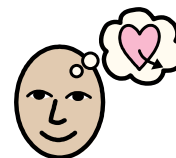




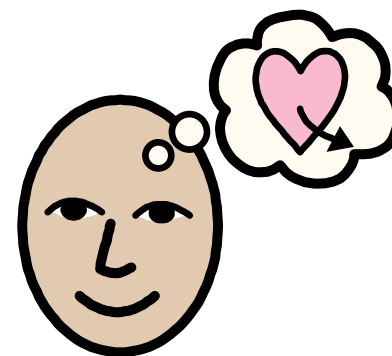
Zed's



Christmas

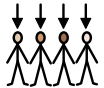


Wish





It was Christmas time on Earth.



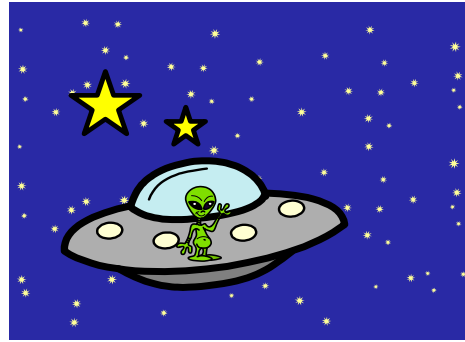
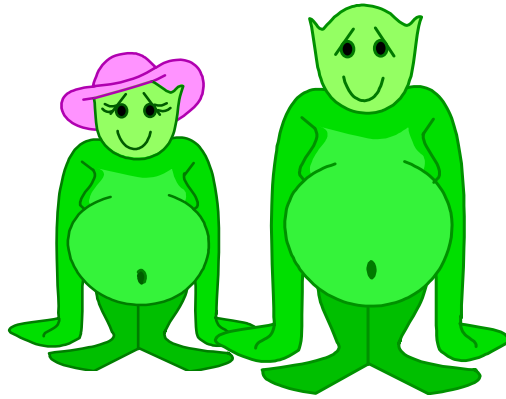
Everyone was busy preparing for the celebrations.



Harry and his family were expecting a special visitor.



Zed was coming stay with Harry and his family for the holidays.












 On Christmas Eve, Zed's spaceship landed in Harry's garden.









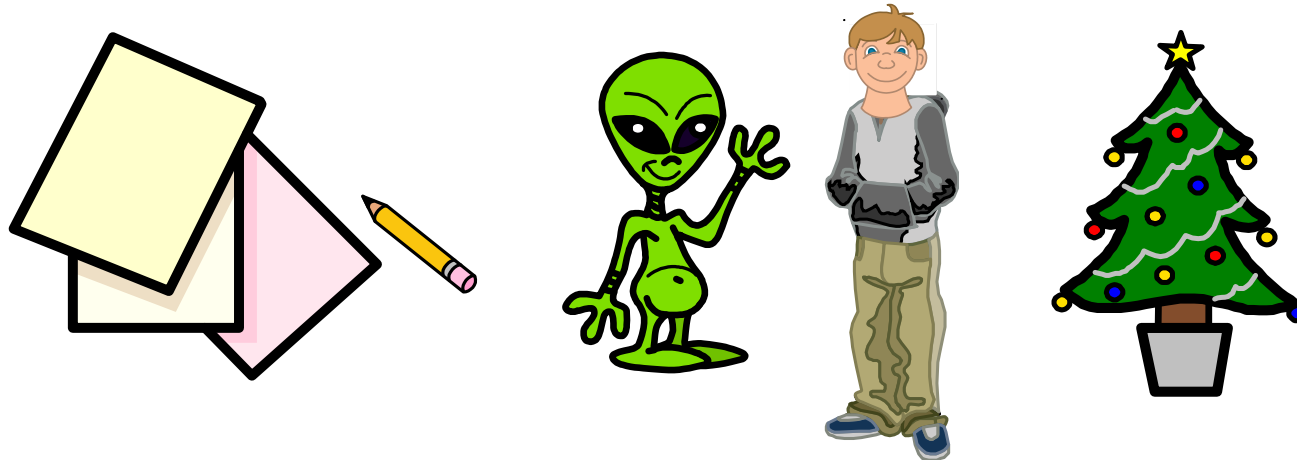
 He was going to stay with Harry for 2 weeks.
















 Harry and Zed waved goodbye to Zed's mum and dad.








 The spaceship zoomed upward into space.









 = Harry was excited as it was time to write to Father Christmas.







 He fetched some paper and two pencils.




 Harry began his letter to Father Christmas.




 He looked at Zed and saw that he was sad.













