

# Abschlussprüfung 1998

an den Realschulen in Bayern

ENGLISCH

Aufgabengruppe A

Zu- und Vorname:..... Klasse:.....

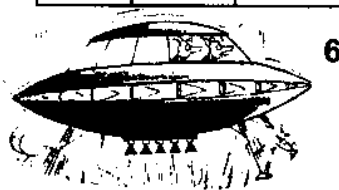
## THE MYSTERY ABOUT UFOs

READ THE TEXT AND DECIDE WHETHER  
THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ARE...

- 1 Jimmy Carter saw the UFO in the morning of 6 January 1969.
- 2 The majority of Americans believe in UFOs.
- 3 The first detailed report about a flying object was published in 1561.
- 4 Kenneth Arnold was the first to use the name *flying saucer*.
- 5 People still don't know what exactly happened near Roswell.
- 6 Scientists have found out that UFOs exist.

true	false	not in the text

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON THE TEXT.  
Write complete sentences.



- 7 Why is Jimmy Carter an important eye-witness of a UFO?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1/1

- 8 How did Jimmy Carter describe the UFO he saw?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2/1

- 9 Why was the story about the Roswell case such a good background for a film?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1/1

- 10 Why do private groups still continue to do research on UFOs?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 1/1



ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS Write full sentences. You may get one extra point for each answer.

11 Do you think that *flying saucers* exist? Give two reasons for your answer.

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2/2

12 Why do you think a lot of people like science fiction films such as *Independence Day*? Give two reasons for your answer.

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+1  
2/2

13 What do you think about expeditions to other planets, like the mission to Mars. Give your opinion in about three sentences.

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+1  
3/3

### VOCABULARY

The following words have various meanings. Which of the meanings given in the dictionary is the one used in the text? Underline the correct German translation.

14 Well, big enough to think that we are not alone. (line 2)

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| <b>well<sup>1</sup></b> [wel] 1. gut;(all) <b>well and good</b> schön und gut;...<br>2. gut, gründlich; <b>shake well</b> kräftig schütteln... | <b>well<sup>2</sup></b> [wel] 1. nun, also (oft <i>unübersetzt</i> ) 2. <b>well, well!</b> na so was! | <b>well<sup>3</sup></b> [wel] 1. gesund; <i>I don't feel well</i> ich fühle mich nicht wohl...2. <i>it's all very well for you to criticize</i> du kannst leicht kritisieren |
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15 ..."moving like a saucer skipping across the water." (line 21)

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| <b>skip</b> [...], <b>skipped, skipped</b><br>1. <i>auf und ab</i> : hüpfen 2. <i>BE</i> seilspringen | 3. <i>übertragen</i> springen ( <i>from one subject to another</i> von einem Thema zum andern)<br>4. überspringen, auslassen ( <i>Kapitel usw.</i> ) | 5. schwänzen ( <i>Unterricht usw.</i> ), ausfallen lassen ( <i>Mahlzeit</i> ) |
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- 1

16 The army claimed it was a weather balloon... (line 25)

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| <b>claim</b> [...], 1. verlangen, fordern 2. ( <i>Unglück</i> ) fordern ( <i>Todesopfer</i> ) | 3. behaupten 4. Anspruch erheben auf | 5. in Anspruch nehmen ( <i>Aufmerksamkeit usw.</i> ) |
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17 If you happen to see a flying saucer... (line 39)

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| <b>happen</b> [...] 1. Geschehen, sich ereignen, passieren; <i>it won't happen again</i> es wird nicht wieder vorkommen; <i>these things do happen</i> das kommt vor | 2. zufällig geschehen, sich zufällig ergeben; <i>do you happen to know him?</i> kennst du ihn zufällig? |
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USE THE WORD *move* IN ONE SENTENCE EACH TO SHOW TWO OF ITS DIFFERENT MEANINGS. Don't copy the text.

- 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/1  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 19 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/1  
\_\_\_\_\_

WHICH WORDS FROM THE TEXT FIT BEST ?

- 20 The Milky Way, our solar system, is part of the \_\_\_\_\_ 1
- 21 The \_\_\_\_\_ is the space around the earth which you can see when you stand outside and look upwards. 1
- 22 The \_\_\_\_\_ is the group of of politicians who lead a country or a state. 1

PARAPHRASE THE UNDERLINED WORDS OR EXPRESSIONS FROM THE TEXT. Do not change the meaning of the sentences.

- 23 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/1  
...could hardly believe his eyes (line 7)
- 24 \_\_\_\_\_ 1/1  
The real facts are anything but obvious, ... (line 27)
- 25 \_\_\_\_\_ 2/1  
...no further studies were needed (line 36)

USE WORDS OF THE SAME FAMILIES AS THE ONES AT THE END OF EACH SENTENCE TO COMPLETE THE SENTENCES.

- 26 A lot of people round the world apply for the \_\_\_\_\_ member (line 7) 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the Lions Club.
- 27 There is still no scientific evidence about the \_\_\_\_\_ exist (line 12) 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ of aliens.
- 28 According to some newspaper reports some aliens suffered \_\_\_\_\_ injured (line 27) 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ when their space ship crashed on a farm.
- 29 Both the media and the army \_\_\_\_\_ report (line 34) 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ about the Roswell incident.

DEFINE THE FOLLOWING EXPRESSIONS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

- 30 mystery (line 1) : \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 31 alien spaceship (line 24) : \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 32 White House (lines 30/31) : \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2  
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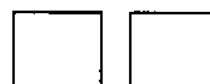


COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TEXT.

Use the correct form of the words in brackets and find words of your own to replace the question marks.

