

Coventry Building Society's Young Writer of the Year competition 2025

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"I came home from school and there was a mystery box at the end of my bed. I couldn't believe what was inside." I took a deep breath and I opened it. I suddenly went through a portal and I was in space! There was nothing I could do so I decided to travel to the moon in my rocket. After 3 days I reached the moon and suddenly I saw something strange in the distance. I was interested in it so I walked up to it.

Once I saw it properly I realised it was a very smooth, white egg but it wasn't cracked. Until I heard a noise and it was the sound of an egg cracking. I quickly hid in a crevice until I saw a creature. It was an alien but it was very cute so I walked up to it and pet it. Suddenly I heard stamping noises from the mother.

There was no where to hide but it was a kind mother. She stood up to me and picked up her baby and said "hello". I asked her a question and this was the question, "how do you escape this place"? She told that I had to go to each planet in the solar system and survive there for one day. For each planet including Pluto. You have to do it before 8 days and the last planet will give you a key to earth and if you need any help call me by using this... speaker.



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Planet 1 was Mercury so I hopped on my rocket and flew through the air to mercury. It looked huge but on my solar system map mercury was very small because it's the smallest planet in the solar system. I landed on there and it was so hot and bright because of the sun. Mercury is the closest planet to the sun and it takes 88 days to do one full orbit. I explored the planet and it was amazing. Once it was night time it was very cold.

Planet 2 was Venus and I got on my rocket and flew to Venus. Next it looked very hot because it was absolutely orange and yellow and red. I landed on Venus but it looked too hot so I made my astronaut suit cold. Once it was night time but it was still hot because it's the hottest planet in the solar system and the 3rd largest planet.

Next was planet Mars. It's the red, rocky planet with many asteroids as it's near the asteroid belt. Then, I went to the huge planet which was "Jupiter". As it is a gas giant planet I couldn't land so I went to Saturn and it was beautiful because of its rings so I took a space walk on the rings to have fun. I then traveled to the ice giant planet which is known as Uranus. I felt absolutely freezing as the whole planet was covered with ice. Neptune was very similar to Uranus except it was smaller. Then I went to the dwarf planet which is smaller than Mars and it's called Pluto.

Finally I traveled to the earth to use the key but suddenly I ran out of fuel so I was falling down but I remembered that the alien said "If you need any help use this speaker." I used the speaker and called the alien so she flew and I hopped on her back and I used the key then I was back in my house.