 "Why are you sad?" asked Harry.





 "I can't write," said Zed.

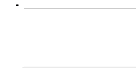
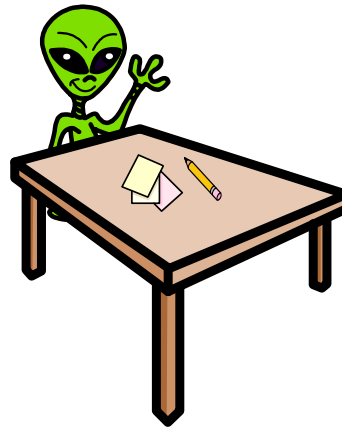













 Zed had been visiting earth for a while.


















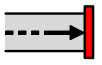





 He could speak our language but could not read or write well.

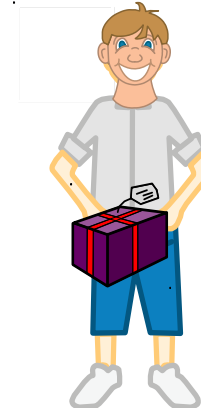









 Harry
  told
  Zed
  he would
  help him
  to read
  and
  write.

This
  =
  made Zed
  feel
  very
  happy.






 Harry
  helped
  Zed
  to write
  his letter
  to
  Father Christmas.

 When
  they
  had finished
  they
  ate
  supper
  and
  went to bed.



On  Christmas day  Harry  and  Zed  woke up  very  excited.








 They  saw  Christmas presents  all around  the tree.







 "Look,"  said  Harry,  "Father Christmas  has been".






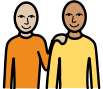
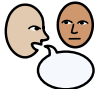

 Zed  and  Harry  unwrapped  their presents  from Father Christmas.

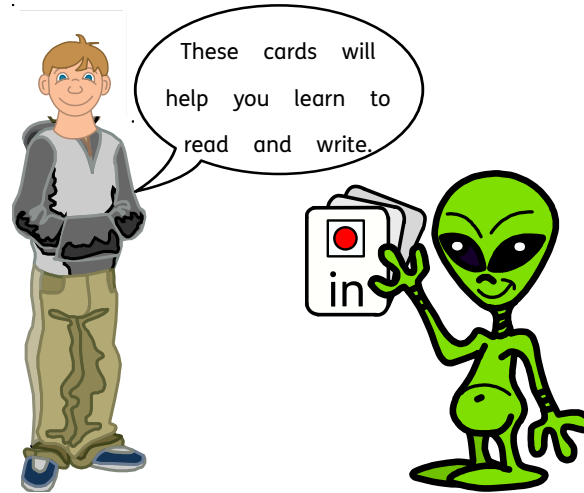











 Harry got a new  computer game  +  some new clothes.


 Zed got a new  wristwatch  + a special  gold  wrapped  present. 


 "Look at this," said  Zed,  "I wonder  who  it's  it's from."


 "It's from me  because  you =  my  special  friend."  said  Harry.











 Zed unwrapped the present from Harry and found a box.

























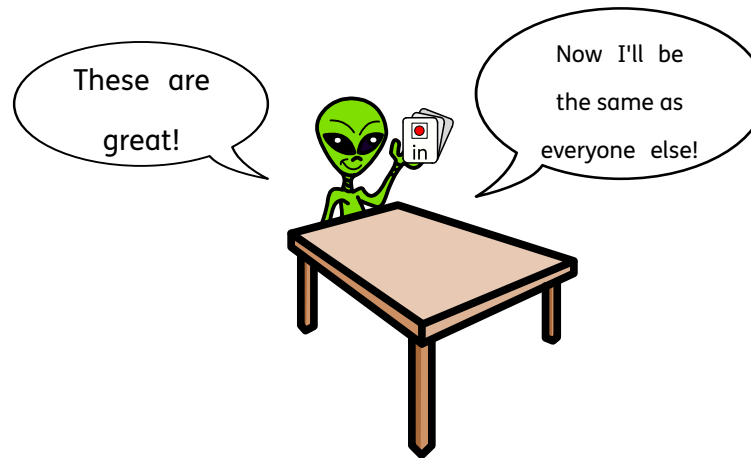




 Inside the box were lots of cards with words and symbols on.










 "These will help you learn to read and write said Harry."










 "Lots of my friends have learned to read and write using them."



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 "This is the best present I could have wished for!" said Zed.

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 He sat at the table and began to look at the cards.

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 He saw a symbol and a word on every one.

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 "These are great," he said, "Now I will be the same as everyone else."