

# Science Fiction Short Burst Writing

*Diamonds*

Choose a setting, character and object. Then, write a short story that includes these.

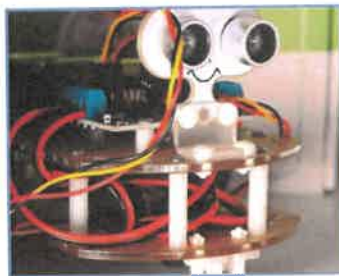
Character



Object



Setting



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# Help from the Heavens

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| 6  | Yesterday morning, six      | 68  | Due to an asteroid         |
| 8  | extraterrestrial spaceships | 71  | destroying their planet    |
| 13 | landed on each of Earth's   | 74  | Lindar, these Lindarians   |
| 16 | most densely populated      | 78  | have pleaded with world    |
| 20 | continents. Once the dust   | 83  | leaders to let them settle |
| 25 | had cleared and the doors   | 88  | on Earth and live among    |
| 30 | of each sleek, shiny ship   | 93  | us. In exchange, they will |
| 35 | had opened, a tall, lanky   | 99  | teach us how to use our    |
| 38 | creature with glowing,      | 103 | surplus of plastic waste   |
| 42 | white skin and crystal-blue | 108 | as a clean energy source   |
| 46 | eyes emerged. Each creature | 113 | and how to reverse the     |
| 50 | requested an audience with  | 117 | effects of climate change. |
| 54 | world leaders. During these | 123 | Life as we know it has     |
| 57 | meetings, these strange     | 126 | been changed forever.      |
| 60 | visitors surprisingly asked |     |                            |
| 64 | for asylum and assistance.  |     |                            |



## Questions

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1. What are these strange visitors called?

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2. What does the word **densely** mean in the text?

Tick one.

- there are few living things near each other
- there are many living things near each other
- deserted and unpopulated

3. Write **two** reasons that the text suggests **life as we know it has been changed forever**.

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4. What do you think will happen next in the story? Explain your answer.

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- 11 Do you need time off-planet and to just get away from
- 22 it all? Look no further than Solar System Safaris! We are
- 30 the only cruise company journeying to the stars.
- 38 Every other Sunday, our two space liners, Capering
- 47 Comet and Streaking Star, leave their earthly docks and
- 58 begin a two-week journey to the edge of our Solar System
- 67 and back. You'll visit all the planets while enjoying
- 69 luxurious amenities.
- 81 Feel the warmth of the Sun up close as we tour Mercury
- 92 and Venus. Watch wind storms whip up the red sands on
- 101 Mars and the colourful clouds on Jupiter. Examine the
- 110 rings of Saturn and Uranus. Count the numerous shades
- 115 of blue found on Neptune.
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- 122

**Book your once-in-a-lifetime  
Solar System Safari today!**



## Emeralds Questions



1. Find and copy one example of alliteration found in the text.

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2. What does the word **luxurious** mean in the text?  
Tick one.

- plain
- lush
- basic



3. Is this a persuasive text? Explain your answer.

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4. Look at the third paragraph. What effect did the author intend by using imperative verbs to start each sentence?

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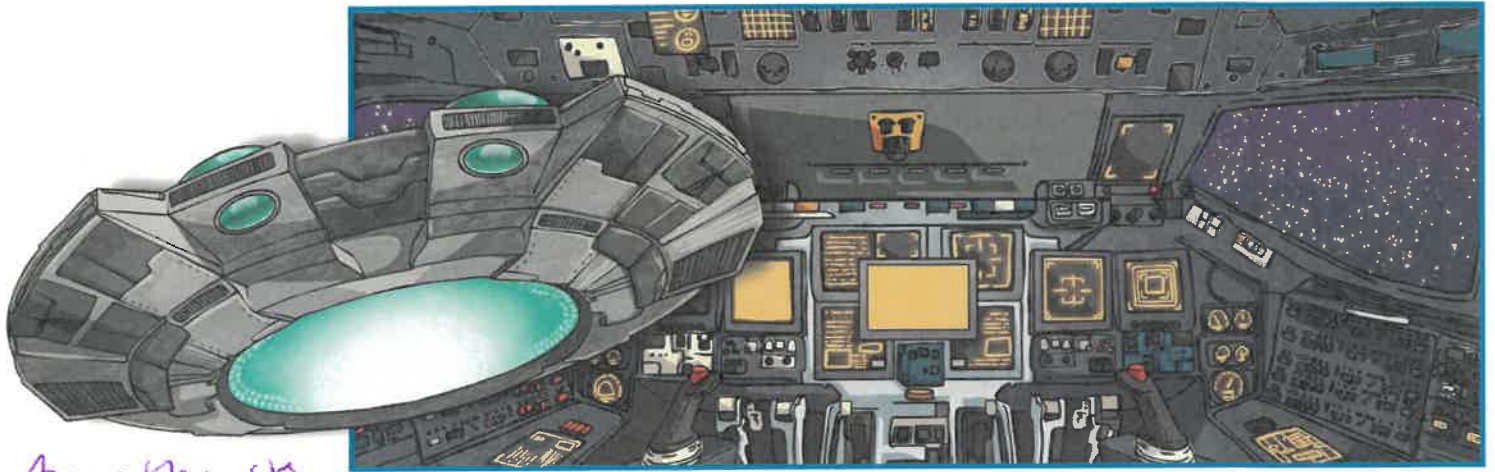


