



LESSON SUMMARY

Vocabulary



Word/Phrase	Meaning	Example
narrative (adj) /'nærətɪv/ → narrator (n)	telling a story or describing an event	His notebook was full of narrative texts about UFOs and aliens.
sighting (n) /'saɪtɪŋ/ → sight (v)	an occasion when somebody sees somebody or something unusual very quickly	Local newspapers reported on a UFO sighting in the mountains.
visitor (n) /'vɪzɪtər/ → visit (n)	a person who comes to see a location or someone	Newspapers sometimes describe an alien as a visitor from space.
character (n) /'kærəktər/ → characteristics (n)	a person that acts in a book, play or movie	She turned a scary alien into a popular character .
passage (n) /'pæsɪdʒ/	a short section or part of a book, poem, speech or other pieces of writing	He found a narrative passage about visitors from space in the library.
hover (v) /'hʌvər/	to stay in one place in the air, usually by moving the wings quickly	They saw a flying saucer hover in the air, and then it disappeared.

Writing

A narrative passage

1) The main idea

2) The situation and main characters

3) The plot

4) Other details
(what you saw or heard)

5) Your feelings or opinions



1) I'll never forget the day I saw a UFO on my way home from school. 2) I was thirteen years old. My classmates and I were riding our bikes home from school. 3) We were talking about our school when we saw a huge bright light in the sky. The light was very strange. Then we saw a huge aircraft. It was circular and looked like a saucer. It started to make a very loud and scary noise. A door on the flying saucer started to open. Then my classmates shouted, "Run, or we'll get kidnapped." We started to run as quickly as we could. 4) We were so terrified. 5) My classmates think it was a UFO from space, but I don't. I believe it was just an unusual aircraft, and the pilots needed help.

PRACTICE



Vocabulary

a. Put the words in brackets into the correct forms.

- 1 There aren't many _____ passages about UFOs and aliens in our school library. (NARRATOR)
- 2 He described aliens and UFOs as harmless _____ in his books. (VISIT)
- 3 The young boy told us about a _____ of a huge creature with green skin. (SIGHT)
- 4 She became famous for her alien _____. (CHARACTERISTICS)



b. Complete the sentences using the words in the boxes.

sighting

passages

narrator

characters


hover

visit

- 5 The movie starts with a _____ of an alien to the Moon.
- 6 They saw a triangle UFO _____ and fly off the tall building.
- 7 Yoda is one of the most famous alien _____ of all time.
- 8 He was a great _____ and was popular among young listeners for alien stories.
- 9 She found it difficult to write narrative _____ about unwanted visitors from space.
- 10 A _____ of a disk-shaped object in the sky started to appear in local newspapers.



Listening

a. Listen to a report on a sighting of a strange animal. Fill in each gap with NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS. 

REPORT

◆ When it happened

It was over 1) a _____ ago.

◆ Where it happened

Smallville

◆ Details


They were 2) _____ when they heard the sound.

They were terrified because the creature was 3) _____.

Some people thought it was a strange 4) _____, but others didn't.

The creature looked like a 5) _____ with wings.



b. Listen to a radio show about UFO and alien sightings. Write T (true) or F (false). 

- 6 In the radio talk, Andrew was a guest. _____
- 7 Andrew's parents saw the aliens in 1980. _____
- 8 There were only Andrew's parents at the campsite. _____
- 9 The strangers had big eyes and green skin. _____
- 10 Andrew's parents are still scared when thinking about it. _____



Reading

a. Read the text about past explanations for UFOs. Write **T** (true), **F** (false) or **DS** (doesn't say).

An unidentified flying object, or UFO, is anything in the sky that the person who sees it cannot explain. Some people believe UFOs are alien spacecraft. However, most scientists believe that it can be easier to explain UFOs. A UFO has different descriptions. It can take the form of a disk, triangle or even an egg. After a sighting of a disk-shaped UFO in the 1940s, the term "flying saucer" became popular. It soon became fashionable to call all UFOs flying saucers. Nowadays, there are records of thousands of UFO sightings. These are photographs of UFOs and conversations with the people who saw UFOs. In the 1950s, a government asked a group of scientists to study hundreds of sightings. However, most sightings were just space objects like stars, planets or meteors. A lot of other sightings were only aircraft, birds or hot gases. However, such things didn't stop people from reporting UFOs. By the mid-1960s, there were even more sightings of UFOs than ever. People also found that most UFO or alien sightings happened in bad weather. But governments around the world still believed that UFOs were unreal. Other scientists agreed. But it was hard to explain why UFOs still appeared. Nowadays, researchers believe that UFOs might be visitors from space.

PAST EXPLANATIONS for UFOs



- 1 It is easy for a person to describe a UFO when he or she sees it. _____
- 2 Most researchers believe that explaining UFOs will be easier. _____
- 3 A UFO can be a disk-shaped or egg-shaped object. _____
- 4 The term "flying saucer" was popular in 1940s. _____
- 5 There are thousands of UFO sightings these days. _____

b. Read the text again. Write **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER**.

- 6 When did the researchers start to study UFO sightings? _____
- 7 In what kind of weather did UFOs or aliens often appear? _____
- 8 When were there even more reports on UFOs than before? _____
- 9 How did some governments describe UFOs in the past? _____
- 10 How do scientists describe UFOs these days? _____



