

11 SPACE AND BEYOND

GRAMMAR

Speculating (past, present, and future)

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1 ★★★ Do these sentences refer to the past, present, or future? Write PA (past), PR (present), or F (future).

- You might have left your passport at the hotel.
- Don't touch that frog. It may be poisonous.
- Our baseball team is sure to lose.
- It could be Kevin who sent you the flowers.
- Her teachers say she's likely to pass.
- She can't have left the country. She doesn't have a passport.

2 ★★★ Circle the correct option.



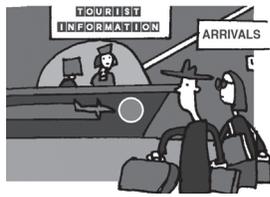
1 The cat might take / have taken it.



2 Wow. That must be / have been exciting.



3 He can't go / have gone far. He's not wearing any boots.



4 The people at the tourist information office must know / have known a good hotel.



5 Take lots of water. You're bound to / could get thirsty.



6 Come on. The man on the radio said the roads are likely to / must get really busy today.

3 ★★★ Use between two and five words to complete the second sentence of each pair so that it means the same as the first sentence. You must include the word(s) in capital letters. Do not change the form of the word(s) in capital letters.

1 There'll be rain for sure this weekend.
BOUND TO

_____ this weekend.

2 They're speaking Portuguese, so there's a chance they're Brazilian.
COULD

They _____ Brazilian because they're speaking Portuguese.

3 Toby got a good grade on the test. I'm sure he spent all week studying for it.
MUST

Toby _____ studying all week to get such a good grade on the test.

4 Police believe there's a possibility one of the robbers worked at the bank in the past.
MIGHT

Police believe one of the robbers _____ at the bank in the past.

5 I don't think anyone will beat Brazil in the next World Cup.
CERTAIN

Brazil _____ the next World Cup.

6 The cat must be outside. I can't find it.
CAN'T BE

The cat _____. I can't find it.

7 Scientists think the population of our planet will probably pass 8 billion by 2030.
LIKELY

Scientists think the population of our planet _____ 8 billion by 2030.

Pronunciation

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Cause and effect linkers **SB page 107**

4 ★★★ Match the sentences or sentence halves.

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| 1 The football game was canceled | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 As a result of her hard work, | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 His parents took away his computer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 She's not very popular. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Due to the high cost, | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 She got a record contract | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Because of his fever | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 He's quite short for his age. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- a because of his bad report card.
 b Consequently, not many people came to her party.
 c as a result of her popularity on YouTube.
 d his mother didn't let him go to school.
 e due to the storm.
 f Consequently, lots of people think he's younger than he is.
 g not many children went on the school skiing trip.
 h she raised \$1,000 for charity.

5 ★★★ Combine the two sentences into one sentence with the same meaning.

- 1 My alarm clock was broken. I overslept.
As a result of _____
- 2 My room's messy. I couldn't find my tie.
Due to _____
- 3 My bike's got a flat tire. I couldn't ride it to school.
Because of _____
- 4 I have a sprained ankle. I couldn't run to the bus stop.
_____ as a result of _____
- 5 There was an accident. The bus was really slow.
_____ due to _____
- 6 I arrived at 9:30. The school gate was locked.
I couldn't get into school because of _____

6 ★★★ Think of three different ways to finish each of these sentences.

- 1 The launch of the rocket was delayed
due to _____
because of _____
as a result of _____
- 2 Alan didn't get to be an astronaut
due to _____
because of _____
as a result of _____
- 3 The astronaut left the space station early
due to _____
because of _____
as a result of _____
- 4 The school trip to the space center was canceled
due to _____
because of _____
as a result of _____

GET IT RIGHT! 

Modals of speculation

Learners often make mistakes when using modals of speculation, either using the wrong modal or the wrong tense.

