



Aliens

Conversation > Advanced 7



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

abduct	To take somebody to an unknown location against their will, usually by force.
[verb]	<i>Ex: He believed that he had been abducted by aliens as a child.</i>

probe	To penetrate something in order to explore it more closely from the inside.
[verb]	<i>Ex: He probed the wound in order to see if there were any signs of infection.</i>

vivid	Producing strong feelings or images in one's mind.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: The couple still has vivid memories of the day they were married.</i>

dissect	To cut open or cut apart a dead animal or plant in order to study it.
[verb]	<i>Ex: In tomorrow's class, we are going to dissect a frog.</i>



conduct	To do or carry out something.
[verb]	<i>Ex: The company is conducting job interviews.</i>

invasive	Involving a medical technique in which the body is cut or penetrated.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: He was not healthy enough to undergo invasive surgery.</i>

knock it off	To stop doing something (usually something loud or annoying).
[phrase]	<i>Ex: Knock it off! I'm trying to work here.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

George: I just had the weirdest conversation on the way here.

Emily: Oh yeah? With whom?

George: I met a guy named Joyce. I couldn't tell if he was lying or crazy, but he was terrified.

Emily: What was so crazy about him?

George: He told me he got abducted by aliens! Could you believe that?

Emily: Wow! That does sound crazy.

George: I know, right? But his story was so vivid, I almost believed him.

Emily: You must be joking with me, George!



George: He said they conducted all kinds of experiments on him.

Emily: Like what?

George: I'm not sure exactly, but it sounded invasive. He mentioned the word probe a lot.

Emily: Is that all he said?

George: No, then he said he watched them dissect a cow!

Emily: So what was your conclusion? Lying or crazy?

George: Maybe both! In the end I just told him to "knock it off" and kept walking.

Emily: That was definitely the smart thing to do.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

knock it off

invasive

abducted

conduct

probed

vivid

dissect

1. Can you help me _____ this experiment?
2. The students had to _____ a frog and locate its heart.
3. The kidnappers _____ her daughter last night.
4. She is recovering from an _____ surgery that saved her life.
5. The doctor _____ the wound for the bullet.
6. He gave a very _____ description of his time in prison.
7. Hey, _____! I can't take your jokes anymore.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You had a dream about aliens. Go into details and tell your friend Jake about it. The teacher can be Jake.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Do you believe in aliens? Why? Why not?
2. Do you think aliens would abduct people if they came to Earth? Why? Why not?
3. Do you like science-fiction movies, shows or books about aliens? Why? Why not?
4. Would you like to visit outer space someday? Why or why not?
5. Have you ever had a very vivid dream? If so, what was it like?