

54321 Spellings

caught (v.)	Practise these words for 5 minutes on Monday, 4 minutes on Tuesday etc.
exercise (n./v.)	Remember to use the spelling strategies we have practised e.g.
increase (v.)	-Pyramid words
opposite (adv.)	-Mnemonics (where each letter stands for a word)
regular (adj.)	- 'Look, say, cover, write, check.' - Writing the word in a sentence
women (n.)	- Drawing a box around the word to show the shape - Writing the word out e.g. four times in a row

SPaG Word of the Week

embedded relative clause

(A relative clause which is in the middle of a sentence between punctuation.)

Frank, who was the local postman, enjoyed getting out on his bike from time to time.

Idiom of the Week

to come back down to Earth

(To have to do something boring/not fun
after doing fun things.)

Can you include it in this week's main writing piece?

Embedded Relative Clauses

Where a relative clause is in the middle of a sentence, it is a good idea to use punctuation to demarcate (show) it. It's your choice which one you use!

Commas

The chef, who was very famous, visited our school on Tuesday.

Dashes

The chef - who was very famous - visited our school on Tuesday.

Brackets

The chef (who was very famous) visited our school on Tuesday.

Embedded Relative Clauses

A) Write ONLY the embedded relative clause in each sentence.

- 1) Philip, who runs the local pub, was arrested last night.
- 2) Last July (when we had the party) was the hottest month of the year.

B) Which sentence is correctly punctuated?

- 3) South Africa - where you can see lions - is in the Southern hemisphere.
- 4) South Africa where - you can see lions - is in the Southern hemisphere.

C) Add ,, - - or () to these sentences to make embedded relative clauses.

- 5) The old man whose name was Ernest Merriman ran a marathon.
- 6) The king's crown which was made of tin was dented on the side.

FINISHED: write your own sentence with an embedded relative clause

Embedded Relative Clauses ANSWERS

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Monday 18th January

Learning Objective

Today we are learning about what makes an effective formal letter of application (job application.)

Success Criteria

I will be successful if:

- I can mind map ideas for my own job application.
- I can say what the term 'formal' means.
- I can annotate a model job application (WAGOLL) for features and know what these mean.

Skills Burst

after
before
as
when
although
while
because



Write a subordinate clause sentence for this picture.

e.g. 'Although the children knew the rules, they still misbehaved.'

'Paul stared out of the window before he went to bed.'

Mars Job Application



Our enquiry question for this half term is:
'Is there life on Mars?'

Imagine that NASA are advertising for people to come to Mars to live and work in a space colony with the ultimate aim of discovering if there is actually life on Mars!

Your writing task this week is to apply for one of these jobs and write a formal letter of application.

A letter of application is where you explain why you are the ideal candidate (person) for the job and what skills/talents and experiences you have.

You will really need to sell yourself because there is stiff competition for one of these highly sought-after vacancies on Mars!

Formal Letters

Formal letters are used to write in a professional manner for a specific purpose. For example, a job application. They are formal in tone and follow certain rules in terms of layout and style.

This includes:

- Address
- Date
- Recipient's address
- Closing farewell
- Opening with 'Dear...'

*It is important to know that messages, chats and emails you would send to your friends and family are NOT formal. They are informal and too chatty and familiar for a serious job application.

Useful Job Application Vocabulary

Use a dictionary (paper or online) to look up the meaning of these words.

candidate

position

vacancy

role

advertisement

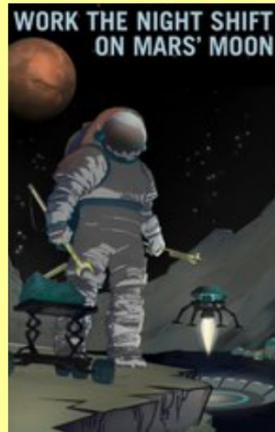
skill

talent

achievement

Mind map ideas of jobs which you could possibly do on the planet Mars. Turn to the next two slides to compare!





Jobs on Mars

Engineer

Mechanic

Scientist

Technician

Teacher

Explorer/Surveyor

Pilot

Farmer

Construction Worker

Base manager

Tour guide



Doctor/Nurse/Dentist

Security guard/soldier/police officer

Can you think of any more?

Which one would you do?

Pre-Teach Words

relevant (adj.) = when something is important/useful to something else

invaluable (adj.) = something you can't do without

material comforts = things that make life a bit easier
(e.g. hot bath, a delicious meal etc.)

renowned (adj.) = famous

harness (v.) = to use/control something for a purpose

prototype (n.) = the first, test version of something

WAGOLL (What a good one looks like)

17 Solar Grove
Yarm
United Kingdom
Planet Earth
20th January 2054

Dear Commander Zenda,

I am writing in response to your advertisement dated 11th January ~~Star~~date, 2054 for the position of 'Chief Night Shift Engineer' on Mars' largest moon (Phobos). Whilst I understand that this is a highly sought-after vacancy, I believe I would be the ideal candidate for this role. Please see below for my relevant skills and talents as well as my previous experience.

First and foremost, I pride myself on being able to master any galactic tool or fix any piece of heavy-duty space machinery (no matter how complicated the apparatus.) This would certainly prove to be invaluable to you if there was a failure with the life-support systems - which sustain 26, 000 people at Lunar Base IV - or if one the Martian Dust Crawler's rotator blades were unexpectedly to malfunction. Furthermore, being an outstanding engineer, I am greatly skilled at Mathematics and could assist the Chief Engineer and Base Commander with all manner of complex calculations - space trajectories, fuel supplies, times - if there was such a need. Finally, I am a very resilient individual and could undoubtedly continue to do my duties in spite of the sub-zero temperatures, punishing gravity and lack of material comforts such as a hot bath and a comfortable bed. In fact, I would welcome the challenges of the expedition to Mars as life here in Yarm has become too predictable and I long to test my limits and my abilities.

I would now like to share with you some of my previous experience in similar, but equally challenging, job roles and also as a renowned engineer. Although I did not begin my career in space, I swiftly realised that this was my passion and I have therefore worked on several long-term engineering projects across the galaxy (and beyond) up to this present day. As a matter of fact, my latest assignment involved working on one of Neptune's fourteen moons - which is called Triton - where myself and my team had the difficult task of harnessing the supreme energy of interstellar light beams. This proved to be exceptionally challenging as these light beams only appear for a nanosecond. However, I was able to modify a particular instrument - that we named the ~~Z~~odex - to complete the task before the deadline. Yet, perhaps my proudest achievement as an engineer was in ~~Star~~date, 2047 when I worked as part of a group of engineers from sixty-three countries to construct the prototype model for a light-speed engine. This project had many obstacles - and it was a far cry from anything else I had tackled previously - but I was determined to see it through until the end and it may allow us to travel further into deep space than ever before.

As you can see Commander Zenda, I possess the necessary skills, talents and experience to carry out the role of 'Chief Night Shift Engineer' on Mars' moon. I trust that you will consider me for this position and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,
Keith Thompson

Use a dictionary to look up the meaning of any unknown words.

Mars Job Application Features

Which genre features can you think of for a job application for the planet Mars? List them below or on the back of the model.

Mars Job Application Features

Annotate (label) the WAGOLL for these features.

Formal language

(e.g. 'While I understand that...')

Modal verbs

(e.g. 'may', 'would')

Skills/talents

Experiences

'Space' vocabulary

Adverbials to link and add ideas

(e.g. 'furthermore', 'however')

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