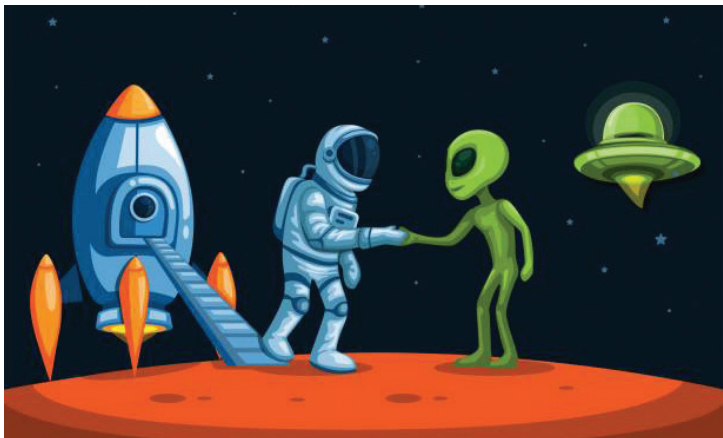


Invisible monster's pull



Short story

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Known for his adventures and explorations, Captain Edmond, the most scatter-brained explorer of Venus was awarded 'Adventurer of the year'. He was proud, and he never felt the need to pause. His next destination was the red planet Mars.

Captain gave the take-off command, and his spaceship 'Venusian Fleet' rose from planet Venus and soared towards Mars. Midway, the spaceship wobbled and gave a terrifying jerk as if someone suddenly had grabbed it and pulled it down.

As the spaceship crash-landed, all of Captain Edmond's team members collapsed. He looked for his

respiration mask but realised he didn't need it. Just then, someone knocked on the spaceship door. Captain Edmond flung the door open only to scream at the sight of a creature with two eyes, legs, hands, and a fluffy thing on its head. The creature blinked and stood gaping for a few minutes. Suddenly, it started moving its mouth and made sounds like a duck with hiccups.

Captain Edmond stood perplexed. Taking out his speech detector device, he heard the creature ask, "What in the cosmos are you?" Captain replied, "I am a space explorer. As we were traveling towards Mars to discover its red secret, a huge invisible force pulled us towards this unknown land, and astonishingly, I'm alive without my respiration mask...?"

The creature laughed, "You have

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landed on planet Earth and the pull of the invisible monster is the Earth's gravitational pull, and you are alive without your mask because Earth has an atmosphere containing oxygen, produced by plants."

Captain Edmond grinned. The 'invisible monster' wasn't scary, it was actually quite impressive. Deciding Mars could wait, he stayed back on Earth to learn more about this fascinating force called gravity. Soon, he teamed up with a human named Newton, occasionally dropping hints (and trying not to laugh when apples fell **dramatically**). To avoid suspicion, he wore a perfectly normal-looking human suit, though he never quite understood why it came with a tag that said, "Dry clean only."

And so, while the world remembers Newton as the man who discovered gravity, somewhere behind the scenes there was Captain Edmond, an alien who quite literally fell for the planet Earth. **GT**

So, what did you learn today?
A new word: Dramatically
Meaning: In a noticeable way

It's Me



KNOW ME

My name: Anaya Bindlish
My Class: P4
My school: AGS Noida
My birthday: April 4

MY FAVOURITES

Teacher: Pooja Parwal ma'am
Subject: Units of Inquiry (UOI)
Friend: Zara
Game: Crossword
Cartoon: Wolfoo
Food: Poori with aloo matar
Mall: Ambience Mall
Book: Let's eat by ourselves

MY DREAMS AND GOALS

Hobby: Art and craft
I like: Collecting shells from the beach
I dislike: Sitting in the car for a long time
My role model: My cousin Miloni
I want to become: A dancer
I want to feature in GT because: It will make me, my family, and my friends feel proud and happy.

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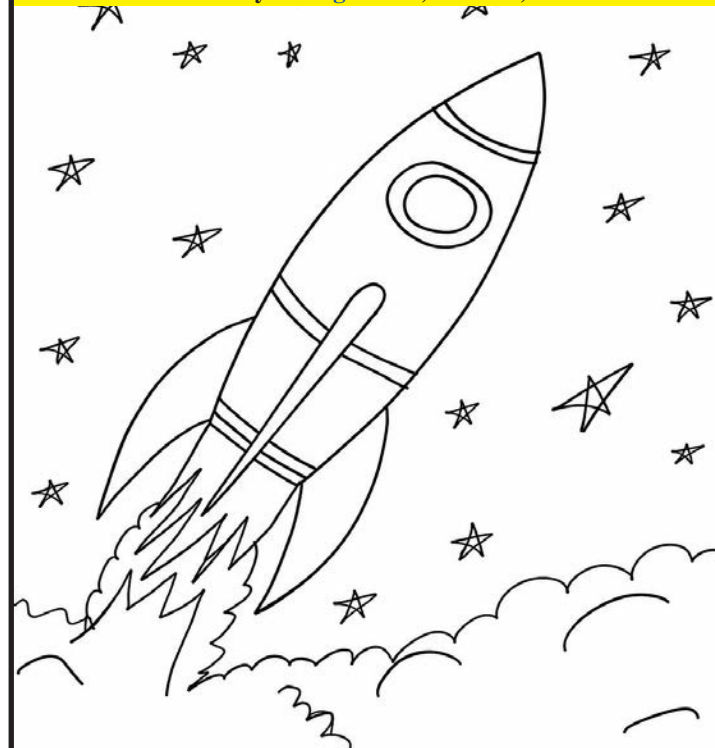
Q.1 What is the genre of the book mentioned on page 3?	Q.2 Name the device depicted in this edition's Advision.	Q.3 Which schools emerged as the winners of Youth Power 2025-26?
Q.4 Who was awarded 'Adventurer of the year' in the short story on page 9?	Q.5 What inspired Varadraj to challenge and provide for himself in the comic on page 8?	Q.6 What was the theme of AIS Gurugram 43's annual day?
Q.7 Who was the chief guest at Youth Power 2025-2026?	Q.8 How many schools participated in Youth Power 2025-26?	Q.9 How many eyelids do owls possess?

Name: Class: School:

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