## **Strings** exercise

Goal: To learn more about how Strings work in Processing.

- 1. Get the *Alice* program working on your own computer (downloadable from the syllabus page). You will have to make sure alice.txt is in your Processing project directory.
- 2. Instead of printing out the whole text of "Alice in Wonderland", change the program to print out the number of lines in the file.
- 3. After printing out the number of lines in the file, print out the number of *characters* in the first line of the file. This will require looking at the Processing reference. Click on the entry for *String*, and you will see several functions there. One of them is what you want.
- 4. Now, print out the number of characters in the *whole file*.
- 5. What is the average length of the lines in the file?
- 6. Write a loop to print out the lines of the file.
- 7. Modify that loop to print out only those lines that have at least three characters.
- 8. Modify that loop to print out only the first three characters of each line that has at least three characters.
- 9. Modify that loop to print out whole lines, but only those lines beginning with the characters the.

**IMPORTANT NOTE**: Comparing two Strings for equality using == in Processing *does not work*. Instead, use the .equals() method, as described in the reference page for String. There is a good reason for this, but we won't get there for another few weeks.