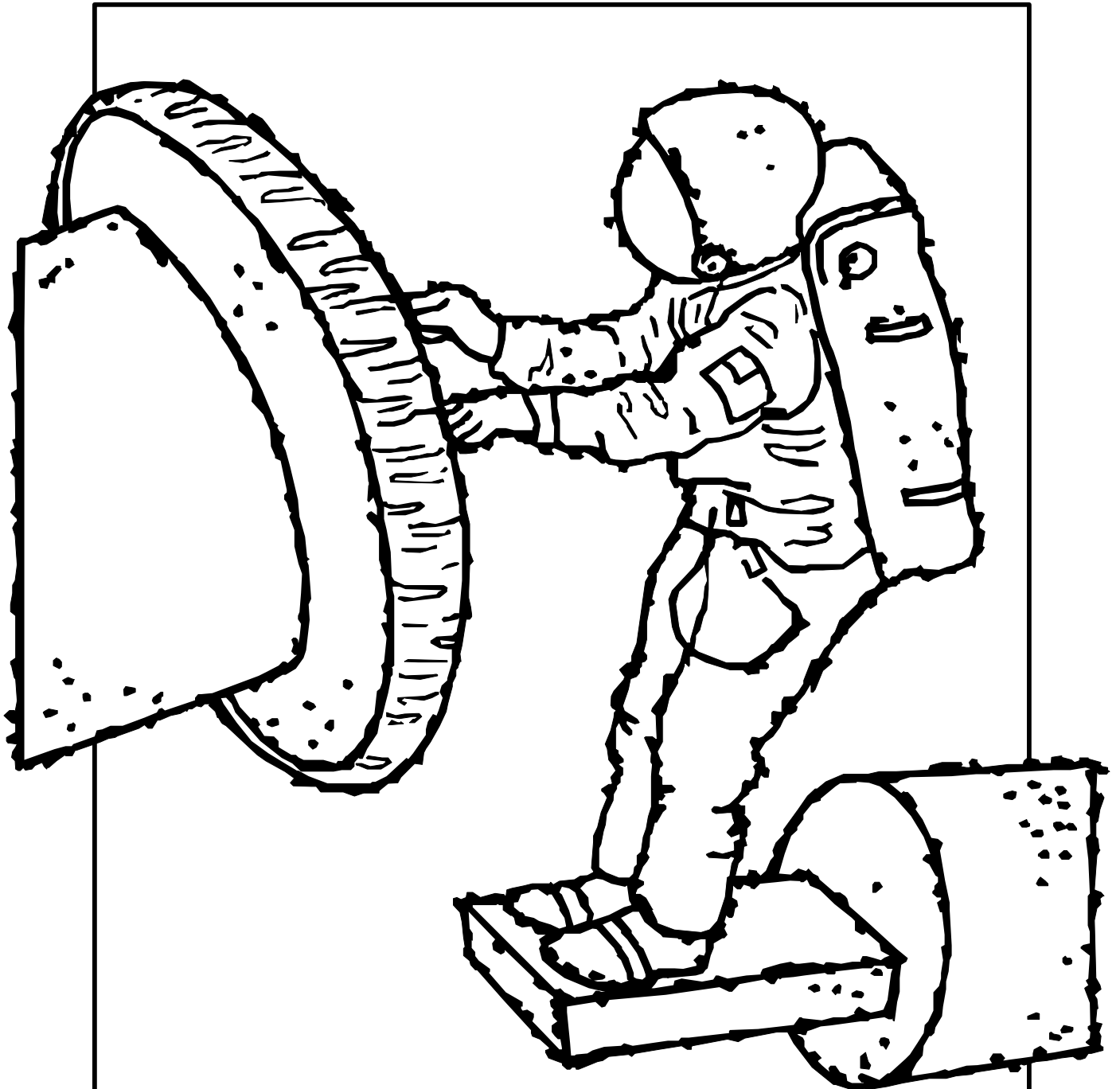


# Space Topic Worksheets Literacy KS2



# Aliens!

Imagine you have arrived on an alien planet. As you step out of your spaceship you come face to face with one of the planets inhabitants. Describe the alien so everyone can imagine exactly what they look like.

Think about: height, number of limbs, facial features, colour, shape, intelligence, personality, how your alien moves and what the alien does. Use the space below to draw a labelled diagram of your alien and then write a description.



# Descriptive Writing

Imagine you are a space explorer coming in to land on a newly discovered planet. Write a description of the planet as you approach it from space and after you have landed. Think about the landscape, plants, animals and any alien structures you might discover.



