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A celebration on planet Zox

Set 7 Story 11

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Speed sounds

Vowels Say the sounds in and out of order.

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Word endings Make a list of words with these endings.

<u>t</u> ure	<u>o</u> s e <u>o</u> s ci <u>o</u> s ti <u>o</u> s	ab <u>l</u> e ab <u>l</u> y ib <u>l</u> e	<u>t</u> ion
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Each box contains one sound but sometimes more than one grapheme. Focus graphemes are ***circled***.

Green words *Read in syllables.*

(celebrate) cel`e`bra + <u>tion</u> celebrat <u>ion</u>	(relate) re`la + <u>tion</u> relat <u>ion</u> relat <u>ions</u>	(congratulate) con`grat`u`la + <u>tion</u> congratulat <u>ions</u>	(inject) in`jec + <u>tion</u> injection	sta + <u>tion</u> stat <u>ion</u>
(complete) com`ple + <u>tion</u> complet <u>ion</u>	(prepare) pre`par`a + <u>tion</u> preparat <u>ion</u>	(digest) in`di`ges + <u>tion</u> indigest <u>ion</u>	(solve) sol`u + <u>tion</u> solut <u>ion</u>	sec + <u>tion</u> sect <u>ion</u>
(explore) ex`plor`a + <u>tion</u> explorat <u>ion</u>	(invite) in`vit`a + <u>tion</u> invitat <u>ion</u>	(add) add`i + <u>tion</u> addit <u>ion</u>	(attend) a`tten + <u>tion</u> attent <u>ion</u>	trad`i + <u>tion</u> tradit <u>ion</u>
(converse) con`vers`a + <u>tion</u> conversat <u>ion</u>	(decorate) dec`or`a + <u>tion</u> decorat <u>ion</u> decorat <u>ions</u>	(operate) op`er`a + <u>tion</u> operat <u>ion</u>	(exhaust) ex`haus + <u>tion</u> exhaust <u>ion</u>	con`di + <u>tion</u> condit <u>ion</u>
				men + <u>tion</u> ment <u>ion</u>

Red words

caught worse come call was said their
great everyone should who here watch

Challenge word

honour

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Introduction

Imagine going away on a big space journey. How would you feel when you landed? What do you think your family would say? What would you do celebrate your return?

Do you remember Cosmic Clare and Radar Rob who played dare games on Planet Zox? Clare's dad, Cosmic Clive, has returned from a space mission to Planet Pixel. They have a big celebration to welcome him home. But in the middle of his speech he collapses and has to go to hospital.

Will he be alright or has he brought back a deadly disease?



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Vocabulary check

Discuss the meaning (as used in the story) after the children have read each word.

	definition:	sentence/phrase:
completion	end of	<i>It was a big welcome back to Cosmic Clive, on completion of...</i>
exploration	studying, looking at	<i>...his exploration of Planet Pixel.</i>
presentation	giving an award	<i>And now it's time for the presentation!</i>
ambition	wish, dream	<i>It's always been my ambition to be named Zoxonaut of the year.</i>
honour	something to be proud of	<i>It's a great honour.</i>
solution	answer	<i>That's the only solution.</i>
attention	everyone fussing over you	<i>He was enjoying all the attention.</i>

Punctuation to note in this story:

1. Capital letters to start sentences and full stops to end sentences
2. Capital letters for names
3. Exclamation marks to show anger, shock and surprise
4. 'Wait and see' dots...
5. Speech marks

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Cosmic Clive (Cosmic Clare's dad)
had just come back
from a trip to Planet Pixel.
Clare and all her relations
went to the space station to meet him.



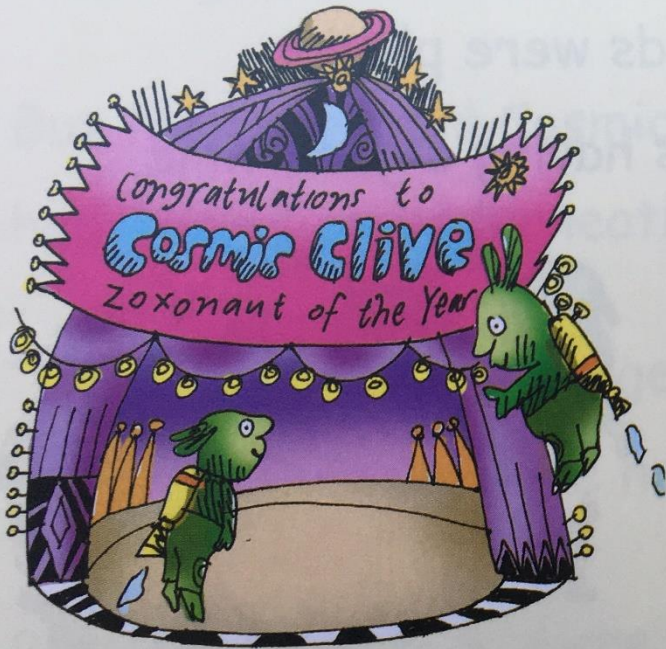
When they arrived, Clare's dad was climbing
out of the tail section of the spacecraft,
his face pale green with exhaustion.

