

Do Aliens exist?

Many people nowadays take it for granted that, because the universe is infinite then somewhere in the universe there has to be life. But how can we know? Well, one way to confirm or deny that life in the universe exists is to look for witnesses. Witnesses are people who claim to have seen a UFO. Here is a list of the most interesting witnesses:

- In 74 BC, two armies were about to fight when the general Plutarch reported seeing a flying object land between the two armies and fly away again. The object was said to be shaped like a wine bottle and silver in color. Both armies reported seeing the same thing.
- There are numerous paintings that show UFOs in the background. The most famous being ‘The Madonna with Saint Giovannino’, otherwise known as the “UFO painting”. The picture shows a woman and two children, but in the background a man and his dog can be seen looking at a UFO flying in the sky. People argue that aliens have been visiting us for millennia.
- Most recently, the Pentagon which is the USA’s department of defense has admitted filming UFO’s in the sky. In the past, the Pentagon famously denied having any knowledge of UFO’s, but now it has released videos filmed by the military showing UFO’s and soldiers completely stunned at objects flying at incredible speeds through the sky.

These are just a few examples of UFO sightings but are there enough sightings to prove the existence of extraterrestrial life? Scientists have reminded us of the possibilities for years. In the end, it all depends on your perspective.

Comprehension Questions:

1. There are three UFO witnesses given in the text. Which one do you find most convincing? Why?
2. What is the main argument given in the text that proves the existence of aliens? Do you agree or disagree with it?
3. What is painted in “The Madonna with Saint Giovannino” that proves the existence of aliens?
4. Why do you think the Pentagon has previously denied the existence of UFO’s?
5. Do you believe the people that say they have seen a UFO? Why/why not?

Reporting verbs:

In the text you can see examples of reporting verbs underlined. Fill in the rules with examples from the text:

1. Verb + gerund: _____.
2. Verb + infinitive: _____.
3. Verb + subject + verb: _____.

Report these sentences using the words in parenthesis:

1. Peter: Do you want to come star watching with me tomorrow night? (invite)

2. Amanda: Yes, I can definitely come star watching! (agree)

3. Jennifer: In my opinion, I think you should study Astronomy. (advised)

4. Michael: No way aliens are real! (deny)

5. Isaac: I think you photoshopped those photos! (accused)

6. Tim: I'm so sorry, it's true! I photoshopped those pictures... (apologize)

7. Hugo: I'll never do it again. (promise)

8. Jenny: I'm going to be an Astronaut when I grow up! (decide)

Activity:

Complete the sentences so that some of the sentences are true and some are false. Afterwards tell your friends your sentences and ask them if they think they are true or not.

1. People have said that _____.
2. My teacher recommends _____.
3. Scientists have reported _____.
4. Doctors have advised _____.
5. Politicians have claimed _____.
6. I have decided _____.
7. _____ has refused _____.
8. _____ has admitted _____.