



**ALIENS...An Artful Adventure / Lesson in Life Forms
Janet's Planet**

MISSION BRIEFING: Hi Everyone. Have you ever stared at the starry sky and wondered what else might be living out there? Let's use our Imaginations to think what it might be like to live somewhere else in space. Here on Earth we are very lucky to have grass, trees, water, gravity and air to breathe. But, how would a totally different environment affect what a life form might look like? Would we even recognize it as a life form? Does anyone have any ideas?

For every **FEATURE** listed on your paper, **circle one of the choices in each box.** When you are finished, according to your choices **sketch what your Alien might look like** - and **give it a name.** Now it's time to be really creative! Using the materials on the workshop table, you and your imagination are invited to make the Alien you have described. Take your time and do your best, as we would like to take a picture of you and your new extraterrestrial friend. The supplies listed under each feature are only suggestions. Let your imagination decide.

FEATURE	Circle one in each box	Earth animal with that FEATURE
Habitat	Cave Land Water	Like a bat Like a lion Like a fish
Cold blooded	Body temperature adjusts to its environment	Like a lizard
Warm blooded	Constant body temperature	Like You
Body size (Large or small) Plastic bottles, cans Styrofoam shapes Connectors: Glue, wire, rubber bands, scotch tape, duck tape, string Tools: scissors	One pound 50 pounds 200 pounds	Like a mouse Like a bobcat Like an alligator
Body shape Plastic bottles Tubes Styrofoam balls Plastic eggs (heads)	Long and skinny Tall Bulky	Like an eel Like a giraffe Like a hippopotamus
Hard or Soft on the outside? Cotton, foil, hairy yarn, feathers, felt	Hard outer body Hard outer shell Soft outer body Hairy outer body	Like a lobster Like a turtle Like a jellyfish Like a baboon
Kind of skin Felt Shiny gift bags/twist ties	Scaly Smooth Soft	Like a snake Like a slug Like a duck

Leather (brown shelf liner) Sandpaper Glitter	Leathery Rough	Like a cow Like a reptile
Appendages Long pipe cleaners Wooden sticks Twist Ties Q-tips Colored sticks Plain sticks	2 arms, 2 hands No arms, no legs 2 legs 4 legs, 4 hooves (or 4 paws) 8 legs	Like You Like a snake Like You Like a llama (tiger) Like an octopus
Number of eyes Buttons Bottle caps Wiggly eyes Straws for stalks Glue dots	No eyes 2 eyes More than two eyes Eyes on stalks	Blind cavefish Like You Like a spider Like a crab
Ears Pompoms Corks Cotton balls Bottle caps	Ears you can see Ears you can't see (perhaps holes)	Like You Like a mole
Protrusions Clay Corks Straws	Horns Tusks	Like a bull Like an elephant
Plant Eater?	Grind it Cut it Chew it	Like a cow Like a beaver Like a zebra
Predator? (Needs to have claws and sharp teeth) Bent paper clips Pipe cleaners	Chase it Hit it Inject poison into it	Like a leopard Like a hawk Like a scorpion
Moving Around Potholder loops (to hold segments together) or plastic zip ties	Crawls on land Walks on land Wiggles Hops	Like a snail Like a cat Like a caterpillar Like a kangaroo
Protection Toothpicks Q-tips Also need glitter	Spines Runs Away Sprays Hides	Like a porcupine Like an antelope Like a skunk Like a turtle

1. What is your Alien's name?

2. What does it look like? Please make a sketch of your Alien using the choices you have circled above. Color it in if you would like. (Use Crayons or Colored Marker Pens)

3. Take a picture of your Alien and write a story about a day in their life on their planet. Send it to janet@janetsplanet.com along with your picture and Janet will feature you, your alien and your story on her Janet's Planet Space Log (blog!)