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Extract from Cakes in Space, Pages 4-9

To travel from the Earth to the moon takes a few days. From Earth to Mars, a few months. To Jupiter, a few years, and to Neptune and Pluto a few years more. But Astra was traveling farther still. Much, much farther. The world called Nova Mundi, where Astra and her family were going to live, was so far from Earth that it would take them 199 years to get there.

"A HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE YEARS?!" yelled Astra when her mother first told her. "We can't sit in a spaceship for one hundred and ninety-nine years! It'll be so boring! There won't be anything to look at out of the window, even if spaceships have windows... which they probably don't! And I'll be old by the time we arrive! I'll be..." She counted on her fingers. "I'll be two hundred and nine years old! I'll be all wrinkly!"

But Astra's mother just laughed, bouncing Astra's baby brother, Alf, up and down on her knee until he laughed, too. "Don't worry, Astra. We won't be awake. When we go aboard the spaceship, we'll get into special sleeping pods..."

"Like beds?" asked Astra.

"A little like beds," agreed her father. "And a little like freezers."

"Won't we be cold?" asked Astra with a shiver. She imagined herself snuggling down among the frozen peas and Popsicles, an ice-cream cake for a pillow.

"We won't feel cold," said her mother. "We won't

feel anything. We'll be fast asleep. The machines that run the ship will cool us right down so that we don't age. Then the ship will steer itself to Nova Mundi while we sleep, and when we get there it will wake us, and we'll feel as if only a single night has passed. And we'll be at our new home!"

"A whole new world!" said Dad.

"Nova Mundi!" said Astra.

She was excited to be going to Nova Mundi. She had seen videos and pictures of it. She and Mom and Dad and Alf were going to live in a big house there, between the wide green ocean and the fern forests, with a garden of blue grass. They would work at making the new planet ready for other people from Earth.

But she still didn't like the sound of this long, cold journey, even if she was going to be asleep.

Think about these questions:

- 1 Why do you think Astra and her family are moving to Nova Mundi?
- 2 Would you move to Nova Mundi to be the first human on that planet? Why or why not?
- 3 What do you think Nova Mundi would be like?