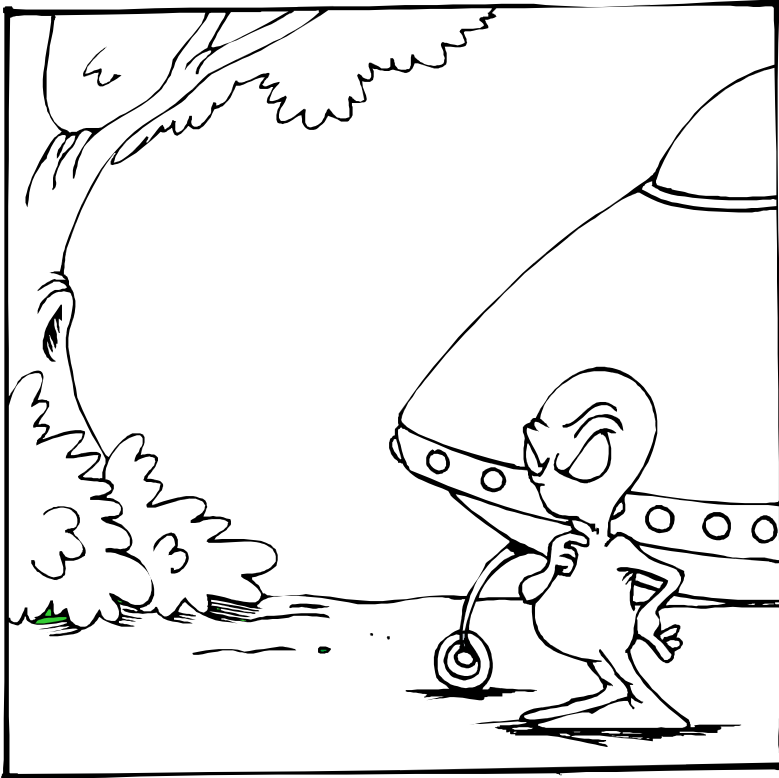
# Report to Base

You are an astronaut on a mission to explore a new planet. It is your job to write a report on your findings after arriving on the planet. Your boss wants to know about the plants and animals, climate, landscape, alien occupation and the possibility of sending settlers to the planet - would it be suitable for human visitors? Write your report using paragraphs to discuss each of the areas mentioned above.

# Future Times

Friday, June 14th 2032

## Alien Invaders!



A special report on the  
visitors to our planet!  
by \_\_\_\_\_

# Save the Earth!

In the book, 'The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy', the Earth is scheduled to be eliminated to make room for a hyperspace bypass. Earthlings were given time to present information about why the Earth should not be destroyed.

Write a letter to the Universal Space Agency persuading to change their plans. Plan your writing below, outlining the reasons why the Earth should remain, before writing your letter.



# Save our Species

An alien taskforce has landed on Earth and is bringing charges against the human race. They state that humans have neglected in their duties by not caring for the planet. Evidence presented includes the destruction of habitats, fighting against each other, killing animals for sport, pollution and theft of the Earth's natural resources. People on Earth argue that they recognise that they made mistakes in the past but are trying to correct those mistakes and are learning how to care for each other and our planet.

Write a discussion that looks at each side of the argument before offering your own opinion.

# Space Explorers Diary

Imagine you are an astronaut, being sent on your first mission to a distant planet. You are going to keep a diary of your journey. Include diary pages written before take off, launching into space, living in space and landing on a new planet. Make notes about your journey below before writing them out in diary format.



# Advertising Space

Imagine that space has become a popular tourist destination. You are given the task to create an advertisement for space tourism. You can choose to advertise a single planet, a space cruise or any other space tourism opportunities you can think of! Plan your advertisement below before creating your poster.

Which tourist activity or activities would you like to promote?

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Think of a short phrase that will catch peoples attention.

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What images will you need to find or draw?

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Where can people go to get more information?

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What style of writing will you use for your poster? Remember, it has to be easy to read from a distance and it needs to stand out! Try out some styles below.

# A Space Odyssey

You are going to write a story set in space. You need to plan your story below before starting to write. Think about the characters, setting, plot for and who you are going to be aiming your story at - young children? older children?