The King of Zox was speaking to the crowd:
"... so it's a big welcome back to Cosmic Clive
on completion of his exploration of Planet Pixel!
Cosmic Clive, I name you ... Zoxonaut of the Year!"



"And now it's time for the
presentation!" he went on. He
handed Clare's dad a bunch of
green carnations and a gold
space watch.

"This calls for a celebration!" said Cosmic Cath
(Clare's mum) when they got back to their crater.



The preparations took three light years.
First, Clare's mum sent out the invitations.
Then she and Clare hung up lots
of decorations, and made a banner saying:
'Congratulations to Cosmic Clive -
Zoxonaut of the Year!'

On the day of the party, Clare and her family waited for the guests to arrive.

Soon, Radar Roxy (Radar Rob's mum) was deep in conversation with Meteor Meg, and all the little Asteroids were playing space tag with Clare and Rob. Everyone was having a good time.

Then Clare's mum said,
"Clive, it's time for you to make a speech.
After all, it is a family tradition!"



Clare's dad got to his feet.

"It's always been my ambition to be made Zoxonaut of the Year," he began.

"It's a great honour ..."



But then ... crash! Cosmic Clive's long green legs had folded up underneath him!

"It's probably just indigestion," said Clare's mum.

"He should never have had that huge portion of cyber jelly ..."

But now pink spots were beginning to appear on Clive's chest.

In addition, he was groaning and wiggling his twenty-six toes.



"His condition's getting worse!"
cried Meteor Meg (who used to be a nurse).
"We must get him into astrohospital!"

In the astrohospital, Clare's mum discussed
his condition with the space doctor.

"It's a bad case of Planet Pixelitis," he replied.

"He must have caught it on his trip."

"Will he need an operation?"

"Oh, no. Just an injection - and plenty of Pixelitis lotion on those spots.
He'll have to stay in astrohospital for a few weeks."

"But he can't!" cried Clare's mum.

"I hate to mention it, but he's in the middle of a speech!"

"Well, he'll have to finish his speech here, then," said the doctor.

"That's the only solution, I'm afraid."

So Cosmic Clare, Radar Rob and his mum, Meteor Meg and all the little Asteroids made their way to the space hospital.



And there, opening his get-well cards and enjoying all the attention, Cosmic Clive finished his speech - and another huge portion of cyber jelly!

Questions to talk about

Re-read the page. Read the question to the children. Tell them whether it is a **FIND IT** question or **PROVE IT** question.

FIND IT

- ✓ Turn to the page
- ✓ Read the question
- ✓ Find the answer

PROVE IT

- ✓ Turn to the page
- ✓ Read the question
- ✓ Find your evidence
- ✓ Explain why

Page 9: PROVE IT

Why was Clive's face 'pale green with exhaustion'?

Page 10: PROVE IT

*How do you think Cosmic Clive felt when he was named 'Zoxonaut of the Year!'?
What do you think a zoxonaut is?*

Page 11: FIND IT

What did the family do to get ready for the party?

Page 12: FIND IT

Why did Mum want Clive to make a speech? Do you think he wanted to?

Page 13: FIND IT

What happened to Clive as he started his speech?

Page 14: FIND IT

What was the matter with Clive?

Page 15: PROVE IT

*Why did everyone from the party come to the hospital?
Do you think Clive would have been well enough to finish his speech?*

Questions to read and answer

(Children complete without your help.)

1. Where has Cosmic Clive been on his trip?
2. What does Clare's mum prepare for the party?
3. Why does Clive have to make a speech?
4. What was wrong with Clive?
5. How did Cosmic Clive feel at the end of the story?

Speed words

Children practise reading the words across the rows, down the columns and in and out of order clearly and quickly.

arrive	probably	beginning	underneath	replied
appear	conversation	invitation	injection	addition
attention	decoration	caught	love	wear
talk	watch	mother	could	would