

Susan stared.

Nothing made sense, but some of these symbols reminded her of something, stuck deep in her tortured brain of an earlier time, before she woke up in this unfamiliar world. She closed her eyes and tried desperately to remember.

Was one of the images a bird, a rabbit, a flower? The symbols looked familiar, but none of these things existed where she found herself...a world without colour, without people, without anyone to help her.

She paused and looked around her. Why was she here? How did she get back? She reached forwards and touched a symbol. Susan smiled.



1. Where do you think Susan is? Why do you think this?
2. Which words, or phrases, show us how she is feeling?
3. If you could ask Susan a question, what would it be? What do you think her answer would be?
4. What do you think that the symbols look like? What could they mean?
5. Why do you think Susan smiles at the end of this passage?

Be a detective.



Where was the first writing in the world discovered? Can you find this on a map?
What signs and symbols have been used to communicate through history around the world?
Create your own way of communicating. Will it be words, symbols, or sign language?
Find out how to spell your name and to greet people using sign language.
Imagine a new world. What does it look like? Who, or what lives there?
Today we write using technology, pens and pencils. What has been used in the past?

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