# Paying for Space Travel

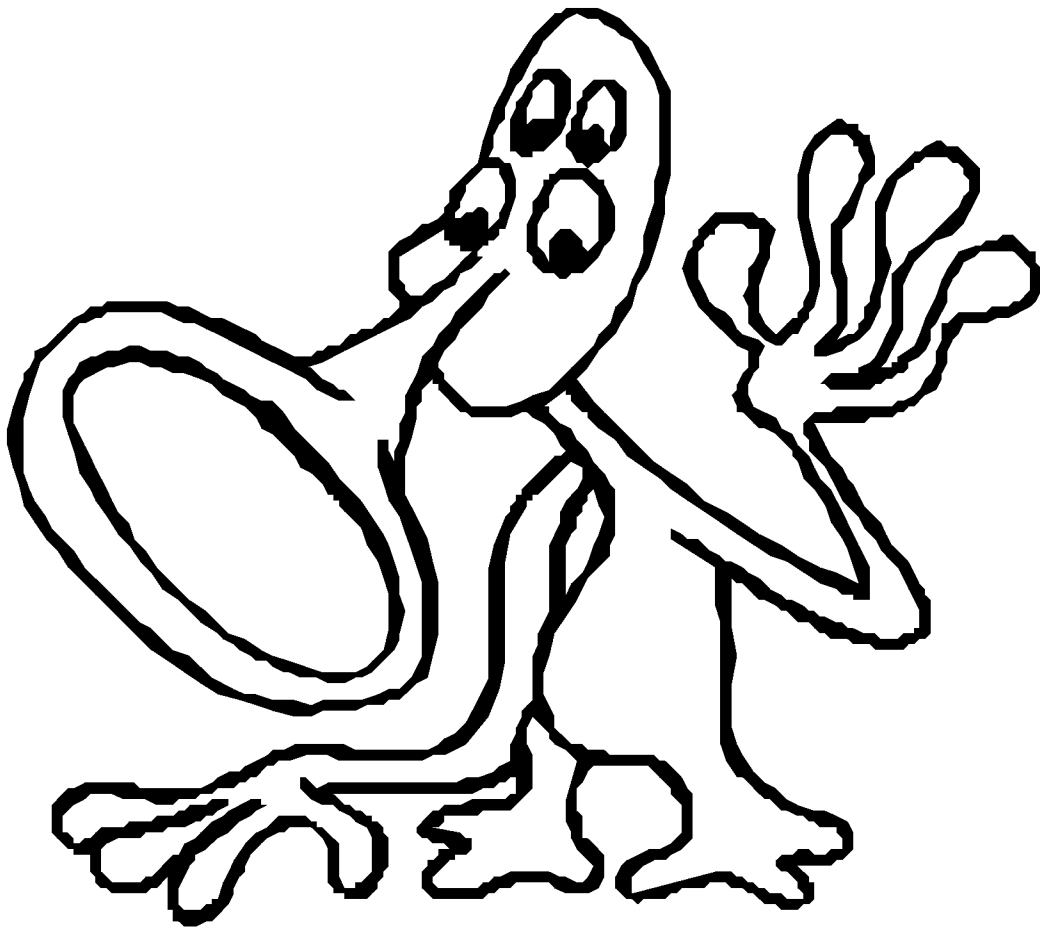
Every year millions of pounds are spent on developing space travel and research all around the world. Some people consider this to be a waste of money and say the funds could be better spent solving problems on our own planet rather than exploring others. People in the space research business claim that by exploring space we may find out more about our own planet and discover new things that could improve our lives here on Earth.

What do you think? Compose a piece of writing giving both sides of the argument. You might like to investigate each side before starting your essay.

# Space Similes

One way of describing an alien could be to compare it to things we are familiar with. Can you describe the alien below using similes?

One has been done for you..



**Skin as slimy as  
a snail.**

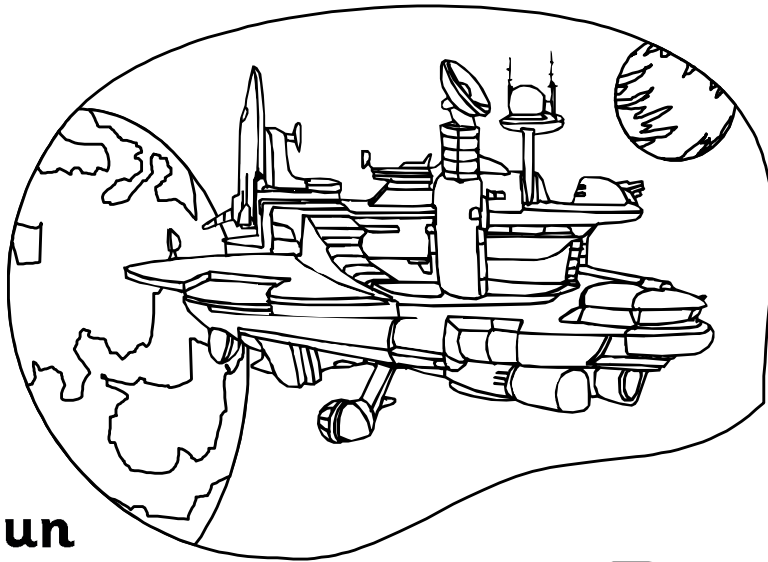
Try describing your own alien using similes, see if a friend can draw what it looks like from your description.

# Space Poetry

Can you write a poem all about space? It could be in the form of an acrostic poem, shape poem or any other form you like. Here are some examples to give you ideas.

## In Space

**Stars like pin pricks in the deep, black sky,  
Frozen comets zooming by,  
Earth hanging silently, a ball of green and blue,  
A lone spaceship drifting through.**



## The Sun

**Life-giver,  
Heat-maker,  
Planet-puller,  
Desert-baker.**

**Plant-feeder,  
Winter-taker,  
Growth-bringer,  
Morning-maker.**

