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THE ALIEN PLANET

multi-sensory story

The Alien Planet

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Preparation – Wet whatever you are using for the alien plant.

- Action** **The spaceship landed with a jolt.**
Grab both upper arms sharply to make a “jolt”.
- Colander** **Karl and his Dad put on their spacesuit helmets.**
Put the “helmet” on their head.
“Now remember. Don’t touch anything!” said Dad.
- Torch** **The door slid open, and Karl had to shield his eyes from the alien planet’s giant sun.**
Flash the torch past their face.
- Play-dough** **They stepped out. The planet’s floor was soft and squidgy.**
They feel the play-dough.
- Balloon** **There were strange alien noises all around them.**
Blow up the balloon and let the air out in separate bursts, some fast and some slow, to make different sounds.
- Vanilla essence** **And what was that strange, sweet smell?**
They smell the vanilla essence.
- String** **It came from a strange alien plant, which looked like it was made from bits of string or spaghetti. Karl reached out to touch it.**
They feel the string
- String** **But as he did so, the plant came to life and started climbing up him!**
Take a handful of the string, and brush it up their arm/neck etc.
- Action** **Terrified, Karl shook off the plant.**
Get them to shake their arms.
- Hairdryer** **They ran back to the space ship and Dad fired up the engines.**
They turn on the hairdryer.
- “Sorry Dad!” said Karl. “I’ll definitely remember not to touch anything in future.”**
“I do hope so...” muttered Dad.

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Items needed for this story

Colander - A plastic mixing bowl could also be used.

Torch - Any torch is fine. Make sure to just flash this past them, particularly if using a strong beam.

Play-dough - You can buy this ready made, or make your own (lots of recipes online). Alternatively you could use mud or similar.

Balloon - Round ones are better as they are easier to blow up.

Vanilla essence/flavouring - Other similar sweet smells can also be used.

String – Cut string into pieces at least 10cm long, the more the better. Put in bowl and pour water over it to make it damp. Leave to dry after using (or use hairdryer). You could also use a clean mop head.

Hairdryer – Any hairdryer will do. If you don't have a hairdryer, you could use any device that makes a similar sort of sound.

Watch an example online

You can watch a demonstration of this story being told at <http://youtu.be/b5jz12hEaTU>

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