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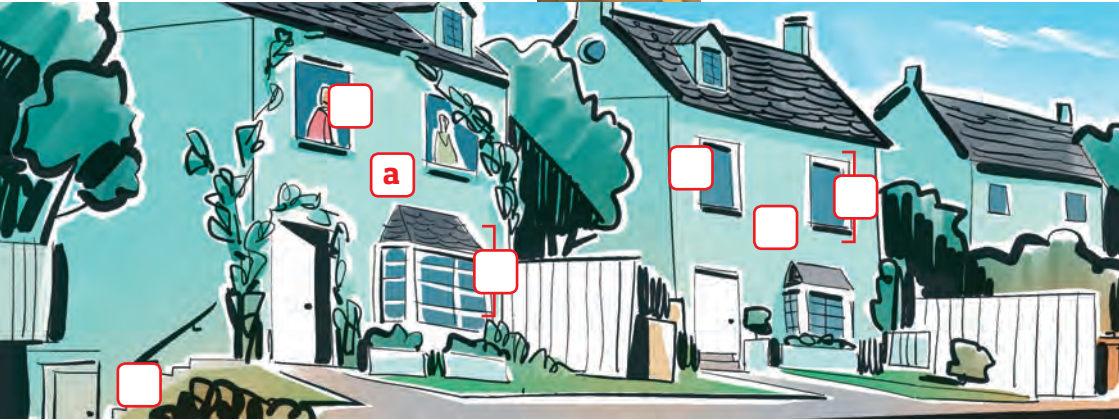


Before Reading



Hi.
My name's Eoin.
This is my world.

- 1  **MP3** This is where I live.
Listen and write the letters
on the picture.



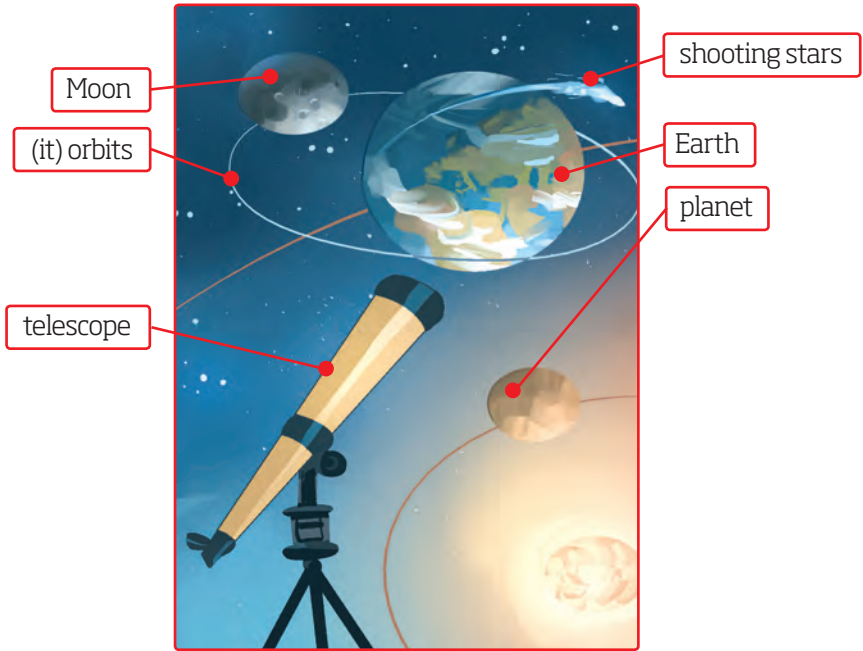
- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| a the house next door | e my room |
| b neighbours | f upstairs |
| c the basement | g downstairs |
| d my house | |

- 2 **What's your house like? Draw a picture below.**
Then write labels like above.

my house

Before Reading


1 I love astronomy. I've got this poster on my bedroom wall. It's cool.



Complete these sentences using the words from the poster.

- a I love looking at the night sky with my
- b We all live on a called
- c The Moon the Earth every 27 days.
- d The isn't a planet. It's a satellite of the Earth.
- e aren't real stars. They're falling meteors.