# Edit & Improve

Science Fiction Story

Read the story below. Edit and improve the vocabulary. Add different sentence starters to make the text more engaging and add more description and detail for the reader.

## An Unexpected Landing (an extract)



Amethysts

After a long journey through space, Asma Akhtar – an astronaut – felt excited. She had never been further than her own solar system, which she had explored every inch of. Now, after looking for a long time, she had found a planet that might have life on it. She stared out of the window and tried to calm her stomach. Galaxies swirled past. She checked the spaceship's control board. All was going to plan. She was nearly at the planet.

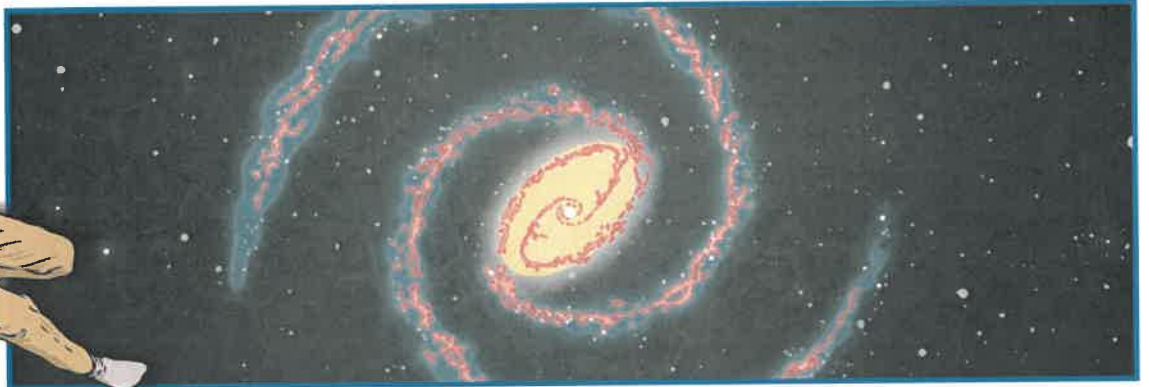
An unnerving sound pierced the silence. Asma was trained in all kinds of space emergencies. It was coming from a crack underneath the control board. Smoke began to escape and Asma couldn't see out of the window. Asma started working on the problem. Fixing it became hard as the ship started to move about quickly. She held on and tried not to be thrown into one of the walls so she didn't see the planet come into view. She didn't see the mountains capped in blue or the trees nor did she see the eyes that followed the spaceship's approach. It crash-landed.

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Sapphires

When Asma opened her eyes, she peered around. The light seemed to come from two suns and the ground beneath her was soft.

"I know, I know but what exactly is it?" came a whisper to her right. Asma froze.

"Maybe it's a goblem? They have tufts on their heads and branches growing from their shoulders too," said a tiny voice.

"The stuff of myth and fairy tale!" a different voice said. "But whatever it is, it's very strange."

The tiny voice interrupted, "Can we keep it?!"

Asma heard footsteps move towards her. She closed her eyes, wondering whether they'd just get bored if she pretended to be asleep.

"Is it alive, do you think?" asked the gruff voice. Asma felt a sharp prod in her ribs.

"Ouch!" she shouted and as she sat up, she felt a sharp pain. She couldn't believe it. Four sets of eyes were looking at her. Their heads were held up by long necks and they had three legs.

"Hi!" squeaked the smallest one. "I'm Vita!"

The tallest one of the group cleared their throat. "Welcome to planet Zenta. Could you please tell us what it is you're doing here? And why exactly you chose to land on my vegetable patch?"