What to do today

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.

1. Story time

Read the poem *Out of a Cloud* by Richard Edwards.

- How many verses does the poem have?
- Which is your favourite? Can you say why?

2. Rhymes and rhyming

Re-read the first verse of *Out of a Cloud*.

- Find and highlight the four words in the verse that *rhyme*.
- Now do the same with the second and third verses.
- Check your work against the *Answers* page.
- Next to each verse, write other words that would also rhyme with that verse's set. Do *six* more words maximum. *(see answers)*

3. Writing in response to a poem

Read each of the questions on Where has Desmond gone?

- On *What I think has happened to Desmond*, write sentences/short paragraphs in response to each question.
- Use *Conjunctions* to link ideas in your sentences.
- Use correct punctuation in all your sentences.
- Illustrate your page with pictures.

Now try this Fun-Time Extra

• Do you believe in UFOs? On UFOs! draw one and say what you think the creatures might be.

Out of a Cloud



I have never seen one, Desmond saw one though, He said it hummed like hives of bees, He said it glowed a glow, He said it swooped out of a cloud and lit the fields below, He said it took his heart away, Desmond's UFO.

Of course no one believed him, But wandering here and there, Desmond scanned the sky each night, With his hopeful stare, Examining the Milky Way, Venus, the Plough, the Bear, Searching, wishing, longing, Desmond head-in-air.

And then one day he vanished. How? We'll never know. We found no clue or trace of him, Hunting high and low, Except, spiked on a barbed-wire fence, A note saying: 'Told you so,' And all around the grass pressed down... Where did Desmond go?

> By Richard Edwards From Aliens Stole My Underpants edited by Brian Moses

Out of a Cloud

Rhyme Answers

I have never seen one,	
Desmond saw one <mark>though</mark> ,	grow
He said it hummed like hives of bees,	no
He said it glowed a <mark>glow</mark> ,	go
He said it swooped out of a cloud	blow toe
and lit the fields <mark>below</mark> ,	lue
He said it took his heart away,	
Desmond's <mark>UFO</mark> .	

Of course no one believed him,	
But wandering here and there,	where
Desmond scanned the sky each night,	fair
With his hopeful <mark>stare</mark> ,	stare
Examining the Milky Way,	chair
Venus, the Plough, the <mark>Bear</mark> ,	beware
Searching, wishing, longing,	
Desmond head-in- <mark>air</mark> .	

And then one day he vanished.	flow
How? We'll never <mark>know</mark> .	Joe
We found no clue or trace of him,	follow
Hunting high and <mark>low</mark> ,	know
Except, spiked on a barbed-wire fence,	show
A note saying: 'Told you <mark>so</mark> ,'	
And all around the grass pressed down	
Where did Desmond <mark>go</mark> ?	

Where has Desmond gone?

On which planet could Desmond be?

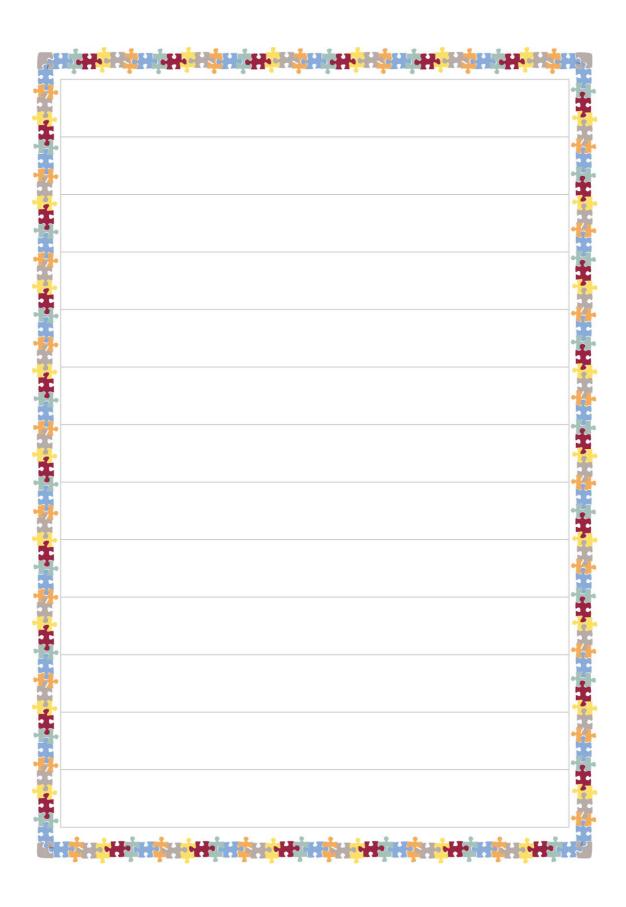
How did he get there?

Is he with aliens?

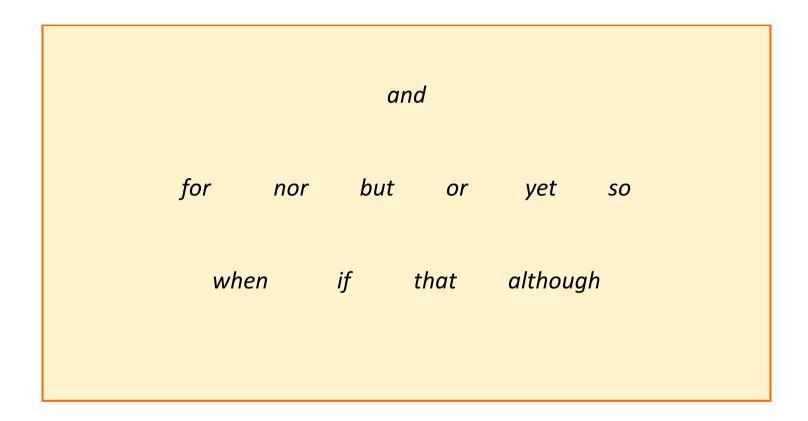
What do the aliens look like?

Do we think he is happy now? Why? or Why not?

What I think has happened to Desmond



Conjunctions



Use a conjunction to link two ideas together in one sentence.

I think Desmond could be on the Planet Mars but he might just be on the Moon.

I think Desmond got there in the UFO although he may have been beamed straight to Mars with a laser.

UFOs!

