



**Lesson Plan Title: Alien Drama**

**Concept / Topic To Teach:** Water and How we need it for Everything

**Target audience:** Primary school students 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Class

**General Goal(s):**

Water Awareness and appreciation of how reliant on water we are/the earth is.

**Specific Objectives:**

To think for a moment – what would we do/how would we function without water.

To get the children to outline actions and activities which require water.

**Seven Step Link:**

Curriculum Link, and also

Informing and involving – could be used as an activity during an action day.





### Required Materials:

Essentially all you need is:

A4 printed sheet with the instruction, can be laminated for re-use. (See Sheet attached at end)

You could use props if you wanted to.

**Preparation Level:** Low

**Students' pre-requisite knowledge and skills:** Able to work in Groups and formulate an idea and turn it into a short 5 minute drama/presentation

**Anticipatory Set (Lead-In):** We're going to do an activity that involves working groups – it's really fun and then just explain as outlined below.

### Step-By-Step Procedures:

Explaining:

We are going to imagine that we work as TV producers, and make a TV Advert

This is no ordinary TV advert!

The advert is aimed at encouraging Aliens to visit Planet Earth (or Ireland)

The advert is all about Water

The only snag is ....we have run out of water!

Split everyone in to groups, for example 4 (depends on numbers and time you have)

Give each group the one page handout, and suggest they each take a corner/area of the room to come up with their ideas/rehearse

Give 10 to 15 minutes for preparation



Go around each group once or twice to see how they are getting on.

If they have trouble getting started or getting their head around the task – you could give suggestions – Some children came up with the following:

Chocolate Showers!

No need to wash dishes (then they realized..everything would be dirty – or they would need disposable dishes and then so much rubbish would be created)

One group realized that earth would be like a desert suggested that aliens bring their own water on holidays.

There's so much scope for imagination in this exercise!

When everyone ready/after time is up

Ask each group to act out their advert!

Be surprised at what they come up with, as they can be so imaginative!

**Closure:** Re cap at the end, on what each group was asked to do, pick out one or two things each group came up with and praise them for what they did. Add any points you wish to reinforce on the point of the exercise – i.e. Life with no water – Imagine! Then you could also reinforce the importance of not wasting water and how easy it is to do this.

**Adaptations for students with learning difficulties:**

The activity is done in groups, so hopefully classmates will be aware of the abilities of the group and work accordingly. As groups are working you can go around and see how they are getting on and make suggestions as need be.

**Extensions (for gifted students)**

The activity is done in groups, if one group is ready earlier, just get them to rehearse again and or/chat with them about their idea, and/or ask some questions.

**Possible Connections To Other Subjects:** Could use also for Energy – with the missing item being Electricity!



## ALIEN DRAMA:

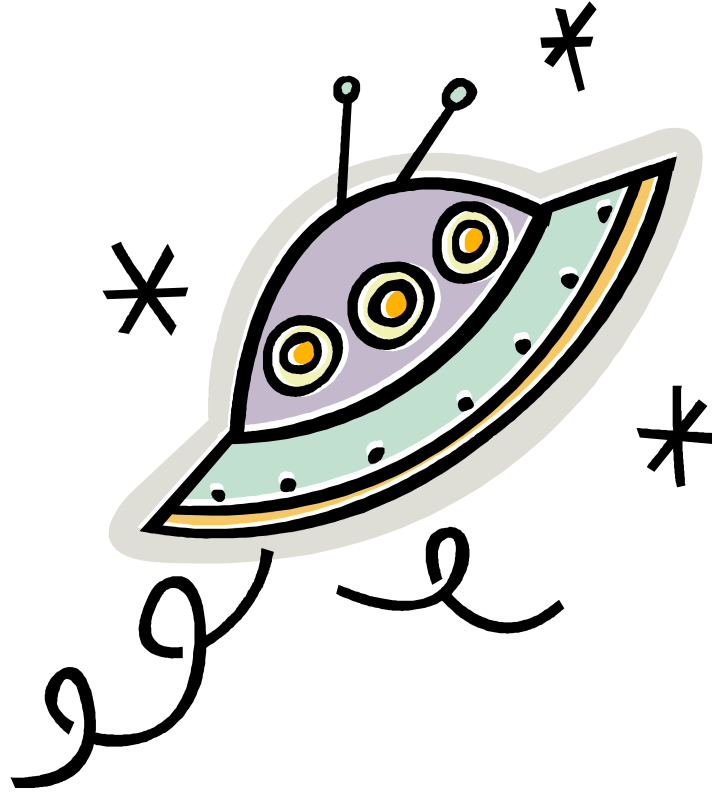


Make A TV advert about water.

The idea is to encourage aliens to visit the earth (Or Ireland).....but the problem is there is no water!

No swimming pools. No Puddles to jump into. No Showers. No fizzy drinks etc.

Are there any good things to advertise?



Some Good Alien Images available in Clip Art and also some Alien/Space Sound Clips.