
Martian Madness

Reading Comprehension

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Philip had the same martian in every one of his classes. The martian kept using his pencil crayons and sitting on his desk. Philip was sure that he was going crazy.

The martian did not seem to like Philip, even though he knew his name. In his first class, they almost got into a fight over the chair. Philip did not want to fight, so he told the martian that he could just have it. The martian insisted that they share the chair. That is what they did for the rest of the class. It wasn't very comfortable for either of them!

Philip's teachers and friends gave him funny looks all day whenever he tried to talk to the martian. It seemed as though Philip was the only one that could see him. At lunch, the martian ate Philip's tuna sandwich and grapes. Philip continued to get weird looks when he was talking out loud to the martian.

"What do you want?" asked Philip. "My pencil crayons? My desk? My lunch? Why me?"

"No," was the martian's response. "I want your brain."

"My brain? Now that's funny. I've been told that I don't have one!"

Story Questions:

1. In the story, the martian keeps...
 - a. sleeping in Philip's bed.
 - b. sitting at Philip's desk.
 - c. wearing Philip's pants.
 - d. talking to Philip's friends.

2. Which sentence from the story helps you answer the previous question?
 - a. The martian did not seem to like Philip, even though he knew his name.
 - b. I've been told that I don't have one!
 - c. In his first class, they almost got into a fight over the chair.
 - d. Philip continued to get weird looks when he was talking out loud to the martian.

3. What surprised Philip about what the martian wanted from him?
 - a. The martian was afraid of what Philip had.
 - b. There was not enough to go around.
 - c. He didn't want people to think that he was giving it away.
 - d. He wanted something that others thought Philip did not have.

Story Writing

4. **Write** a 7-10 sentence story based on the title below.

The Day My Teacher Was Kidnapped by Aliens

Word Problems

5. **Read** the word problems below and **write** the answers.
 - ★ Mike collects stamps from all over the galaxy. He keeps them in a special book. He keeps 9 stamps on each page. How many pages will he need for 108 stamps?

 - ★ Mike's grandfather sent him an envelope with 342 stamps in it. How many pages of 9 stamps will he be able to fill with those stamps?

Fun Stuff!

6. **Create** your own [cursive art alien](#).