**Magnet Max – Suspense Tale**

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| OPENING  Main character goes on a journey.   * Speech * adverbs | The sun slipped behind the distant hills, painting the mountains red and black. Shadows lengthened, deepening the darkness and the wind whispered through the grass. Wearily, Max and Nick picked up their science kit. It was late and they knew that they would be in trouble, however, holidays only came once a year and they were just so busy searching for objects to attract to their new magnets. “Come on,” mumbled Max, picking up his magnet and turning to go. |
| BUILD UP  Something goes wrong.   * Sentence openers * Simile * adjectives | At that moment, the boys froze. From somewhere overhead they heard a low whirring sound. Half a mile away, a glowing light appeared, casting beams of brilliant light down into the dark trees. The boys turned to stare at each other. They were both thinking the same thing… aliens! Tugging them deeper and deeper into the forest, the strange lights shone down like silvery ropes. Without warning, there was a rush of roaring wind that tore at the trees. Then the lights began to flicker in a mesmerising pattern. |
| PROBLEM  Something bad happens.   * Expanded noun phrases * Subordinating conjunction | Half stumbling, Max and Nick staggered through the thicket and felt themselves being drawn towards the light by a strong force. As they drew closer, they could see that it was an enormous, green spaceship. Crouching behind a bush (hearts thumping), they waited and watched. The ship was larger than a bus. It hovered just above the ground. Lights shimmered and a door opened. Out of the darkness, a shadow began to move… |
| RESOLUTION  The obstacles are overcome.   * Speech * Openers | Twenty-four hours later, Max woke with a start. He looked around to find his belongings but they were nowhere to be seen. At that point, he didn’t realise how much time had passed. He was cold and at first couldn’t remember where he was or what had happened. Beside him, Nick lay curled up. Max stared around him. They were still in the forest and the bushes and grass had been flattened down. “Of course, the spaceship!” shouted Max. |
| ENDING  Main character left wondering what happened.   * Question * Exclamatory sentence | Fortunately, when Max went to bed that night he found it. In his pocket there was a jet black bolt. It was shiny and comforting to hold. He rubbed the smooth surface and as he did so, it began to warm and then it glowed. Strangely, Nick had also found a nail in his pocket. Could this be a present from another world perhaps? What were these things for? Max wasn’t too sure. Did he even want to know! How strange it could be! |