UNIT #5 – READING PRACTICE

NAME: _____ **DATE:** _____

1 **Listen and read.** TR: 6.9

Attack of the *Extraterrestrial* Plants!

SCENE 1
FADE IN: SPACE-LIKE MUSIC
FADE TO: INTERIOR OF SPACECRAFT CONTROL ROOM–DAY

MAYA looks at a strange plant in the corner of the control room while JAKE works on his tablet.

MAYA: Have you seen this?

JAKE: What is it?

MAYA: I don't know. It's growing out of the corner. It's blue.

JAKE: (ignoring her) That's interesting, but I'm busy.

MAYA: It has leaves and a stem . . .

JAKE: If I don't finish with this data, the captain will be angry–

MAYA: (puzzled) It might be a plant, but how can anything grow here?

Suddenly, a high-pitched sound comes from the plant.

JAKE: Is that some new music that you're listening to?

MAYA: (irritated) No. It's the plant. It might be trying to communicate with us.

JAKE: (now paying attention) In plant language? Oh . . . . It's turning orange. It might be upset?

MAYA: (examining it more closely) The roots might be coming from the space sample room. Let's look.

FADE OUT: JAKE AND MAYA EXIT
FADE IN: SOFT STRANGE PLANT-LIKE SOUNDS THEN AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENING

Maya and Jake walk into a room. It's full of strange moving plants–most of them are blue. They are all making loud humming noises.

MAYA: (surprised and worried) Look at the plants! Who put them here?

JAKE: (examining a plant closely and pulling off a leaf) They may be more intelligent than they look. I'll just pull off this leaf–

The room explodes in angry plant noises and the plants turn purple and start to move toward Jake.

MAYA: Oh no! They're turning purple.

JAKE: (still examining the plants) Are they plants . . . . or are they extraterrestrials?

The plants move toward Jake.

MAYA: (shouting at Jake as the plants start to attack him) Watch out! They're coming for you! Run!

FADE OUT: AGGRESSIVE PLANT SOUNDS PLUS SPACE-LIKE MUSIC

LIVEWORKSHEETS

2 Match to complete the sentences.

1. Jake	turn purple when they are angry.
2. Maya	doesn't listen to Maya.
3. The plants in the sample room	is working on some data.
4. At first, Jake	finds a strange blue plant.

3 Read. Work with a partner to write stage directions.

1. MAYA: "I don't know. It's growing out of the corner. It's blue."

Maya is scared and shaking as she points to the plant and slowly walks toward it.

2. JAKE: "That's interesting, but I'm busy."

3. JAKE: "Is that some new music that you're listening to?"

4. MAYA: "Oh no! They're turning purple!"

5. MAYA: "Watch out! They're coming for you!"

4 Express yourself. Choose an activity.

1. What happens next? Write the next scene.
2. Act out your own space invasion. Write the scene and perform it.
3. In a group, act out scene 1. You'll need a director, two actors, and a plant.

LIVEWORKSHEETS