**What to do today**

*IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.*

**1. Story time**

Read and enjoy the poem *My Step-Dad is an Alien*.

* Did you already think the step-dad was an alien *before* you read the last bit about the tail?
* Which part of the poem gave it away to you?

**2. Noun phrases**

Open the ***Hamilton PowerPoint***, *Nouns and Adjectives*.

* Read slides 1-3 and complete the exercise on nouns on slide 3.
* Read slide 4.
* Now choose a colour and carefully underline all the nouns you find in *My Step-Dad is an Alien*.
* Use a different colour to underline all the adjectives.
* Check your underlined words on the *Answers* page.

**3. Writing about aliens**

Read and enjoy *My Step-Mum is an Alien.*

* Now look through the *Instructions* on *My \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is an Alien*.
* Write all about an alien relative in your family!

**Now try this Fun-Time Extra**

* Invent your own *alien-detecting machine*. Draw it and add labels explaining what the different parts do.
* Ask a grown up if you can make your machine out of junk modelling materials.
* Test it out amongst your family. Are there any aliens amongst them?!

**My Step-Dad is an Alien**

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Nonsense, he said. Why do you think that?

*You’re bald. You don’t have any hair,*

*anywhere.*

That’s not unusual, he said.

*Well, you’ve got one green eye*

*and one blue one.*

That doesn’t make me an alien, he replied.

*You can make the toaster work*

*without turning it on*.

That’s just a trick, he smiled.

*Sometimes I hear you talking to Mum*

*in a weird alien-language.*

I’m learning Greek

and Mum lets me practise on her.

*What about your bright blue tail*?

Ah, he said thoughtfully.

You’re right, of course.

So, the tail gave it away, did it?

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**My Relative is an Alien**

***Instructions***

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**You are going to:** draw and write sentences describing someone in your family who is actually an alien!

**What to do:**

1. Choose or make up a relative to be your alien, e.g. a brother, an aunt, a granddad or nana.
2. Write your title with their name in it. *My Granddad is an Alien*.
3. Draw your relative in the middle of the box.
4. Around your drawing, write eight ‘clue’ sentences like those on *My Step-Mother is an Alien*.
5. Use really good, exciting adjectives to describe your nouns: *He has crinkly green lizard’s skin. His eyes are a bright flaming yellow…*
6. Make sure you begin all your sentences with a capital letter. Don’t forget your full stops.

Challenge: can you write more than eight sentences about your relative?



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**My Alien-Detecting Machine**

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