



Find the Clues

What Genre is This?

Authors don't always tell you what genre their books are in, but they do give you clues. Read the passage below and see if you can use clues to tell what the genre is.

Either the well was very deep, or she fell very slowly, for she had plenty of time as she went down to look about her and to wonder what was going to happen next. First, she tried to look down and make out what she was coming to, but it was too dark to see anything; then she looked at the sides of the well, and noticed that they were filled with cupboards and book-shelves; here and there she saw maps and pictures hung upon pegs. She took down a jar from one of the shelves as she passed; it was labeled 'ORANGE MARMALADE', but to her great disappointment it was empty: she did not like to drop the jar for fear of killing somebody, so managed to put it into one of the cupboards as she fell past it.

'Well!' thought _____ to herself, 'after such a fall as this, I shall think nothing of tumbling down stairs! How brave they'll all think me at home! Why, I wouldn't say anything about it, even if I fell off the top of the house!' (Which was very likely true.)

Down, down, down. Would the fall NEVER come to an end! 'I wonder how many miles I've fallen by this time?' she said aloud.

1. Do you think this passage is from a work of fiction or nonfiction? **A.** Fiction **B.** Nonfiction

1a. Write a complete sentence that explains why the passage is fiction or nonfiction.

1b. Underline the clues in the text that helped you decide.

2. Do you think this passage is from a work of fantasy or science fiction? **A.** Fantasy **B.** Science Fiction

2a. Write a complete sentence that explains why the passage is fantasy or science fiction.

2b. Underline the clues in the text that helped you decide.

