

Far-fetched

Word of the month

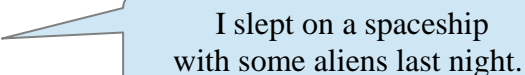
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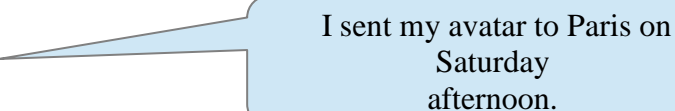
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1. Write 'realistic' or 'unrealistic' next to each sentence.

- a. All your shoes are handmade in Paris and have diamonds on them.
- b. A ship sinks in the ocean.
- c. You always eat chocolate for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- d. Your dad becomes the King of England.
- e. A group of explorers disappears in the jungle.
- f. Your best friend has Hollywood celebrities for dinner.

2. Stories which are unrealistic and very unlikely to be true are described as 'far-fetched'. Read the six stories Sally tells her friends about her weekend. Write 'far-fetched' next to the stories you don't really believe.

a.  I slept on a spaceship with some aliens last night.

b.  I sent my avatar to Paris on Saturday afternoon.

c.  I went shopping with my cousins on Saturday morning.

- d.

I spent 1000 euro on pink accessories for my time machine.
- e.

I cleaned my bedroom and did my homework on Sunday.
- f.

I had dinner with Frankenstein on Friday evening.

3. Match each sentence (a-f) to its 'far-fetched' excuse (1-6)

- a. I'm sorry I'm late.
 - b. We can't eat fish for dinner.
 - c. I'm sorry I can't clean my bedroom, mum.
 - d. I haven't got my homework.
 - e. I must eat lollipops and sweets.
 - f. I can't do this maths test.
- 1. It will make my brain explode.
 - 2. My rabbit clone ate my alarm clock.
 - 3. My mum gave it to some aliens to study.
 - 4. I'm allergic to Earth numbers.
 - 5. Child labour is illegal in this galaxy.
 - 6. The dentist says I need new alien teeth.

4. What kind of far-fetched stories do you invent when you're late for school or when you forget to do your homework? Complete these notes.

Dear Teacher,
I'm sorry I'm late, but...

Dear Teacher,
I'm sorry I haven't got my homework, but ...

5. Talk to a partner. Compare your excuses. Who has got the best excuses?

Teacher's Notes

- Write 'realistic' or 'unrealistic' next to each sentence.
 - UNREALISTIC
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- Write 'far-fetched' next to the stories you don't really believe.
 - FAR-FETCHED
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- Match each sentence to its far-fetched excuse.
a. 2 b. 1 c. 5 d. 3 e. 6 f.4
- Go around the class before the students write their notes and elicit the weirdest, most far-fetched excuses that you can!

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