

# A World Full of Words

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C.S. Lewis wrote the magical and amazing 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'; you might have even seen the film. Even though you might not think there is a lot of maths in books - you'd be surprised! So let's investigate the words of Mr Lewis with a maths twist.

Have a look at this extract from  
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe:



Lucy felt a little frightened, but she felt very inquisitive and excited as well. She looked back over her shoulder and there, between the dark tree trunks; she could still see the open doorway of the wardrobe and even catch a glimpse of the empty room from which she had set out. (She had, of course, left the door open, for she knew that it is a very silly thing to shut oneself into a wardrobe.) It seemed to be still daylight there. "I can always get back if anything goes wrong," thought Lucy. She began to walk forward, crunch-crunch over the snow and through the wood towards the other light. In about ten minutes she reached it and found it was a lamp-post. As she stood looking at it, wondering why there was a lamp-post in the middle of a wood and wondering what to do next, she heard a pitter patter of feet coming towards her. And soon after that a very strange person stepped out from among the trees into the light of the lamp-post.

1. Investigate how many of each letter of the alphabet there is in the extract.
2. Choose your favourite part of your favourite book and do the same. Make sure the extract has 178 words 'to make your investigation fair and equal. What are the similarities/differences? What are the most popular letters/ least popular letters.
3. Look into other details such as different types of punctuation and different word classes.