

Tim wakes up. Saturday! In the fridge is the lovely jelly he made last night. This is going to be a great day. Thump. Tim frowns. Thump. It's coming from the wardrobe. Tim slides the door open. A tiny purple alien steps out.



"Take me to your weader!" The alien is only as big as a teddy bear but he has a zap gun.

"I am taking over your pwanet. Give

up!" the alien squeaks. He fires his zap gun at Tim's elbow.

"Ow! Stop it!"

"Your pwanet is taken over!" the alien squeaks.

"How many of you are there?" Tim asks.

"One."

Tim laughs. "You? You're too little!"

Gweep rubs his three foreheads. "Me in BIG trouble. This is the sixth pwanet me NOT taken over," Gweep moans.

"Sorry," Tim says.

"If you really sorry, you will talk to boss. You say, 'Gweep take over my pwanet.

He very good at it.' Gweep be very happy."

Tim shrugs, "Okay."

Gweep runs to the wardrobe. There stands a tiny, shiny spaceship. "Come in!"

Tim shakes his head, "I can't fit in there."

"Maybe I just take your head," says Gweep.

"No. Wait here," says Tim. Tim runs to the kitchen, grabs the jelly and takes it back to the alien. "Here is some lime jelly instead."

Gweep looks at the wobbly green jelly. "It's saying no."

"It isn't saying no. It's shaking because it is scared of you. Take it back to your boss. Tell him you have taken over the slime on Earth."

Gweep laughs as he snatches the bowl, runs into the spaceship and slams the door. The wardrobe rumbles and shakes. Then the spaceship is gone.

All week Tim wonders about Gweep. What happened to him? On Friday, Tim helps unpack the shopping; there is a new brand of jelly. Tim smiles as he reads the label — Gweep's Galactic Jelly, Slime Surprise Flavour.

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## GLOSSARY

<b>alien</b>	creature from outer space
<b>forehead</b>	part of face above eyebrows
<b>wardrobe</b>	cupboard where clothes are kept
<b>rumbles</b>	low grumbling noises

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practise





**TOP TIP 3**  
Think about cause  
and effect.  
What happened?  
What caused it?

LITERAL

1

What is the name of the alien?

The name of the alien is \_\_\_\_\_

2

What weapon does the alien have?

\_\_\_\_\_

3

How many planets has the alien tried to take over?

\_\_\_\_\_

4

What did the alien take back to his boss?

\_\_\_\_\_

5

Was Tim helpful to the alien?

\_\_\_\_\_

6

Was Tim scared of the alien?

\_\_\_\_\_

7

How did Tim trick Gweep with the jelly?

\_\_\_\_\_

8

Was Gweep happy when he went home in his spaceship?

\_\_\_\_\_

9

Was Gweep's journey successful?

\_\_\_\_\_

10

What do you think happened when Gweep got back to his planet?

\_\_\_\_\_

INTERPRETIVE

APPLIED



Write the correct adverb in each space. Use one from the list below in each example.

promptly	affectionately	courteously	sumptuously
stealthily	abundantly	humorously	bashfully

- 1 Some plants grow ..... 2 Polite people behave .....
- 3 Punctual people arrive ..... 4 Sly creatures creep .....
- 5 Shy people smile ..... 6 Royalty live .....
- 7 Funny people behave ..... 8 Caring people behave .....

Do the same with these adverbs.

devotedly	melodiously	triumphantly	gleefully	correctly	extravagantly
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- 9 People worship ..... 10 You can chuckle .....
- 11 We can spend ..... 12 Armies parade .....
- 13 Choirs sing ..... 14 You can add .....

Make sure you use the adverb and not the adjective in these sentences.

- 15 The horse ( **easy easily** ) ..... cleared the fence.
- 16 The horizon could be seen quite ( **clearly clear** ) .....
- 17 He was feeling ( **good well** ) ..... yesterday.
- 18 Cars should drive ( **slow slowly** ) ..... in the suburbs.
- 19 She could see the mountains quite ( **plainly plain** ) .....
- 20 It was ( **obvious obviously** ) ..... a mistake.