

Imaginary Planets

An activity of "Why are skies not blue?"

In the article, "Why are skies not blue?", the writer says, "We still have a lot to learn about far-off planets and discovering one with an Earth-like atmosphere that's ripe for life is still many years away." Until we do know more, we can have fun imagining the possibilities. People have long been fascinated with the idea that there may be life on other planets. For example, in the video, *The Planets*, Andy and Sarah Martin created 12 imaginary planets in lively colors with a variety of curious lifeforms roaming them.

- 1. Watch the video *The Planets* twice at: <u>https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=ICm7CWDPXXk</u>
- 2. Give each planet a suitable name.

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2. Pick the five planets that you like the most. Then, jot down points about each one in the table below.

| What is the natural landscape? Who lives there? Describe their buildings. |
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3. Create your own imaginary planet with its own unique landscape, inhabitants, and buildings. On a fresh sheet of paper, draw a picture of it. Write a few words about it: describe its natural landscape, who lives there, and their buildings.