FACT-SHEET: LEWIS CARROLL
Pen-name of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (1832-1898)

1. Born on 27 January 1832 at Daresbury, Cheshire.
2. Eldest son and third child of the Rev. Charles Dodgson and his wife, Frances Jane née Lutwidge.
3. Seven sisters (Frances, Elizabeth, Caroline, Mary, Margaret, Louisa, and Henrietta) and three brothers (Skeffington, Wilfred, and Edwin).
4. Educated at home by his parents and showed ability in mathematics.
5. Family moved to Croft-on-Tees, Yorkshire in 1843 when his father became rector there.
6. Went to school at Richmond, Yorkshire, when he was 12 years old.
7. Transferred to Rugby School in 1846 and studied there for four years.
8. Gained a place at Oxford University in 1850.
9. Took up his place in January 1851 as an undergraduate at Christ Church.
10. His mother died suddenly within a few days of his arrival at Christ Church.
11. Graduated with a BA degree in 1854; 1st class in Mathematics, 3rd in Classics.
12. Became a tutor in mathematics at Christ Church; appointed Sub-Librarian in 1855.
13. Appointed Mathematical Lecturer at Christ Church in 1855, but takes up the post at the beginning on 1856.
14. Took the pen-name "Lewis Carroll" (based on a Latinate form of his first names) in February 1856.
15. Became a keen amateur photographer in 1856.
16. Ordained deacon in the Church of England in December 1861.
17. The story of *Alice's Adventures* first told on a river trip with Alice Liddell and her sisters on 4 July 1862.
18. The manuscript of *Alice's Adventures* given to Alice Liddell as a Christmas gift in 1864.
19. The book, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, first published in 1865.
20. Took a trip across Europe to Russia in 1867; his only trip abroad.
21. His father died in 1868; he assumed the role of "head of the family" as the eldest son.
22. Leased a home at Guildford for his brothers and sisters.
23. Published his first book of poems, *Phantasmagoria*, in 1869.
24. *Through the Looking Glass* published in 1871.
25. Continued to write mathematical works for the undergraduates at Oxford University.
26. Published an epic nonsense poem, *The Hunting of the Snark*, in 1876.
27. Rented accommodation at Eastbourne for the summer holidays in 1877, and continued this practice for the rest of his life.
28. Invented many word games and mathematical puzzles.
29. Published the drama, *Euclid and His Modern Rivals*, in 1879, but it was never performed as a play in his lifetime.
30. He gave up his photographic hobby in July 1880 and took no more photographs.
31. Resigned the Mathematical Lectureship at Christ Church in 1881, but remained in residence as a senior member of the college.
32. Elected Curator of the Common Room in 1882 by his colleagues.
33. Further poetry published under the title *Rhyme? and Reason?* in 1883.
34. A series of mathematical problems woven around a story published at *A Tangled Tale* in 1885.
35. The original manuscript of *Alice's Adventures* published in facsimile in 1886, all proceeds going to hospitals and children's homes.
36. *The Game of Logic* published in 1887 to support his teaching of the subject in schools and colleges.
37. The first part of a new story book, *Sylvie and Bruno*, published in 1889.
38. A special version of Alice for very young children, called *The Nursery "Alice"*, was written in 1889.
39. The second part of the new story, *Sylvie and Bruno Concluded*, published in 1893.
40. His major work on logic, *Symbolic Logic, Part 1: Elementary*, was published in 1896; two further volumes were planned but not published in his lifetime.
41. He died at Guildford on 14 January 1898 and is buried there.
42. The copyright of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* ended in 1907 and many editions have been published since them, the book never going out of print. It has also been translated into many different languages.