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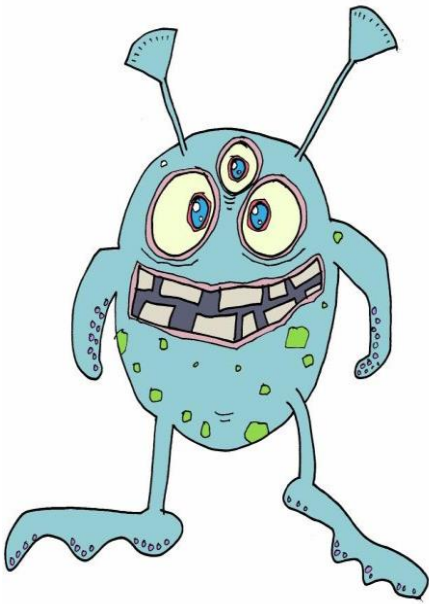
Talk for Writing Home-school booklet

Amazing Aliens!

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Welcome to my alien world! You'll find lots of fun things to work through that will help you with your writing skills and build on the work you do at school.



For many years, humans all over the world have wondered whether we really exist...

Well, I can tell you we do and, what's more, we have been getting up to all sorts of mischief on our visits to Earth! Now I'm hoping we can help you with your writing and inspire you to believe that aliens are amazing!

First, here are some facts about our species.

You can listen to an audio recording of the facts below here <https://soundcloud.com/talkforwriting/amazing-aliens/>

Amazing Aliens

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to meet an alien? Read on and find out more about our fascinating species.

What is an alien?

An alien is a peculiar humanoid from outer space.

Appearance:

Most aliens are tall and can grow to over 10 metres in height. However, the Tiny Alien is the tiniest of aliens and is the size of a household mouse. Additionally, aliens have tough, green skin that is often wrinkled to help keep them warm. Amazingly, some aliens have shiny scales that are harder than diamonds.

Habitat:

Aliens are found across the Solar System. The majority like to live well away from planets inhabited by human beings. Usually, they live in pods or space shacks made of ice. Some aliens like to sleep in cocoons, which are woven from a silk-like thread that space worms produce.

What do they eat?

All Aliens are vegetarian, but also candyarian, which means they have an extremely sweet tooth. They love chocolate, cakes and desserts. Furthermore, they are extremely fond of fizzy drinks. Their favourite food is ice-cream. Interestingly, aliens can dislocate their jaws in the same way as a snake, so they can fill their mouth with huge portions of sweet treats.

What do they do?

Aliens are best known for exploring in spaceships. They usually land their space crafts in remote areas and like to find out about the planets they are visiting. Interestingly, most aliens are extremely good mathematicians and they love to calculate the answers to complicated maths problems in their heads.

Fascinating facts

- The fastest aliens can run up to 450mph.
- Aliens can live until they are 205.
- Aliens can make themselves invisible if they are threatened.
- Nightshade aliens are the only nocturnal alien, that means they come out at night.

Are aliens on earth?

Watch out! The next time you see someone in your class guzzling extraordinary portions of sweets, getting top marks in their times tables tests and winning every race at Sports' day, just maybe you've got an alien invader of your own!

Task One: Amazing Alien Glossary

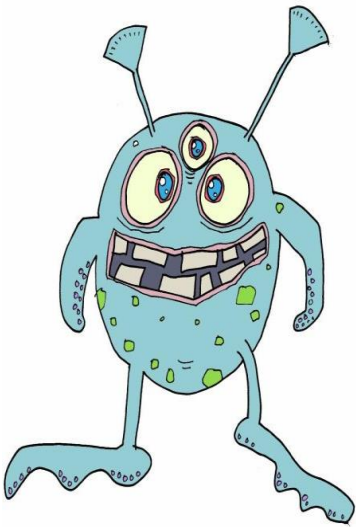
Part a:

Glossary - definitions of some of the technical vocabulary:

Humanoid: something that has the shape of a human being
cocoon: a silky case, usually spun by insects

Vegetarian: a person or creature that does not eat meat or fish

Dislocate: to move a bone out of its normal position



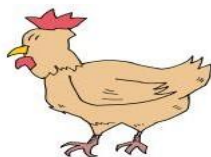
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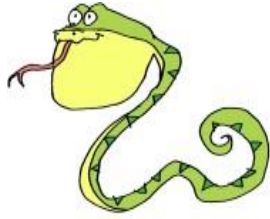
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Part b:

Now take a look at this line from the text:

“All Aliens are vegetarian, but also candyarian, which means they have an extremely sweet tooth.”

Vegetarian is a real word but *candyarian* is an alien word and only exists in our alien language.

Let's explore alien words by playing the Alien Word game with compound words.

Compound words are made when two words are joined to form a new word, for example: blackboard.

I have taken compound words from your human language and split them up. Your challenge is:

- ★ Join a word in column 1 with any word in column 2.
- ★ Write the new word in the box below.
- ★ Invent a definition for your new alien word.

I've done one for you and remember – be as inventive as you like!

Column 1		Column 2	
water	melon	lady	bird
basket	ball	snow	man
hand	bag	door	way
play	ground	butter	fly

Amazing Alien Glossary

Alien word	Definition of the new alien word
snowmelon	fruit that grows on a tree in frozen space — e.g The snowmelon trees bloomed in the solar winter.

★ Challenge: can you put these new words into a sentence?