

Charlie's Note: I read this on FredNet and enjoyed the idea so much, I've included it here. While you may not want to do a Telecommunications project, it would still be a great project for your class or to do between classes.

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## Space Alien Writing

The following message came to FrEdMail Hilites from our friend Tom Holloway in the United Kingdom. As you can see, he has received a VERY strange message from somewhere. Please ask your students to reply, and send them to Tom. He will see that our unusual correspondents receive them. Tom says that these visitors will be in this region of the galaxy until the end of April, 1992. Send your correspondence to:

Internet: xuegx@csv.warwick.ac.uk

FrEdMail: ...!sdcoe!bonita!xuegx@csv.warwick.ac.uk

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To: arogers@bonita.cerf.fred.org

From: Tom Holloway <xuegx@csv.warwick.ac.uk>

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The following message appeared recently in my mailbox. It COULD be a joke, but then again maybe it isn't. I intend to take it seriously -- after all, it's SURELY going to happen to us some day and perhaps that day has come.....

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Please, will as many teachers as possible get their students to write something to these visitors? Thank you.

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Tom Holloway  
xuegx@csv.warwick.ac.uk

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calling planet earth  
from space.....  
calling planet earth  
from space...over...

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calling humans on planet  
earth.....calling humans  
on planet earth.....

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can any human read this  
message?.....please  
answer me if you can...  
please answer me.....

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aaaahh! at last! i have hacked into your computer  
system through this strange machine. can you read me  
now? i can see this is some sort of crude  
communication system you use.

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let us introduce ourselves. we are sheroose and  
ali-enn of the [untranslatable] from far-star, and  
this is sheroose who speaks.

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we have been voyaging through space from our far  
star for many years. our mission is to collect  
information on intelligent life. we believe that  
you are the most advanced creatures in this part of  
the galaxy, although still primitive by our  
standards. we are highly intelligent beings.  
please help us by sending all the information you  
can on :-

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1. what sort of creature are you? what do  
you look like?

- how many eyes do you have?
- how many ears do you have?
- how many noses do you have?
- how many mouths do you have?
- how many fins or legs do you have?

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2. which part of your planet do you live in? i can  
see beautiful blues, greens and browns from up here.  
what do the colours mean?

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3. what sort of homes do you live in  
and how many of you live in it?

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and how many of you live in it?

- do you live in a hole or box by yourself?
- are there lots who sit in the same box or tree as you?
- do you all live in a great big hive and take it  
in turns to eat?

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4. are you all equally intelligent? how are you  
programmed? who decides what your program will be?

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5. i detect flashes from your planet which usually  
mean violence, but if you are intelligent then this  
cannot be possible. are you fighting against other  
dangerous animals? if so please describe them to me  
as well.

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please send us an answer on your computer as we are getting very lonely  
up here all by ourselves. just send the message to [xuegx@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:xuegx@warwick.ac.uk)  
and we can read it from there. there is so much we want to know about  
you. please tell us what you can so that our mission is successful.

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your good friend sheros (excuse if I use this machine for 60 more days  
- after that we shall be out of range and must continue our journey).