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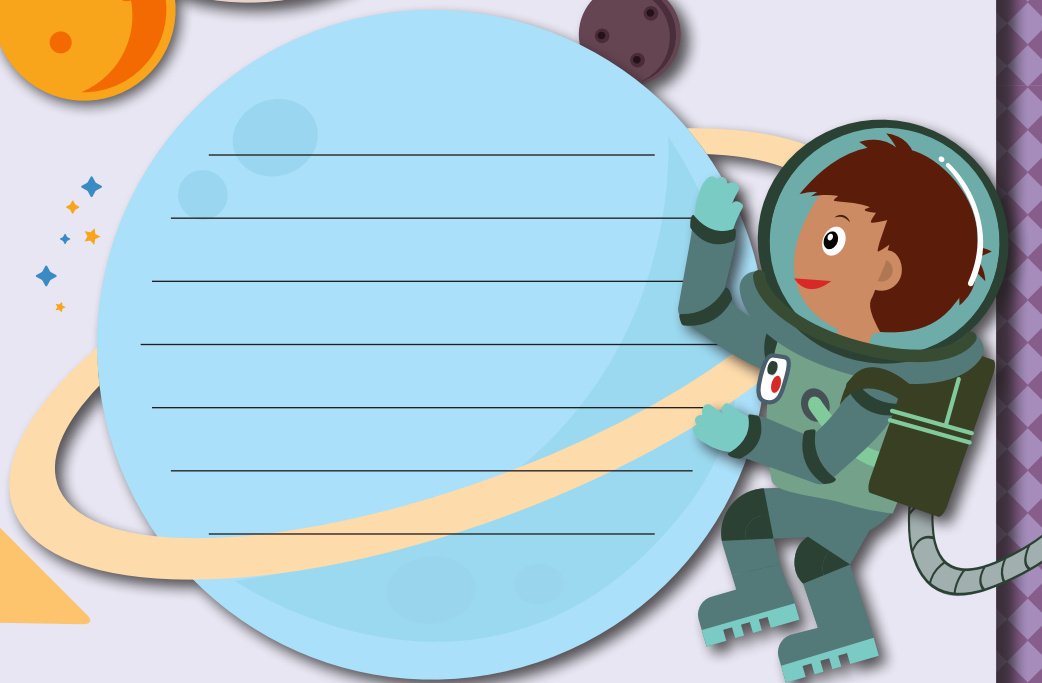
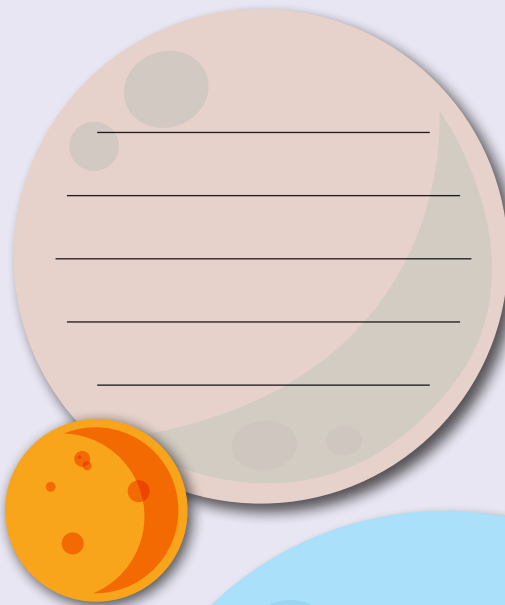
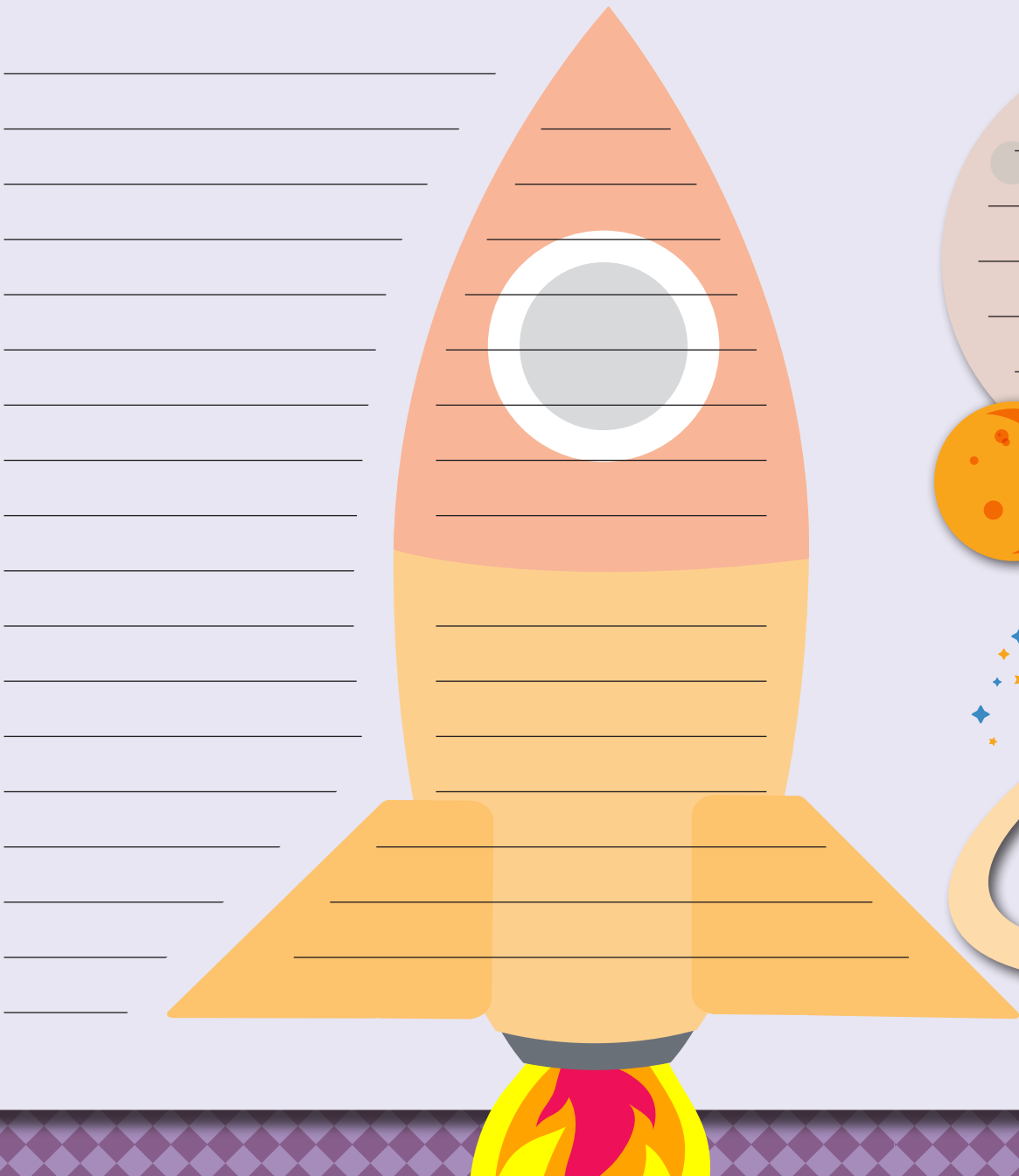
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Talking Points

