

Far-fetched

Word of the month

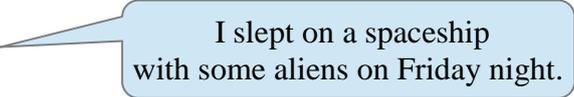
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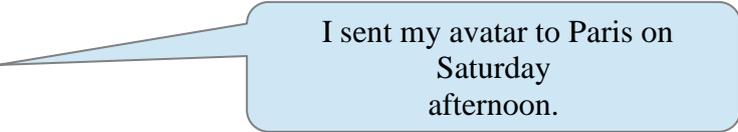
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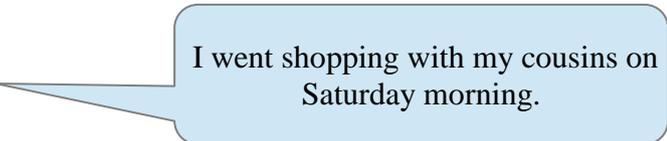
1. Write 'realistic' or 'unrealistic' next to each sentence.

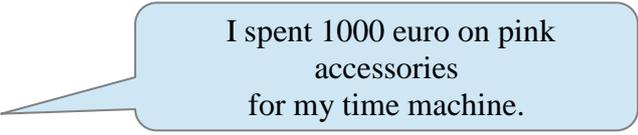
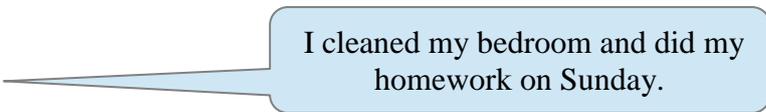
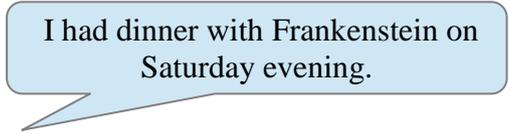
- a. All your shoes are handmade in Paris and have diamonds on them.
- b. A ship sinks in the ocean.
- c. You always eat chocolate for breakfast, lunch and dinner.
- d. Your dad becomes the King of England.
- e. A group of explorers disappears in the jungle.
- f. Your best friend has Hollywood celebrities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

3. Interview Sally to find out what she really did last weekend. Write a list of at least six questions.

- a.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.
- f.

4. Work with a partner. One of you is Sally (Student A) and the other one is a reporter from the local newspaper (Student B). Roleplay the interview.

Student B starts the interview: 'Hello there, Sally. I'd really like to hear about your weekend...'

5. Write a newspaper report about Sally's weekend. Use the following headline: 'Schoolgirl's Extraordinary Weekend: Far-fetched Fun or Evidence of Life on Mars?'

Teacher's Notes

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

a. UNREALISTIC	d. UNREALISTIC
b. REALISTIC	e. REALISTIC
c. UNREALISTIC	f. UNREALISTIC

2. Write 'far-fetched' next to the stories you don't really believe.

a. FAR-FETCHED	d. FAR-FETCHED
b. FAR-FETCHED	e. –
c. –	f. FAR-FETCHED

3. Sample questions:

a. What did you do on Friday evening?	d. Who did you see this weekend?
b. Where did you go on Saturday?	e. What did you do on Sunday?
c. What did you buy?	f. Do you believe in aliens?

4. Roleplay the questions and answers from exercise 3.

5. Ask the students to write a short newspaper report in pairs about Sally's weekend. No more than 250 words. Sample answer:

'Schoolgirl's Extraordinary Weekend: Far-Fetched Fun or Evidence of Life on Mars?'

Sally Jones from Birmingham claims that she spent last weekend with aliens, avatars and Frankenstein. The fourteen-year-old schoolgirl told friends that she spent Friday night on board a spaceship. She apparently sent her avatar to Paris on Saturday morning and then had dinner with Frankenstein in the evening. She spent a lot of money too - one thousand euros on accessories for her time machine. We couldn't actually see her time machine though, it's invisible, according to Sally. She did find time for some normal activities too like shopping with her cousins, cleaning her bedroom and doing her homework but overall it was a remarkable weekend for this young lady. Does Sally have any proof of her alien friends though or indeed of Frankenstein? She says she did take some selfies on her phone on Friday evening but then it fell out of the spaceship on the way home on Saturday. Ring us immediately on 0800 461 728 if you find Sally's phone!

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