

Space monsters

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Level 1 • Starter / Beginner +

Age: Primary (6–11)

Language aim: To introduce space vocabulary, to practise colours, numbers 1–10 and the alphabet, to follow a sequence (e.g. a journey)

Time: 35 minutes

Student grouping: Individuals, pairs, whole class

Materials: One copy of the worksheet per student; the audio (downloaded in advance or played via onestopenglish); pictures of *spaceship, monster, stars, planet*

Language focus: *I come from ..., my name's ..., it's nice to meet you, Hello, how do you do?*; numbers 1–10; *journey, stars, spaceship, monsters, planet, star, space, Earth; green, yellow, red, purple, black, brown, white, orange, blue, pink*; letters *A, B, C, D, X, Y, Z*

Procedure

Step 1

Show the class a picture of the earth or globe. Find out, in L1, which children have already travelled around the world. Ask *Where would you most like to go? What about other planets? Who would like to travel in space?*

Step 2

Hand out the worksheet. Explain that some aliens are visiting our planet. Four strange spaceships are in the sky and three space monsters have already landed. Teach *spaceship, planet, star* and *monster*.

Step 3

Tell the children they will hear descriptions of each planet. Play Track 1 of the audio. The children make a small mark of colour on each planet as they listen (they can finish colouring the planets later). The children hold up their worksheets for you to check.

Step 4

Explain that the class will now hear the monsters describe their various journeys from their spaceships to Earth. Play Track 2 of the audio. The children listen and trace the routes, using a different colour for each monster.

Step 5

Play Track 2 several times until the children have completed the journey.

Follow-up activity

The children draw the monster from spaceship D, decide its route, and draw in a fourth route. They should not show anyone else the route. Split the class into pairs. They then ask each other about the routes.

Transcript

Track 1

Planet 1 is green.
Planet 2 is yellow.
Planet 3 is red.
Planet 4 is purple.
Planet 5 is black.
Planet 6 is brown.
Planet 7 is white.
Planet 8 is orange.
Planet 9 is blue.
Planet 10 is pink.

Track 2

Beep, beep! My name's X. I come from spaceship A. This is my journey. From spaceship A I go to planet 5 . . . to planet 6 ... to planet 2 ... to planet 3 ... to planet 10 ... and here I am.

Sssss. My name's Y. I come from spaceship B. I go to planet 4 ... to planet 6 . . . to planet 9 ... and to your world. Sssss. How do you do?

Glurg, glurg, gloop, gloop! My name's Z and I come from spaceship C. I go to planet 5 ... to planet 1 ... to planet 8 ... to planet 9 ... and then to planet Earth. Hello!

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WORKSHEET