

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 **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**.

grow
no
go
blow
toe

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**.

where
fair
stare
chair
beware

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**?

flow
Joe
follow
know
show

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

A large rectangular writing area with a decorative border of colorful puzzle pieces. The border consists of interlocking puzzle pieces in shades of blue, yellow, orange, and red. The writing area is divided into 12 horizontal lines for text.

Conjunctions

and

for nor but or yet so

when if that although

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!



Four horizontal blue lines spaced evenly, providing a designated area for writing a response to the 'UFOs!' prompt.