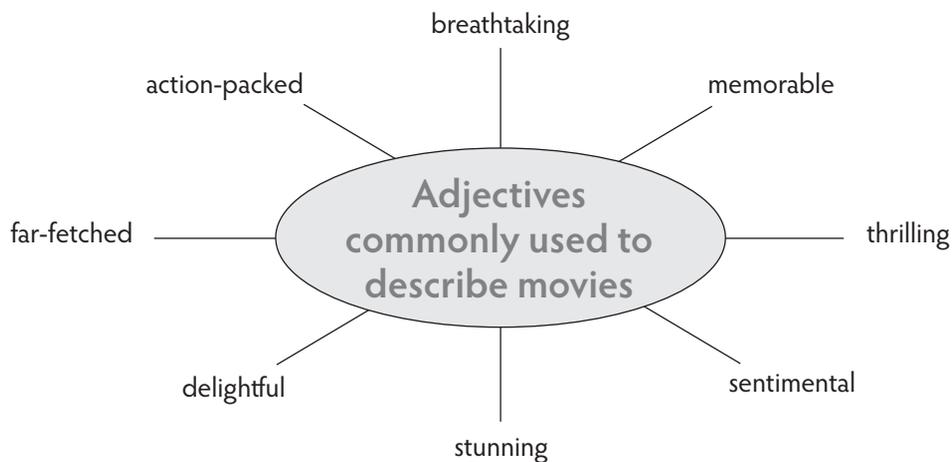
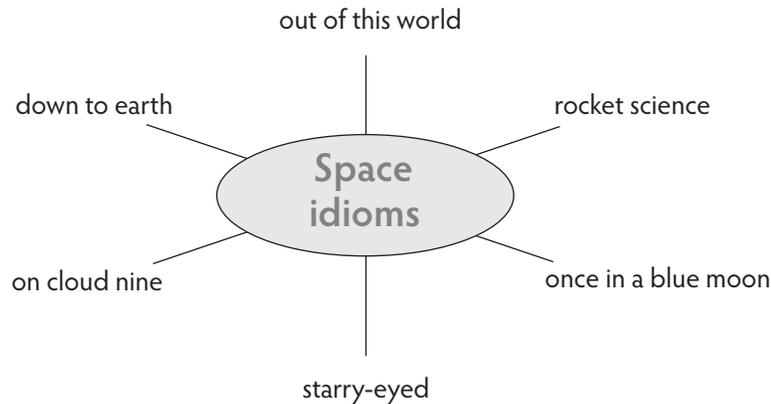
- ✓ You **can't** have been very happy when you heard the news!
- ✗ You **must not** have been very happy when you heard the news!
- ✓ You **should have helped** her to finish her project. She didn't finish it on time.
- ✗ You **should help** her to finish her project. She didn't finish it on time.

Choose the correct option.

- 1 A Samantha got good grades on her exams!
B She **must / may** be on cloud nine!
- 2 Dave's been to London once before. He **might / must** know a good restaurant.
- 3 You **can't / must not** be serious! There's no way I'm doing that.
- 4 I might **have seen / see** the movie, but it's not really the kind of thing I usually enjoy.
- 5 The meal he made for us was delicious. No restaurant chef could **have made / make** it better.
- 6 We **must / might** be very early. There's no one else here!

VOCABULARY

Word list



Key words in context

abducted	Some people believe they have been abducted by aliens and taken to their spaceships.
beyond	Don't go beyond that line. It's dangerous.
destruction	The destruction of the rainforests must stop.
drifting	All they found of the plane was part of the wing drifting in the Atlantic Ocean.
eclipse	There's a lunar eclipse tonight when the Earth's shadow completely covers the moon.
galaxies	Galaxies are made of billions and billions of stars.
greed	Mankind's greed for money will cause the destruction of our planet.
interrupted	I don't like being interrupted when I'm speaking.
invaded	Our town's been invaded by flies this summer. No one knows where they've come from.
mankind	Mankind has explored almost every part of the world.
mission	The spacecraft is on a mission to take photos of Jupiter.
oxygen	We need oxygen to breathe.
pretend	Let's start again and pretend that never happened.
reminder	The school sent a reminder that it would be closed on the 15th.
signals	This machine sends signals into the sky to try to contact alien life forms.
weapons	The police found several weapons in his house, including knives and guns.
wreck	They showed photos of the train wreck on TV. It was a terrible crash.

Space idioms **SB page 105**

1 ★★★ Match the sentences.

- 1 His costume was out of this world.
 - 2 Come on, kids. It's not exactly rocket science.
 - 3 His fans are very starry-eyed.
 - 4 He's very down to earth.
 - 5 They're on cloud nine.
 - 6 We eat out once in a blue moon.
- a They love absolutely everything he does.
 - b They just got married, and they're really happy.
 - c We hardly ever do it.
 - d It was really amazing.
 - e He's very normal and unpretentious.
 - f Anyone can do it.

2 ★★★ Match the pictures with the sentences in Exercise 1.



Adjectives commonly used to describe movies **SB page 107**

3 ★★★ Find eight adjectives commonly used to describe movies in the word search.



4 ★★★ Circle the option that is NOT possible.