2  Then listen and check.

3  Can you think of any more space words? Think in groups of 3 or 4.

WELCOME TO MY BLOG!

Posted by Eoin on Thursday

4 Hi. Welcome to my blog. My name's Eoin. It's an Irish name but I'm not from Ireland. I'm from England. I live in a small town in the south of England. My mum says she likes the sound of the name E-O-I-N. She's always saying 'Eoin! Make your bed!' and 'Eoin! Tidy your room!' and 'Eoin!! You're late for school!'

The only other Eoin I know is Eoin Colfer. Eoin Colfer's Irish. He's a writer. He's the author of the Artemis Fowl books. I love those books. I want to be a writer one day. I really enjoy writing. I'm starting this blog so I can write every day.

My other favourite thing is astronomy. I'm mad about space. I've got an amazing telescope and sometimes I spend hours looking at the stars and planets. Do you think there's life on other planets? I do.

My dad doesn't understand astronomy. He says I think too much about life on other planets and not about life on this planet. He usually says it when he sees my school report. The hero of the Artemis Fowl books is a boy genius but I'm not a genius. I'm good at some school subjects. Science is cool. And I'm good at History. But I'm not good at languages or sports.

GLOSSARY

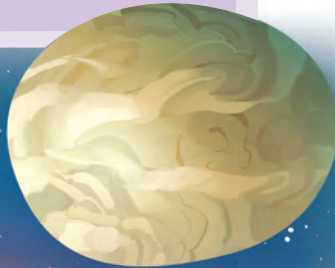
- **blog:** online diary
- **cool:** good
- **I'm mad about:** I like a lot
- **posted:** when you write something on a blog you 'post' it
- **report:** paper with school marks and teacher's comments
- **tidy:** put in order, with everything in place

When we play team[•] sports at school and the team captains choose the people they want in their team, I'm usually the last[•] person they choose.

Don't get the wrong idea! I've got friends. There's Mia and... there's Mia... and don't forget Mia. OK. I haven't got a lot of friends. But I think it's good to have one or two real friends and not hundreds of friends who aren't real. Do you know what I mean?

Friends

What do you think?
Have you got lots of friends?
How many friends have you got?
Who is your best friend?



GLOSSARY

• **last:** final

• **team:** group of people

After Reading

Vocabulary

1 Unscramble the words in the box with the help of their meaning.

- a UCRAFLE** = giving special attention
- b BHRNIGUOE** = someone who lives next door
- c KAERB** = person who makes bread
- d YBSOML** = sign that represents a thing or an idea
- e IIEEBCTRESL** = famous people
- f HOTSU** = speak very loudly
- g EHCCOI** = decision
- h ITPNO** = indicate with one finger
- i AKEBR** = free time between classes

2 Use FIVE of the words in the box to complete the sentences.

report twins twice roll basement rude mind miracle

- a** A paper with school marks and teachers' comments is called a school
- b** A is the underground level of a house.
- c** If one does something, it means one does it two times.
- d** do not always look identical.
- e** A call in a class is when the teacher says the students' names.

3 What is the opposite of the following words?

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| a EMPTY | e DOWNSTAIRS |
| b FIRST | f LONG |
| c SIMILAR | g FAR |
| d WRONG | h DIFFICULT |

After Reading

Cambridge English Exams

K A2 Key English Test Reading and Writing Part 4

1 For each sentence, choose the correct missing word (A, B, or C).

- 1 Hi guys! Welcome my new home!
A in **B** to **C** at
- 2 After a minute, Alex B appears the window.
A at **B** on **C** in
- 3 Mia likes telling me horror stories because I always think they're
A truth **B** true **C** honest
- 4 How does the moon orbit the earth?
A much **B** far **C** often
- 5 How does the moon travel?
A fast **B** much **C** often
- 6 How is the moon from earth?
A far **B** long **C** big
- 7 How does it take to get to the moon?
A much **B** long **C** far
- 8 Who are they? Are they a family? Is anyone my age?
A there **B** here **C** it
- 9 a cool weekend! A new blog, a shooting star, and Mia's smile!
A How **B** What **C** Is
- 10 I don't know called Miracles in England.
A someone **B** no one **C** anyone