

Description:

Students will learn about mysterious moving objects in the sky. This activity can be done in school or at home.

Recommended Grades:

- 3-5

Materials/Resources:

- UFOs Handout
- Pencil
- Optional: UFOs Spinner Handout
- Glue
- Scissors
- Paper Clip

Objectives:

Students will:

- Give an informed opinion about the UFOs being alien spaceships,
- Sketch one of four common UFO shapes to look like an alien spaceship, and
- Justify different explanations for UFOs.

Classroom Use:

Discuss the activity with the students. Ask them what they know about UFOs. State that the U.S. military was not able to explain 170 new UFO cases in 2022. What might these unidentified flying objects be?

Teacher Directions:

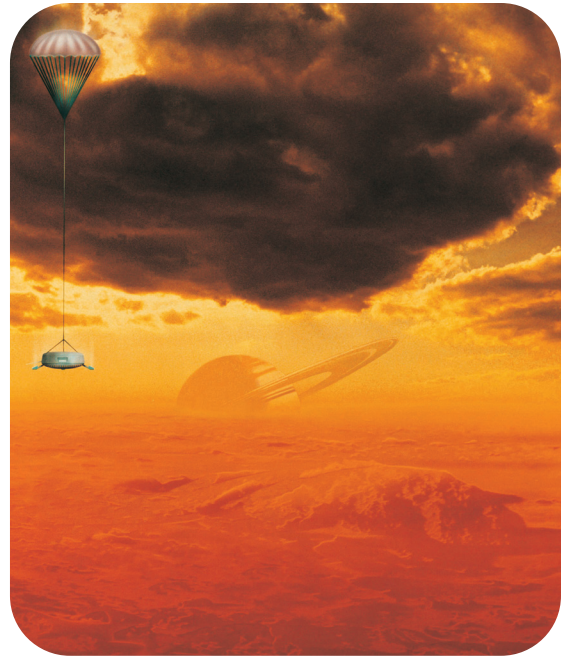
Ask students to read or listen to [Searching for UFOs](#) in Capstone Interactive. They should take notes on possible explanations. Then, go over the handout with the students and answer any questions. Ask students to complete the handout.

Next, make the UFO spinner as a group or individually. Glue the UFO spinner handout to a thin 8.5"x11" sheet of cardboard. Cut out the circle with the explanations.

Use the spinner to ask students about the different explanations. If the spinner falls on Lenticular Clouds, ask how clouds can look like flying saucers. [These clouds are disk shaped. Depending on the angle, they may appear to be a group of flying saucers hovering over an area.]

Extension Activities:

Read or listen to the eBook, [Handbook to UFOs, Crop Circles, and Alien Encounters](#), in Capstone Interactive.

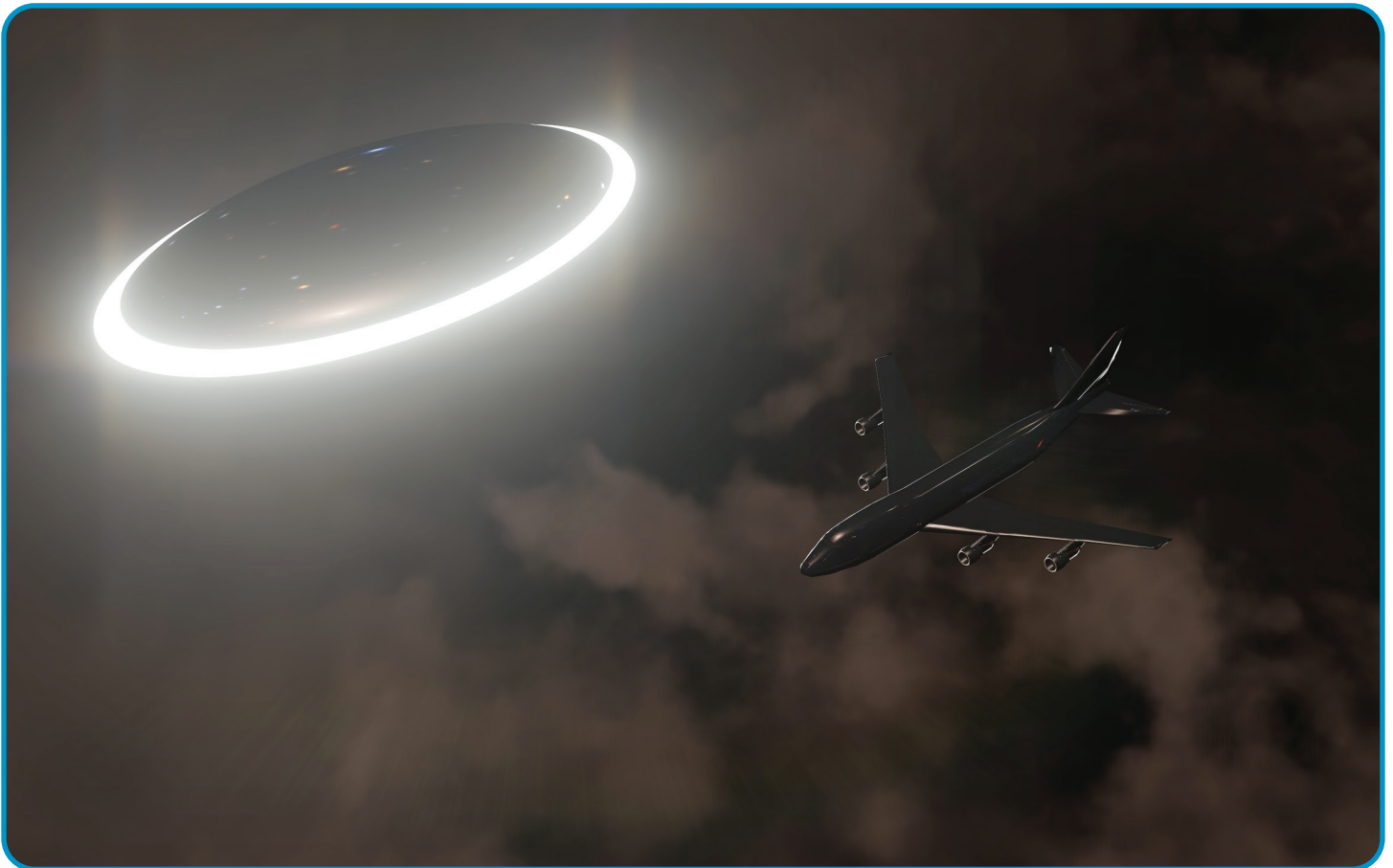


ARE UFOs ALIEN SPACECRAFT?



Name: _____

Teacher: _____



There have been unexplained sightings of strange objects in the sky going back centuries. Are UFOs alien spacecraft?

1. For background, read or listen to [Searching for UFOs](#) in Capstone Interactive.
2. Take notes on the possible explanations for UFOs.
3. Given what you've learned, are UFOs alien spacecraft? Why or why not?

4. Choose a shape on page 15 of [Searching for UFOs](#) (a saucer, cylinder, black triangle, or sphere). Sketch the shape on the back of this sheet and make it look like an alien spaceship.
5. Turn in this sheet to your teacher when finished.

EXPLAIN UFOs

Use the spinner to explain UFOs. Justify the answer using text evidence.

