

Journey into space

„Good evening, Star Travellers. Welcome to the spaceship Galaxy. We hope you will enjoy your time here. Tomorrow, 1 January 2135, Galaxy will leave the Moon's orbit and you will start the journey to your new home on Sigma 3.“

„Will we be the first people on Sigma 3, dad?“ said Josie.

„Yes, we will. In fact, we'll be the first people from Earth to live on another planet.“

„When will we get there?“ asked Tom.

„Well, Sigma 3 is about 20 light years from Earth“ said their father.

„So the journey will take 250 years.“

„But I'll be 263 years old by then,“ said Josie.

„Yes, and you still won't have any brains!“

Josie ignored her brother.

„You won't be 263 years old,“ said their mother. „You'll still be thirteen.“

„See? I was right,“ said Tom. „You won't have any brains, because you haven't got any now!“

„Well, I'll still be a year older than *you*,“ said Josie. „So...“

„That's enough, you two,“ said their mother. „You won't be any older than now, because you'll be in suspended animation for the journey.“

„Yes, you'll go to sleep for 250 years, said their father.

„Wow! Cool!“ said Tom.

„So will you and dad look after us when we're asleep?, asked Josie. „No, we won't. We'll be in suspended animation, *too*“ said their father. „PJ9 will look after us.“

„Who's PJ9?“ said Tom.

„I am.“ Tom and Josie turned round. Behind them was a young woman. „I'm PJ9 and I'll look after you.“ she said.

„But how will you do that for 250 years?“ asked Josie. „You'll grow older, *too*.“

„No, I won't. Robots can't grow old.“ „You're a robot?,“ said Tom. „Wow! Cool!“

„You don't look like a robot,“ said Josie. „You look like a...well...a person.“

„PJ9 is one of the latest robots.“ said their father. „But she's definitely a robot. She'll show you. Look“

„Yes, Mr. Reed.“ said PJ9 and opened a small door in her chest. Inside was a small electric motor.

„Wow! Cool!“ said Tom.

„Oh, please stop saying that,“ said Josie, „or I'll...“

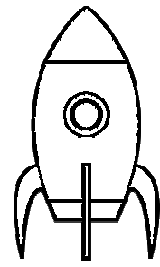
„I'll show you to your rooms now.“ said PJ9. „Please, follow me.“

As they picked up their bags, Josie looked through one of the spaceship's small windows. „Look, Tom,“ she said.

„There's the Earth. Isn't it beautiful? After tomorrow we'll never see it again.“

„Yes, but just think.“ said Tom. „We'll be the first people on Sigma 3.“

„We'll have a whole planet for ourselves.“ „Wow ! Cool!“ said Josie. „Come on,“ said Tom. „I'll race you to the room.“



1) Read and listen to the story. Complete the sentences with the correct names.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| a) _____ is a spaceship | d) _____ is her brother. |
| b) _____ is a planet, | e) _____ is their father. |
| c) _____ is 13 years old. | f) _____ is a robot. |

2) Are the statements true or false?

- a) The story starts on New Year's Eve 2134.
- b) The people are on a space station.
- c) Galaxy is in orbit around the Moon.
- d) Some people landed on Sigma 3 ten years ago.
- e) Galaxy will arrive there in 2385.
- f) Tom is eleven years old.
- g) PJ9 will be in suspended animation, too.
- h) Tom and Josie will come back to Earth in the future.

Grammar: 3. We can use *will* to talk about the future. Complete the sentences from the text. Use the correct form from *will*.

- a) Galaxy _____ to the Moon's orbit.
- b) You _____ to sleep for 250 years.
- c) You _____ 263 years old.

What's the short form of *will*?

What do you think *won't* is short for?

4. complete the news report about the journey to Sigma 3. Use these verbs.

not grow	not be	build	take	look after	start	leave	be
			land	not arrive	go		

Good evening. Here is the news. Tomorrow, the spaceship Galaxy **will leave** the Moon's orbit, and the 500 astronauts _____ their journey to the planet Sigma 3. Sigma 3 is 20 light years away from Earth. The journey _____ 250 years and the spaceship _____ until 2385. However, the astronauts _____ any older, because they _____ in suspended animation. That means they _____ to sleep for the whole journey. The latest robots _____ the people. Robots _____ old they _____ air, food or water. In 250 years' time, Galaxy _____ on Sigma 3. The robots and the astronauts _____ a new home for the human race on another planet.

5 Look at the story. Complete the questions and short answers.

a) _____ the first people on Sigma 3, Dad?

Yes, _____.

b) _____ us when we're asleep?

No, _____.

6 Put the words in the correct order to make ws- questions,

a) we there when get will?

b) how do that will you?

6 A reporter is talking to Tom and Josie. Make questions. Use the cues. Add two more questions.

a) When / you / start the journey

When will you start the journey?

b) How long / the journey / take

c) What / you / do / during the journey

d) How old / you / be / when you arrive

e) Your parents / look after / you / on the journey

f) you / see / the Earth / again

g) You / be / the first people on Sigma 3

7 Work with a partner. Make the interview between the reporter and the children.

8 Listen to the story. What does Sweet Sue throw through the window? Why? Are the statements true or false, or doesn't it say?

a) Smart Alec won the award last year.

b) Sue solved the Bristol Bank robbery case.

c) Pinkie Pooch is Mrs Basset's dog.

d) Sweet Sue goes to see Mrs Basset by bus.

e) She goes to the supermarket first.

f) Pinkie Pooch was in the garage.

g) Smart Alec was in his office this morning.

h) Smart Alec is the Detective of the Year.

9 Copy and complete the dialogues. Use will, the verbs in brackets, and your own ideas.

a) Do you want to watch this programme?

Can you record it? *I'll watch it later* (watch)

b) I need some stamps.

I'm going to the shops. (get)

c) Have you got Gemma's mobile number?

Yes, I have. (text)

d) Shall we play tennis this afternoon?

Good idea. (meet)

e) It's very hot in here.

Yes, it is. (open)

f) Hello. Could I speak to Mark, please?

I'm sorry. He isn't in at the moment.

OK. (phone)