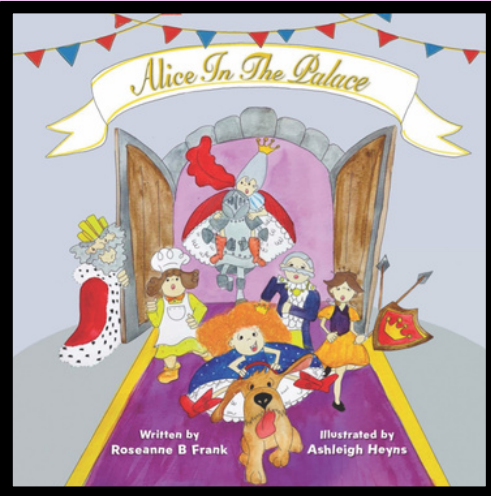


Reader's Theater

Alice in the Palace

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Characters

	Narrator 1	
Alice	Narrator 2	King
Guards		Queen
Royal Cook		Royal Seamstress
Palace Workers		Royal Footman
		Banquet Attendees

Prop Suggestions

A big pot	Long Stick for fireplace poker
Flowy Fabrics	Rolled paper for a scroll
Dog Ears/Tail optional	Sign: ALICE'S REVENGE



Directions

READ Alice in the Palace aloud.

TALK about the theme of being yourself, imagination and being creative.

SHARE copies of the script with the class.

PRACTICE reading the different roles.

DECIDE who will play the characters. Some students can be in charge of props, and a student can be in charge of reading the cues during rehearsal.

ACT out Alice in the Palace.

Have fun!!

Alice in the Palace Script

[Narrator 1] HEAR YE, HEAR YE! PRINCESS ALICE IS IN THE PALACE!

[Guards- whisper]

Psst! Alice is in the palace.

[Palace Workers- whisper]

Alice is in the palace.

[Royal Cook -Covers head with a pot.]

Alice is in the palace.

[King shouts – King & Queen hiding]

Alice is in the palace! Hide!

[Narrator 1] Because Alice was....

[Enter Alice]

busy as a beaver,

buzzy as a bee,

loud as a party,

a cyclone of a child.

On Monday and Tuesday, Cook's ladle and giant pot went missing.

[Alice pretending to ride a horse]

I'm a knight in the King's service!

[Royal Cook]

Oh, no! I need that pot for the stew!

Alice in the Palace Script

[Narrator 1]

On Wednesday and Thursday, Alice draped herself in luxurious fabrics. Fabulous colors floated and swirled over the rolling hills and through the orchards.

[Alice swirls fabrics]

I'm the wind!

[Royal Seamstress]

Oh, NO! My best fabrics!

[Narrator 1] And on Friday, the poker from the fireplace made a fine sword.

[Alice swinging 'sword']

I'm a pirate on the saucy sea!

[Royal Footman]

OH, NO! The King and Queen mustn't be cold!

[Narrator 1]

But it was Sunday when, during the King and Queen's royal banquet, Alice swung from the chandeliers.

[Alice]

I'm an acrobat in the circus! Weeeeeee!

(The King pulled on the Queen stretch out a fabric as a safety net)

[Queen]

Oh, dear!

[King unrolls paper]

That's enough! From hence forth there shall be no more pretending!

Alice in the Palace Script

[Alice]
WHAT?!

[Narrator 2] But then something awful happened.
Alice was not Alice.

[Alice fidgets and looks sad and bored]

*She moped. She twiddled.
She muddled. She wandered.
She dallied and she pouted.
And the palace was not the same.*

[Royal Cook - snore loudly]
I snoozed.

[Seamstress - snore loudly]
I napped.

[Narrator 2 gestures to King & Queen - snore LOUDLY]
And the King and Queen...

[King & Queen]
We're snoring...LOUDLY!

[Alice]
THAT'S IT! I am NOT Alice and this palace is NOT the same!

[Alice shakes the Cook]
Hey! You know that pot is more than a pot. Go ahead. Try it.

[Cook with pot on her head]
I can be an astronaut in space! Wheeee! Oh, Princess Alice. We missed you.

[Alice shakes the Seamstress]
Hey! You know those fabrics can be more than clothes. Go ahead. Try it.

Alice in the Palace Script

[Seamstress jumping]

A trampoline! Whoa! Prin...cess...Alice. We...missed...yoooouu!

[Alice shakes the Footman]

Hey! You know that poker can be more than just for poking. Go ahead. Try it.

[Student walks through with an Alice's Revenge sign]

[Footman and Alice raise their "swords"]

[Footman]

Ahoy, ye matey!

I'll join you on Alice's Revenge! Oh, Princess Alice. We missed you.

[Narrator 2]

And when Sunday's Royal Banquet came...

[All characters pretending to perform different talents]

[King bellows]

WHAT IS HAPPENING HERE?

(Alice and Queen pretend to swing from chandeliers)

[Alice]

Come on, Pop!

[King]

I always wanted to fly! Oh, Alice ...

[Queen]

We missed you!

[Alice]

I knew you would...because I missed me, too.

[Narrator 2] HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THERE SHALL BE PRETENDING EVERY DAY!