label on it that read: "DRINK ME". Alice looked carefully at the label on the bottle to make sure it really read "DRINK ME" and not "poison" because she remembered: "Oh, how many stories 10. I have read about children who have had several accidents because they didn't either read the instructions well nor followed the rules they had previously been taught. Once Alice was sure the bottle was not marked "poison" she dared to taste it and to find it very lovely she finished it off. After a while, Alice started feeling a curious sensation, she felt she was shutting up like a telescope, and so she was. 11. She had shrunk enough to fit the door. But now the door was closed, and Alice sadly uttered: "Where's the key, oh no, 12. I've forgotten it on the table." Immediately, she went back to get it, but when she found she could not reach It because this time she was too small, she started crying. After scolding herself for crying, she saw a cake with the words "EAT ME". Alice ate a little, and expecting it made her grow, she anxiously touched her head to feel if it was getting bigger but amazed she became aware that nothing 13. had happened, she still was the same size.

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