

## SPACE Reading Comprehension – Key Stage 2 – Year 3

### The Moon Adventure

Lila and her best friend, Sam, had always dreamed of going to the moon. One day, they found a shiny, silver rocket in their backyard. The rocket had a sign that read: “To the Moon and Beyond!” Lila and Sam couldn’t believe their eyes. They decided to climb inside and see where the rocket would take them.

As they soared through space, they saw stars twinkling like tiny diamonds. Lila pointed out the beautiful planets, and Sam spotted a comet zooming by. After a thrilling journey, they finally landed on the moon. The moon’s surface was covered in soft, grey dust, and the sky was a deep, dark blue. They bounced around in their special moon boots, feeling like they were jumping on a trampoline.

Lila and Sam saw an unusual object in the distance. It looked like a shimmering, golden spaceship. They decided to investigate. As they got closer, they discovered a friendly alien named Zog. Zog invited them to explore his moon home, which was filled with glowing crystals and colourful, floating orbs.



Zog told Lila and Sam that he was the last of his kind and had been waiting for visitors from Earth. Lila and Sam spent the day with Zog, learning about his moon and having fun. When it was time to go home, Zog gave them each a glowing crystal as a souvenir. Lila and Sam promised to visit again someday and headed back to their rocket, excited to tell their friends about their incredible moon adventure.

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1. Where did Lila and Sam find the rocket?
2. What did the rocket have written on its sign?
3. Describe what Lila and Sam saw while they were soaring through space.
4. What was the moon's surface covered with?
5. What made Lila and Sam feel like they were jumping on a trampoline on the moon?
6. What did Lila and Sam find when they investigated the unusual object?
7. How did Zog welcome Lila and Sam to his moon home?
8. What did Zog's moon home have inside it?
9. Why had Zog been waiting for visitors from Earth?
10. What did Zog give Lila and Sam before they left?

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### MARK SCHEME

1. Lila and Sam found the rocket in their backyard.
2. The rocket had a sign that read: “To the Moon and Beyond!”
3. While soaring through space, Lila and Sam saw stars twinkling like tiny diamonds, beautiful planets, and a comet zooming by.
4. The moon’s surface was covered in soft, grey dust.
5. Lila and Sam felt like they were jumping on a trampoline on the moon because they were wearing special moon boots that allowed them to bounce.
6. When Lila and Sam investigated the unusual object, they found a friendly alien named Zog and his shimmering, golden spaceship.
7. Zog welcomed Lila and Sam by inviting them to explore his moon home.
8. Zog’s moon home had glowing crystals and colourful, floating orbs inside.
9. Zog had been waiting for visitors from Earth because he was the last of his kind and had been alone for a long time.
10. Zog gave Lila and Sam each a glowing crystal as a souvenir before they left.