

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

Reading Comprehension

Hi Yachts!

Read the text below then use it to answer the questions.

The U.F.O.



Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Truro, Cornwall, UK

I will remember today for the rest of my life! I still can't actually believe (even though nobody considers I am telling the truth!) Today, I saw...a spaceship. Right there, up in the sky. Mum thinks I've had too much sugar (which is probably true) BUT I did indeed spot a U.F.O. Mum has been saying to get outside more instead of playing on my games console, so over the last few weeks I thought I best at least try to get some fresh air. That's when I saw it! I was walking over to Ben's house around about 4pm and it was starting to get dark. The street lights came on all of a sudden which made me jump out of my skin. Ben only lives around the corner and Mum only lets me go by myself because I take my mobile with me in case I get into trouble.

Anyway, just before I got to Church Street, I heard a weird buzzing sound. I stopped and checked my phone because it's been playing up lately, making strange sounds, but it wasn't my phone. Besides, the buzzing got louder and louder. That's when I looked up. There, above number 53, was an oval shaped, disc-type thing, actually hovering above the house. I know the girl in number 53 from school, and yes, she's a bit strange, but not on this sort of level! Out of the dark came a ray of blue light. It shone down on the house in a triangular shape, lighting up everything in its path. In fact, it illuminated the house like a Christmas tree!

At that moment, I legged it! I was closer to Ben's than mine so I ran there like a galloping horse. I didn't even look back until I got to his front door. I dragged him outside in order to see the U.F.O. but when I pointed up to the sky, nothing was there. It was gone. Not only that but Ben just laughed. He thought it was a prank of some sort. Ben's mum, Mrs Mitchell, came out into the front garden to see what all the fuss was about but she didn't believe me either. I even drew them both a picture of what I had seen too but that didn't help.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Truro, Cornwall, UK

I thought yesterday was an exciting day but today was even better! When I got to school there was a commotion at the gates. There were lots of vans with big aerials on the top of them. Surrounding the gates were loads of people, all looking in the same direction. In the middle of the

group, facing the people, was the girl from number 53. I think her name is Ellen. I've seen her on the playground at lunchtime before. She was standing there with someone who looked like her mum and people were holding up microphones towards her. She looked nervous but her mum was holding her hand. When we listened to what they were saying, I realised that Ellen was talking about a U.F.O. She also said that she saw an alien! An alien! I must have had a lucky escape. Ellen explained how she was panic-stricken, face-to-face with a sea-green alien in her backyard.

The T.V. crews stayed around the school gates for the rest of the morning while we carried on with our day. Maths and English as usual. At playtime everyone wanted to hear what Ellen had to say. Crowds of peers surrounded her, trying to gain any morsel of information. She must have described the alien hundreds of times to different people. I wonder if people will believe me now. I did go and tell my part of the story but people just thought I was making it up because of Ellen's story.

Thursday 9th January 2020

Truro, Cornwall, UK

Today was a normal day at school. There were no T.V. cameras, no people at the gates and lessons went ahead as normal. We had science this morning and we were learning about the cycle of the Moon. We ended up talking about aliens and if they exist. Lots of people had different ideas on this. I walked home with Ben from school at around 3:30pm. It's only a short walk but always seems to take ages. I think that's because there is such a big hill to climb along Magden Road. We walked up the road towards Ben's house and along the street. There were houses on each side of the road with small front gardens. Many of the houses have hedges or low fences that line the street.

Suddenly, a figure appeared in front of us like a pear. It had three legs underneath and it was a green-blue colour. It stared right at us, unmoving. Ben and I froze, not knowing what to do next. There it remained with piercing eyes, for what felt like ten minutes. It was almost like a staring competition with us and the alien! Ben took a step forward with his hand out to wave. In response to this, the alien copied him - also reaching forward with two of its many hands. Ben even said hello to it but in reply the alien made a grunting sound like a chinchilla. I only know that because my cousin Amy has two chinchillas as pets and sometimes, when we go around to her house, we play with them. So anyway, while we were communicating with the alien there was a noise from behind us. It sounded like a crowd of girls walking home too. They were talking loudly about Justin Bieber and his new album. When the alien heard the noise, his whole body flickered, just like a hologram. After flickering for several seconds, he vanished into thin air, leaving Ben and me startled and to be honest quite annoyed with the girls who were walking towards us from behind!

We talked about it the rest of the way home and agreed that we would keep it a secret between ourselves. We didn't want everyone to know what we had experienced today. It was definitely the best day of my life though! I wonder what tomorrow will bring.

1. What type of text is this?

A newspaper article

A poem

A story

A diary

2. Tick which of the features below tell you about what type of text this is.

first person  second person

date  present tense

future tense  past tense

3. Complete the sentences below by filling in the date and place that the events of the first section of text happen.

The text was written on \_\_\_\_\_.

The events took place in \_\_\_\_\_ which is in \_\_\_\_\_.

4. True or false? The text is written in a formal tone.

True  False

Explain how you know using evidence from the text.

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5. Why has the author used brackets in the sentence below?

Mum thinks I've had too much sugar (which is probably true).

To help the sentence to make sense

To give more information to the reader.

To explain what a word means.

6. Who was being interviewed when the writer got to school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January?

The teachers  The girl from number 53

Ellen's mum

Ben

7. Which part of the school day on 8th January was different to normal?

Maths

The start of the day

English

Lunchtime

**Challenge:** Write your own 'true or false' question about the text for someone in your home to answer.