



- **alien** [éiljən] *n.*
An **alien** is a creature from a different world.
→ *The **alien** came in peace.*



- **among** [əmʌŋ] *prep.*
If you are **among** certain things, they are all around you.
→ *There was a red apple **among** the green ones.*



- **chart** [tʃɑ:t] *n.*
A **chart** is a list of information.
→ *We used a **chart** to see how we had improved.*



- **cloud** [klaud] *n.*
A **cloud** is a group of water drops in the sky.
→ *The sky was filled with white **clouds**.*



- **comprehend** [kəmprihénd] *v.*
To **comprehend** something is to understand it.
→ *Henry could not **comprehend** the message.*



- **describe** [diskraib] *v.*
To **describe** is to say or write what someone or something is like.
→ *They **described** their tree as colorful with gold ribbon and a star.*



- **ever** [éivər] *adv.*
Ever means at any time.
→ *Going skiing last winter was the most fun I've **ever** had.*



- **fail** [feil] *v.*
To **fail** means you do not succeed in what you try to do.
→ *Since he **failed** to get the job, he was sad.*



- **friendly** [fréndli] *adj.*
Friendly is behaving in a pleasant, kind way toward someone.
→ *The **friendly** animals came up to the girl.*



- **grade** [greid] *n.*
A **grade** is a score or mark given to someone's work.
→ *I managed to get good **grades** on my report card.*



- **instead** [ɪnstéd] *adv.*
Instead means in place of.
→ He ate the carrot **instead** of the ice cream.



- **library** [laɪbrəri] *n.*
A library is a place where you go to read books.
→ The **library** at school is full of books.



- **planet** [plænət] *n.*
A planet is a large round thing in space.
→ Saturn is the **planet** with the ring around it.



- **report** [rɪpó:rt] *n.*
A report is something students write for school.
→ Karen had trouble writing her **report**.



- **several** [sévrəl] *adj.*
Several is more than two but not many.
→ He had to read **several** books for class.



- **solve** [sɒlv] *v.*
To solve something is to find an answer to it.
→ All the students could easily **solve** the math problem.



- **suddenly** [sʌdnli] *adv.*
If something happens **suddenly**, it happens quickly and unexpectedly.
→ I was **suddenly** surprised by the cake my friends brought me.



- **suppose** [səpəuz] *v.*
To suppose is to guess.
→ I **suppose** I should go home now.



- **universe** [ju:nevə:rs] *n.*
The **universe** is the known or supposed objects in space.
→ The **universe** is so large that it cannot be measured.



- **view** [vjʊ:] *v.*
To view is to look at something.
→ Michael likes to **view** himself in the mirror.

The Report

Lee sat **among** the books at the **library** and thought about his group project.

They had to turn it in soon, but he hadn't even started his part! Jack and Claire were in his group. They had worked hard. They were also very smart, and Lee didn't want them to get a bad **grade**.

Jack did the **report**. He wrote a lot of very good sentences and **described** things with great adjectives. Claire drew a nice map of the stars. Now, Lee needed to do his part of the project.

"Well, I **suppose** I need to start my model," Lee thought.

Making a model of a **planet** was really hard. Lee tried to read **several** books, but he couldn't **comprehend** any of the **charts**. "We're going to **fail** because of me!" Lee said. He put his head down on the table and said, "I wish I could see a planet, **instead** of having to read about it!"

Suddenly, there was a bright light. Lee was pulled from his chair, through the roof, and right into a strange ship! "Hello, kid," said an **alien**. "Did you ask for help?"

Lee told the **friendly** alien all about his project. The alien agreed to help Lee **solve** his problem. "First, we'll fly through space to **view** the **universe**. Then, I can help you make a model of my planet."

Soon, they were going through the **clouds**. They passed the moon. Then they viewed Mars. Lee was very excited. Instead of a bad grade, his group would have the best project **ever!**

"It's time to go home," the alien finally said. On the way back, he helped Lee make a model of the planet Mars. Soon, they were on Earth.

"Thanks," Lee said. "My model will be awesome!" Then he took his model and said goodbye to his new friend.

