



JAZZ HARPER

SPACE EXPLORER

Guided Reading Questions

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During and After Reading Each Chapter

- Three active listening tasks and questions are provided for display while a section is being read. These give focus to what children are looking out for or locating at the same time as listening to the story.
- Five questions are provided for after each section has been read. These may be just for discussion or answered on whiteboards, verbally or as short assessment of understanding.



Mars Year 84



To think about while reading:

- 1) When do you think this text is set? Why?
- 2) Where do you think this text is set?
- 3) What do you think the purpose of this part of the text is?

Mars Year 84



After reading the chapter:

- 1) What did the two children discover?
- 2) When did the children make this discovery?
- 3) What is 'the Red Planet'?
- 4) What does the text mean by 'shed new light'?
- 5) Why does the author use ellipses (...) at the end of the text?

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Extract from Jazz's Diary of Adventure

28th May 2060



To think about while reading:

- 1) How does life in the story compare with life today? Can you see any similarities or differences?
- 2) Where does Gran live?
- 3) What impression do you get about Jazz's relationship with her mum and her gran?

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Extract from Jazz's Diary of Adventure
28th May 2060

After reading the chapter:

- 1) How fast will Jazz be travelling through space?
- 2) What was Jazz playing on the tram?
- 3) "Gran lives in one of those old-fashioned retirement villages from the 2020s: all glass and steel and curving walls."
Why do you think Jazz called this 'old-fashioned'?
- 4) What do we learn about Gran's character in this diary extract?
- 5) How do you think Jazz felt at the end of her visit to Gran's? Why?



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Equipment List



To think about while reading:

- 1) How does the language in this text compare with the diary extract?
- 2) What is the purpose of this text?
- 3) Why do you think some items have been selected for the banned list?

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Equipment List

After reading the chapter:

- 1) How many pairs of exercise shoes should be packed?
- 2) Why should clothes be treated with antimicrobial solution?
- 3) Why do clothes not need to be changed as often on the spacecraft?
- 4) Why do you think the author has used capital letters to say 'NO' on the banned list?
- 5) Name one item that should not be taken on the spacecraft.



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Article from The Morning Universe



To think about while reading:

- 1) What sort of text is this? How do you know?
- 2) Where is the Argo going?
- 3) How long will the journey to Mars take?