

Grade7
Reading Science Fiction
Journey to a Distant Planet

Passage: In the year 2145, humanity had reached a point of technological advancement that made interstellar travel possible. The United Earth Government had launched the Starlight Explorer, a state-of-the-art spaceship, to venture into the unknown and explore a distant planet named Zeloria.

Zeloria was discovered a decade ago through the Hubble II Space Telescope, showing signs of possible life and an atmosphere similar to Earth's. The excitement among the scientists and the general populace was palpable as the Starlight Explorer was about to make history.

Captain Lisa Robertson, a seasoned astronaut with numerous space missions under her belt, led the expedition. Her crew comprised of top-notch scientists, engineers, and pilots, all experts in their respective fields. The journey to Zeloria was expected to take five long years, and the crew was prepared for the challenges ahead.

As the spaceship traveled through the vast expanse of space, the crew conducted experiments, studied distant stars, and even encountered a few asteroids. However, they skillfully navigated through these obstacles, showcasing their impeccable training and teamwork.

Upon reaching Zeloria, the crew was mesmerized by the planet's beauty. It had lush green landscapes, towering mountains, and deep blue oceans. The atmosphere was indeed similar to Earth's, and there were signs of life, although not intelligent life as we know it.

The crew spent months conducting research, collecting samples, and studying the planet's ecosystem. They discovered a variety of plant and animal species, some of which had

amazing abilities like bioluminescence and telepathy between members of the same species.

However, the mission was not without its challenges. The crew faced harsh weather conditions, technical malfunctions, and even a close encounter with a Zelorian storm. But, they persevered, showcasing the indomitable spirit of exploration and discovery.

As the mission came to an end, Captain Robertson and her crew bid farewell to Zeloria, knowing that they had made history. The data they collected would take years to analyze, but the implications of their discoveries were profound. Humanity now knew that they were not alone in the universe, and the possibilities for future exploration were endless.

The Starlight Explorer returned to Earth, greeted with a hero's welcome. The crew had not only explored a distant planet but had also shown the world the power of curiosity, determination, and the human spirit.

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. What year does the story take place?

- a. 2045
- b. 2145
- c. 2245
- d. 2345

2.What is the name of the distant planet the crew explores?

- a. Zelonia
- b. Zeloria
- c. Zolaria
- d. Zelara

3.Who is the captain of the Starlight Explorer?

- a. Lisa Robinson
- b. Lisa Robertson
- c. Linda Robertson
- d. Linda Robinson

4.How long was the journey to Zeloria expected to take?

- a. 5 months
- b. 5 years
- c. 10 years
- d. 10 months

5. What did the Hubble II Space Telescope discover about Zeloria?

- a. Signs of intelligent life
- b. Signs of possible life and an atmosphere similar to Earth's
- c. It was uninhabitable
- d. There were no signs of life

6. What did the crew encounter on their journey to Zeloria?

- a. Aliens
- b. Other spaceships
- c. Distant stars and asteroids
- d. Nothing unusual

7. What was NOT mentioned as a challenge the crew faced on Zeloria?

- a. Technical malfunctions
- b. Harsh weather conditions
- c. Alien attacks
- d. A close encounter with a Zelorian storm

8. What was the atmosphere of Zeloria like?

- a. Unbreathable
- b. Similar to Earth's
- c. Toxic
- d. Thin and cold

9. What did the crew discover about the species on Zeloria?

- a. They were intelligent
- b. They had amazing abilities
- c. They were dangerous
- d. They were extinct

10. What did humanity learn from the Starlight Explorer's mission?

- a. That they were alone in the universe
- b. That space travel is impossible
- c. That there are endless possibilities for future exploration
- d. That interstellar travel is too dangerous

1. Answer: b. 2145 Explanation: The passage mentions that the story takes place in the year 2145.
2. Answer: b. Zeloria Explanation: The passage mentions that the name of the distant planet is Zeloria.
3. Answer: b. Lisa Robertson Explanation: The passage mentions that the captain of the Starlight Explorer is Lisa Robertson.
4. Answer: b. 5 years Explanation: The passage mentions that the journey to Zeloria was expected to take five years.
5. Answer: b. Signs of possible life and an atmosphere similar to Earth's Explanation: The passage mentions that the Hubble II Space Telescope showed signs of possible life and an atmosphere similar to Earth's on Zeloria.
6. Answer: c. Distant stars and asteroids Explanation: The passage mentions that the crew conducted experiments, studied distant stars, and encountered a few asteroids on their journey to Zeloria.
7. Answer: c. Alien attacks Explanation: The passage does not mention any alien attacks as a challenge faced by the crew on Zeloria.
8. Answer: b. Similar to Earth's Explanation: The passage mentions that the atmosphere of Zeloria was similar to Earth's.
9. Answer: b. They had amazing abilities Explanation: The passage mentions that the crew discovered species with amazing abilities, like bioluminescence and telepathy between members of the same species.
10. Answer: c. That there are endless possibilities for future exploration Explanation: The passage concludes by mentioning that humanity learned that there are endless possibilities for future exploration from the Starlight Explorer's mission.