- 1 The view from the top of the mountain was absolutely ...
a stunning b far-fetched c breathtaking
- 2 That was a really ... speech – one that people will never forget.
a thrilling b memorable c delightful
- 3 It was a really ... football game – the best I've seen in ages.
a action-packed b thrilling c sentimental
- 4 The play was a little ... , but I still enjoyed it.
a sentimental b delightful c far-fetched
- 5 That high-speed car chase in the movie was absolutely ...!
a action-packed b thrilling c sentimental
- 6 They looked ... on their wedding day.
a far-fetched b stunning c breathtaking

5 Think of a movie (or a scene from a movie) that is ...

- 1 stunning _____
- 2 a little far-fetched _____
- 3 breathtaking _____
- 4 thrilling _____
- 5 too sentimental _____
- 6 action-packed from beginning to end

- 7 memorable _____
- 8 delightful _____

READING

1 **REMEMBER AND CHECK** Answer the questions. Then check your answers in the article on page 103 of the Student's Book.

- 1 What do some people point to as evidence of alien activity on Earth?
- 2 Why is Hawking so convinced there must be life "out there?"
- 3 What kind of life does he expect it to be?
- 4 How does he suggest alien visitors might treat our planet?
- 5 What analogy does he make to the Native Americans?
- 6 What does Lord Rees suggest alien life forms might be like?

2 Read the blog. Which movie does the writer consider to be the best alien movie?

Top four movies – Aliens

After the success of last week's post on space films, I thought I'd keep with the night sky this week for inspiration. So here they are, hand-picked for you, four of the very best movies about aliens.

1 E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial (1982)



After finding an alien left behind on Earth, a group of kids (including a young and unknown Drew Barrymore) try to get the little alien home in Steven Spielberg's highly enjoyable (if a little sentimental) family film. With his huge eyes and glowing finger, E.T.'s cuteness won him millions of fans and showed us that not all aliens are trying to take over the world. An absolute classic that everyone should see by the age of 15. And who can ever forget the bike flying across the moon with E.T. in the basket – one of the most famous images in movie history.

3 Men in Black (1997)



Aliens are living on Earth disguised as humans, though most people have no idea. This is due to a secret government organization that keeps an eye on the alien population. Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones are special agents for this organization. Their job is to make sure that the aliens behave and that the secret doesn't get out, but neither of these things is always so easy to control. Great dialogue and special effects make this an entertaining science-fiction comedy. And the success of the first movie has already resulted in two sequels, both fun but not as good as the original.

2 The War of the Worlds (2005)



In 1898 H.G. Wells wrote one of the greatest science fiction novels of all time: *The War of the Worlds*. In 1938 Orson Welles' radio production of it had people believing that aliens had really landed on Earth. In 1953 the first film version was released and became a huge success. Despite this, not many critics were all that excited when it was announced that Tom Cruise was releasing a new version of it. However, they soon realized they were wrong, and this modern version is one of the best sci-fi films of the last 20 years. Of course, the special effects are great, but it is Cruise's battle to save his family from the evil aliens that makes this movie so exciting.

4 District 9 (2009)



Saving the best for last, the most modern movie on the list is also the least well known, which is a shame since it's fantastic. Because of problems on their home planet, aliens arrive on Earth in need of help. The government agrees they can stay but places them in special areas. The aliens soon get tired of being treated like second-class citizens and decide to fight back. Forget famous faces and a huge budget, this intelligent movie from South Africa was as action-packed as any Hollywood blockbuster. It proves that not all movies have to come from the U.S. Of all the movies on my list, this is the one most likely to make you think about the world we live in. I recommend it highly.

3 Read the blog again and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Drew Barrymore wasn't famous when she starred in <i>E.T.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith play aliens in <i>Men in Black</i> . <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 <i>E.T.</i> features a friendly alien. <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 <i>Men in Black II</i> is the most enjoyable movie in the series. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Critics were surprised by the 2005 version of <i>The War of the Worlds</i> . <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 The aliens in <i>District 9</i> originally came to Earth peacefully. <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Tom Cruise was in the first movie version of <i>The War of the Worlds</i> . <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 <i>District 9</i> was filmed in Hollywood. <input type="checkbox"/> |

4 Write a paragraph about your favorite alien movie of all time.

DEVELOPING WRITING

A movie review

1 Read the review. Who are these characters?

- 1 The Boov _____
- 2 The Gorg _____
- 3 Oh _____
- 4 Tip _____

**Home (2015)**

The latest alien blockbuster to hit our screens is the Dreamworks animated feature *Home*, featuring the vocal talents of *Big Bang Theory*'s Jim Parsons (aka Sheldon), singer Rihanna, and comedian Steve Martin.

