

Reading Comprehension Lesson: Zara's Day on Planet Kepler

Level: A2

Age: 12 years old

Time: 20 minutes

Skills Focus: Reading comprehension, sequencing events, identifying main ideas

The Story

Zara's Special Day

Zara is twelve years old and lives on planet Kepler with her family. She has a mother, a father, and a little brother named Pip. Zara is a student at Kepler Space School.

Every day, Zara wakes up at 7:00 AM. She brushes her teeth with her sonic toothbrush and eats breakfast with her family. Her favorite breakfast is moon cereal with purple milk. After breakfast, she walks to school with her friends. Classes start at 9:00 AM.

Yesterday was different! Zara woke up late at 8:30 AM because her alarm clock broke. She didn't have time for breakfast, so her mother gave her a space sandwich. She ran to school and arrived just in time. In the afternoon, her class visited the Crystal Gardens on their school trip. Zara saw beautiful rainbow flowers and flying butterflies with four wings. She took many photos with her camera.

After school, Zara played with Pip in their garden. They flew their small spaceship around the house three times. In the evening, the family watched a movie about Earth. Zara went to bed happy and tired.

Zara loves her life on Kepler, but she dreams about visiting Earth one day.

Activity 1: Sequencing Events (5 minutes)

Instructions: Put Zara's activities from yesterday in the correct order. Write numbers 1-6.

- ___ Zara played with her brother Pip in the garden
- ___ Zara visited the Crystal Gardens with her class
- ___ Zara woke up late at 8:30 AM
- ___ Zara's family watched a movie about Earth
- ___ Zara ran to school with a space sandwich
- ___ Zara went to bed happy and tired

Answer Key: 1. Woke up late, 2. Ran to school with sandwich, 3. Visited Crystal Gardens, 4. Played with Pip, 5. Watched movie, 6. Went to bed

Activity 2: Main Ideas - True or False (7 minutes)

Instructions: Read each sentence. Write T (True) or F (False).

1. Zara lives on Earth with her family. ____
2. Zara usually wakes up at 7:00 AM every day. ____
3. Yesterday, Zara's alarm clock worked perfectly. ____
4. The Crystal Gardens have rainbow flowers and special butterflies. ____
5. Zara and Pip flew a big spaceship around their house. ____
6. Zara wants to visit Earth in the future. ____
7. Zara's favorite breakfast is space sandwich. ____
8. Classes at Kepler Space School start at 9:00 AM. ____

Answer Key: 1.F, 2.T, 3.F, 4.T, 5.F, 6.T, 7.F, 8.T

Activity 3: Daily Routines - Present vs Past (8 minutes)

Part A: Complete the sentences about Zara's normal routine (present simple):

1. Every day, Zara _____ up at 7:00 AM. (wake)
2. She _____ her teeth with a sonic toothbrush. (brush)
3. She _____ moon cereal for breakfast. (eat)
4. She _____ to school with her friends. (walk)

Part B: Complete the sentences about yesterday (past simple):

1. Yesterday, Zara _____ up at 8:30 AM. (wake)
2. She _____ have time for breakfast. (not/have)
3. She _____ to school quickly. (run)
4. She _____ many photos at the Crystal Gardens. (take)

Answer Key: Part A: 1. wakes, 2. brushes, 3. eats, 4. walks Part B: 1. woke, 2. didn't have, 3. ran, 4. took

Discussion Questions (Optional Extension)

- How is Zara's life similar to yours?
 - How is it different?
 - Would you like to visit planet Kepler? Why?
 - What would you show Zara if she visited Earth?
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Vocabulary Box

Family: mother, father, brother

Daily activities: wake up, brush teeth, eat breakfast, walk to school, play, watch

School: student, classes, school trip, photos

Planet Kepler: sonic toothbrush, moon cereal, purple milk, space sandwich, spaceship, Crystal Gardens