My Thoughts



Activity One

In the story, Astra is moving to a brand new planet with her family. They will be the first people to live on that planet! Astra has brought many things that she needs. Now, it is your turn to decide what to bring to a new planet. Discuss with your friends and decide on the **ten most important things** you would like to bring along.

Item Number	What would you bring?
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Activity Two

A Astra has seen videos and pictures of Nova Mundi. She described a little of the planet in the extract. How do you think Nova Mundi looks like? What other things will be on the planet? Draw it out in the box below.

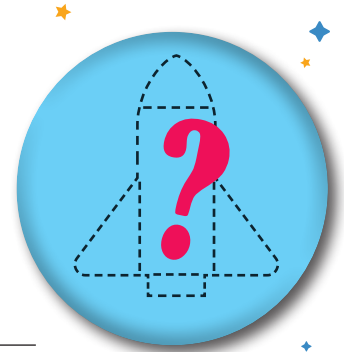
B Once you are done, share your picture with your friend. Is your drawing different from your friend's?

Please leave this page blank so you can detach your masterpiece from Activity Two to show everyone!

Activity Three

Astra is moving to a brand new planet by flying there on a spaceship. Imagine if you have your very own spaceship. Would it be similar to Astra's? Describe your spaceship and the gadgets inside it!

My spaceship would...





Books similar to Cakes in Space:

Title: The Prehistoric Planet (Galaxy Zack, Book 3)

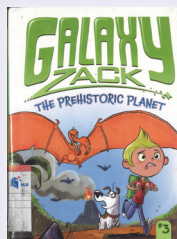
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Zack is thrilled to join his father on a mission to the Prehistoric Planet. Together with the Nebulon Navigators, they are going to help a lost baby pterosaur return home. Join Zack in his exciting outer space adventures!

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Title: Zita the Spacegirl

Author: Ben Hatke

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Zita and Joseph stumble upon a meteoroid and discover a device with a red button at the bottom. When they press the red button, a strange creature emerges and Joseph is captured. It is now up to Zita to save her friend...

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Title: Norby’s Other Secret

Author: Janet and Isaac Asimov

Call No.: J ASI

Norby is not your regular robot – he defies gravity, is telepathic and can time-travel. Unfortunately, a group of wicked scientists want to uncover the secret of Norby’s powers by dismantling him!

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