When the Boov race of aliens from outer space come across Planet Earth, they think they've found the perfect home. Having relocated all humans to big settlements in Australia, the Boov set about making the planet their own, safe from the attention of their enemies, the Gorg. That is until one of them, the delightful but unfortunate Oh, accidentally sends out a house-warming party invitation, including the location, across the universe. It won't be long until the Gorg are with them, making Oh the most unpopular Boov on the planet. Can Oh, with the help of Tip, the last free human on Earth, save the planet?

Although clearly aimed at the younger end of the market, *Home* has plenty in it to appeal to parents and older brothers and sisters, making it an enjoyable 90 minutes for the whole family. The story, while not the most memorable, is good enough to keep you watching, and there are plenty of hilarious moments. Parsons and Rihanna will help the movie's teenage appeal, while Martin will keep the parents happy. The perfect movie for a rainy day.

Writing tip

In a review, you will be asked to describe and give your opinion of something you have experienced. This can be a movie or a play you've seen or a book you have read. It might also be something like a restaurant, a vacation spot, or a website.

- The aim of the review is to give the reader a clear idea of your experience, so you will need to give a good description and explanation of the event.
- Use the first paragraph of your review to give some background details of the event.
- The second paragraph should contain a brief summary of the "action." In the case of a movie, book, or play, this will be the story. Be careful not to give too much of the story away.
- The third paragraph should be more critical. This is where you say what you liked or didn't like.
- Finally, finish off your review with a recommendation.

2 Look back at the review and answer the questions.

- 1 What background information does the writer give in the first paragraph?

- 2 Write a summary of the story in two sentences.

- 3 What did the writer like (or not) about the movie?

- 4 What recommendation does the writer make?

3 Write a review of a movie, book, or play in about 200 words.

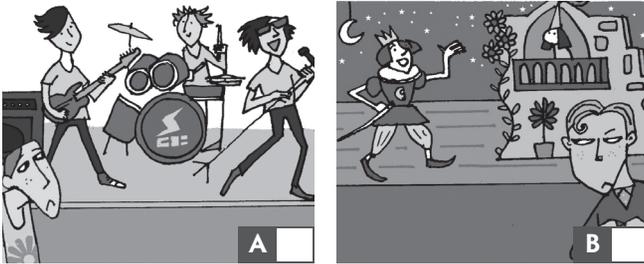
Write your own checklist.

CHECKLIST ✓

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LISTENING

- 1 33 Listen to the three conversations. Label the people in the pictures R (Rafa), D (Dan), or J (Josh).



- 2 33 Listen again and answer the questions.

CONVERSATION 1

- 1 Who's going to play Romeo in the school play?

- 2 How did Rafa take the news that he wasn't Romeo?

CONVERSATION 2

- 3 Why did Liz agree Dan could be in the band?

- 4 What did Liz do when she heard Dan play?

CONVERSATION 3

- 5 Why does Amelia think that Josh didn't make the team?

- 6 What are Josh's future plans?

- 3 33 Complete the lines from the conversations. Listen again and check.

- 1 GLORIA He just walked out and said he didn't want to be in the play.
SARA O _____, n _____.
- 2 LIZ I had to ask him to leave, there and then.
LIAM H _____ a _____.
- 3 CARLOS The coach didn't want him apparently.
AMELIA W _____ a s _____.
- 4 CARLOS He didn't even make the second team.
AMELIA P _____ t _____.

DIALOGUE

- 1 Complete the dialogue with the missing lines. There are two extra lines.

- 1 What a shame, but I'm sure he will give you another chance.
- 2 Oh, dear. Better luck next time.
- 3 Poor you. Were you late?
- 4 No way! You had to stay after school?
- 5 How terrible. Why don't you try again?
- 6 Oh, no. What's up?
- 7 How terrible. That doesn't seem very fair.

JIM What's up, Tina?

TINA Nothing really. I'm just having a really bad day.

JIM

TINA Well, first of all, I missed the school bus, so I had to walk to school.

JIM

TINA Of course I was. So Ms. Stevens wasn't very happy, and her mood didn't get any better when I told her I'd left my homework at home. It was a geography project that I'd spent days on. She said she's going to take five points off just because it's late.

JIM

TINA That's what I told her, and that's when she decided that I was being rude, and that's why I had to go to detention.

JIM

TINA Yes, which was really bad because Mr. Wilson was holding auditions for the school orchestra, but I couldn't go.

JIM

TINA I hope so, but knowing my luck today, he won't.

- 2 Choose one of these first lines and use it to write a short dialogue (8–10 lines).

- 1 My dad says I can't go to Rob's party on Saturday.
- 2 I lost my wallet when I was shopping yesterday.
- 3 Have you heard? Sonia broke her leg.
