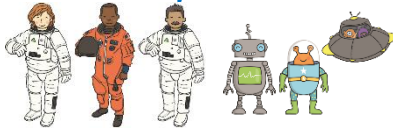


Activity 1

This week we will be writing a story about a space adventure. We'll use some of the things that we learnt last week to help us.



Before you begin, please download and print out the **space cut outs** or make some of your own. You can use them to 'act out' your story.



Have a look at the space story checklist for some of the things we need to think about:

- a futuristic setting of a place in space
(Why don't you make one?)



- a main character like an astronaut or alien who has a problem



- adjectives to describe characters and places, e.g. the slimy, green alien; a mysterious, blue planet



- a mysterious ending



Have a play with your space characters and start making a loose story in your head. Once you're happy, it's time to plan!



Look at the following story planner. You will need to make one of your own to help you to plan your story. [Look at mine](#) to see how I filled it in.

Story Mountain

Middle

2. What's the problem?

Beginning

1. Grab your reader, then introduce your character and setting.

START HERE

End

3. How do they solve the problem?
At the end, is it happy, sad, funny, surprising, shocking?

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Story Mountain


Middle

2. Mae explores Planet Astra. She returns to find that her rocket is missing!

Beginning

1. Mae is excited about her first trip to space.

Ending

3. An alien helps her to find her rocket. 
Mae returns to earth, only to find the alien was hidden in the rocket!

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Activity 2

It's really important to grab your reader's attention at the start of your story. Watch the following for some ideas:



- My story beginning is on the next page.

I've written 3 paragraphs:

1. I try to hook the reader in this paragraph with a question at the start. I also introduce my main character.
2. I describe what she's wearing.
3. I give you some information about her character.



There's a **WORD BANK TO DOWNLOAD** that you may like to use.

I've highlighted the words ending in **ly**. These words describe the actions. I've even started some sentences with them.

Read my beginning and then write your own.

You can magpie some of my ideas if you like them.

Have you ever wondered whether aliens were real? Mae had. In fact, this very question had meant she was determined to be an astronaut for as long as she could remember. Maybe this would be the day that she finally found out the answer.

Mae put on her heavy spacesuit and made sure that it was fastened **completely**. She pulled on her silver gravity boots and walked **slowly** to the rocket door. She pressed the green button and stepped back as the door opened with a long whooshing sound.

Carefully, she stepped inside before turning for one last look at Earth.

Mae waved to the large crowd that had gathered to see her. Unlike many astronauts before her, Mae was not interested in being famous. She was brave and curious. She had no time for cameras or silly questions. The only question that mattered was her own...were they REAL? She strapped herself in her seat and waited **patiently** for the countdown.

Activity 3



Review your writing from yesterday and see if you need to make improvements.

Remember the words ending in **ly** that I used yesterday?

They are called **adverbs**.

Watch the following to learn more about them.



Today we're going to begin to write the **middle** of our stories.

This will include a description of the new setting and the problem.

Remember: **similes** **sentence openers** **adjectives**

First, watch the following to find out how to stretch your ideas to build up the suspense:



Today, I've only written up to the **problem**. I'll write the next part tomorrow.

Mae was too excited to sleep. She peered out of the window at the beautiful stars. They glittered like diamonds. In the distance, she could see Earth getting smaller and smaller. For a moment she wondered whether she should turn back. No! She'd waited too long for this chance. Sleepily, Mae closed her eyes and drifted off to sleep.

When she woke, the rocket was beginning to land. Thankfully, she'd arrived safely. A moment later, Mae was leaping across the mysterious landscape. All around her were strange rock formations and craters as deep as the ocean. Planet Astra was amazing! Every footstep left a rainbow print in the dusty surface. It reminded Mae of rainy summer days on Earth. Suddenly, she felt all alone and decided to return to the safety of the rocket ship.

Mae froze! She could hardly believe her eyes. Mae was certain the ship had been behind her. She raced back and fell to her knees. In the space where she'd left it, all Mae could see was a rainbow in the dust. The rocket ship was MISSING!

Activity 4



Review your writing from yesterday and see if you need to make improvements.

This is the most suspenseful part of the story now!

Mae will be in a panic and I haven't decided how she'll feel when she meets the alien. Will she be scared, happy, relieved?

Remember, I can change my mind as I go because it's my story.

I really want to keep my reader interested so I want to make my sentence starters really interesting. Watch the following for ideas:



Remember the sentence types we learnt about in Week 2? If you've forgotten, you can look at the PowerPoint again to help you.

I'm going to try to use at least 1 question, 1 command and 1 exclamation in my writing.

See if you can spot them! 😊

Mae felt hot tears beginning to sting her eyes. She put her hands to her face but her helmet was in the way. "Help me!" Mae shouted loudly. At the same time, the strangest thing happened. The ground beneath her started to shake and a hole appeared. The shaking stopped as suddenly as it had begun. When the dust finally settled, Mae realised that she was standing at the top of some steps that had been carved into the rock. Where did they lead to?

Mae had no choice. She had to see if her rocket was down there. She stepped carefully. At the bottom of the steps, Mae could see...AN ALIEN! He was cute and furry. His fur was a lovely pea-green colour and his eyes were as big as saucers. He was doing something to the rocket. "Stop!" Mae commanded.

The alien turned to look at Mae and she could see that he was about to cry. "I'm sorry. What are you doing?" she asked softly. The alien pointed to one of her rocket boosters. It was blocked with some sticky stuff that he was trying to remove. "Thank you," said Mae gratefully. The alien smiled and did a little dance. Then he began to make the sweetest sounds. It was just like a lullaby and made Mae feel sleepy...

Activity 5



Review your writing from yesterday and see if you need to make improvements.

It's time to write the ending! Watch the following for some guidance:



Mae woke up with a start! Where was she? She looked around quickly and was relieved to see that she was back in the rocket. It was just a dream after all! She had never left the rocket!

Mae got out and quickly collected the rock samples that she'd been sent to get. She raced back to the rocket and strapped herself in. Mae was grateful that it was still there. What she hadn't noticed was the rainbow footprints that her boots had made in the dust.

Mae set off for Earth and chuckled to herself. She couldn't believe she ever thought aliens were real. What a silly idea! But what she didn't notice was the furry, green creature hidden inside one of her spare boots. Soon Mae would know the truth at last!



I really enjoyed writing my story! I hope you have fun writing yours too.

Once you've completed it, don't forget to edit the last part and add some illustrations. You could also make a front cover.