**Carl Sagan, a famous scientist, is still convinced that UFOs exist.**

Even as a child Carl Sagan \_\_\_\_\_ by the night sky. He once 1  
\_\_\_\_\_ 33 (fascinate)  
\_\_\_\_\_ a reporter: "I \_\_\_\_\_ 2  
34 ??? \_\_\_\_\_ 35 (be interested)  
in space since the time I can remember. It seemed a miracle to me when I  
\_\_\_\_\_ that almost every star we can see is a distant sun." 1  
36 (learn)  
When Sagan was 12 years old he \_\_\_\_\_ by his grandfather 1  
37 ???  
what he wanted to be when he \_\_\_\_\_. "An astronomer!" he 1  
38 (grow up)  
replied without \_\_\_\_\_. He entered the University of Chicago 1  
39 (hesitate)  
\_\_\_\_\_ the age of sixteen and turned out to be a \_\_\_\_\_ 2  
40 ??? \_\_\_\_\_ 41 ???  
successful student, \_\_\_\_\_ some \_\_\_\_\_ 2  
42 (make) \_\_\_\_\_ 43 ???  
discoveries about other planets. \_\_\_\_\_ his career he wrote more than 1  
44 ???  
100 articles for science magazines and he also played a \_\_\_\_\_ role in 1  
45 ???  
the NASA space programme. He \_\_\_\_\_ that 2  
46 (believe/strong)  
extraterrestrial life existed but he \_\_\_\_\_ that UFOs could 1  
47 (deny)  
cross light years of distance. "If an \_\_\_\_\_ fast spaceship 1  
48 (extreme)  
\_\_\_\_\_ out ten thousand years ago", Mr Sagan explained, "it \_\_\_\_\_ 1  
49 (start)  
\_\_\_\_\_ only six per cent of the distance of a lightyear till now." 1  
50 (cover)  
Sagan became one of the \_\_\_\_\_ scientists in the world with 1  
51 (popular)  
his 13-part TV series 'Cosmos', \_\_\_\_\_ covered our 15-billion-year history 1  
52 ???  
and was watched by an \_\_\_\_\_ number of 500 million viewers. 1  
53 (estimate)



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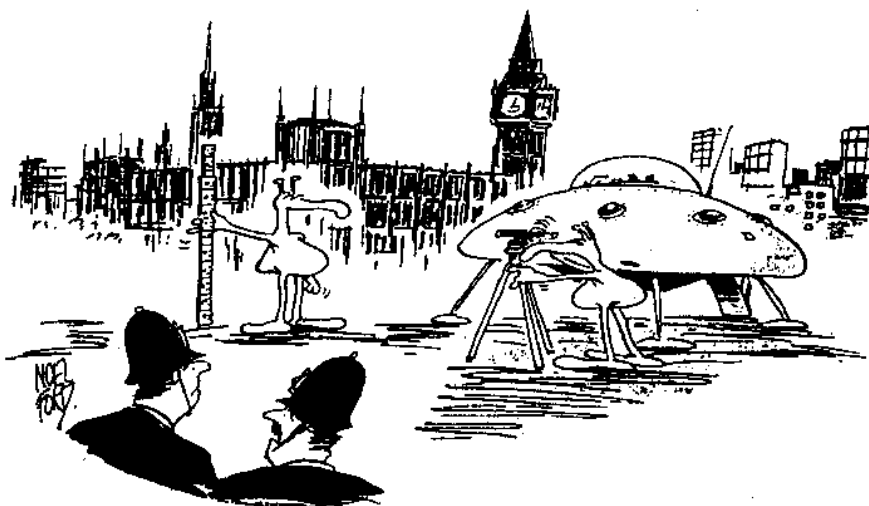
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## GUIDED WRITING

Look at the cartoon and write down the report that one of the policemen gave when he was back at the police station. Don't forget to mention the time (2 points), the place (2 points), what actually happened (4 points) and what he thought and felt (3 points) about this incident. Please find a suitable heading (1 point) and try to connect the sentences in a proper way (2 points).



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WRITING A DIALOGUE

Fifty years after the "Roswell incident" a lot of reporters met at the UFO Encounter Festival in Roswell. A German reporter interviewed Hub Corn, on whose ranch the UFO is said to have come down. Look at the reporter's German notes and write down his questions in English.

55 Reporter: (was genau war passiert?)

" \_\_\_\_\_ " 2

Mr Corn: "In early July, 1947 W.W. Brazel found strange, shiny material on the ground of this ranch."

56 Reporter: (Wer ist Brazel, lebt er noch?)

" \_\_\_\_\_ " 3

Mr Corn: "He was a ranch foreman. No, unfortunately not. I think he died in 1980."

57 Reporter: (wann zuerst darüber berichtet?)

" \_\_\_\_\_ " 3

Mr Corn: "On July 8, 1947 the armed forces issued a news release about the landing of a *flying disk*. But this news was withdrawn the following day."

58 Reporter: (verärgert über so viele Besucher auf Ranch?)

" \_\_\_\_\_ " 3

Mr Corn: "Well, I don't mind. Every visitor has to pay \$ 15 for a viewing. That's not too bad."

TRANSLATE INTO GERMAN.

BUFORA (British UFO Research Association) is the largest UFO group in the U.K. Here are some tips on how to react if you happen to see a UFO.

59 What to do if you see a UFO:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1

60 Scream loudly! This will attract the attention of people around who will wonder what you are shouting about.

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\_\_\_\_\_ 4



61 Point at the UFO and there will be other eye-witnesses to support your story.

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62 You are more likely to be believed later.

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63 Take some pictures. The best ones show background and foreground details.

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64 This will enable you to give a better idea of the size of the UFO.

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65 If you have no camera, draw a sketch of the incident.

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66 Report your experience as soon as possible while your memory of the event is still fresh.

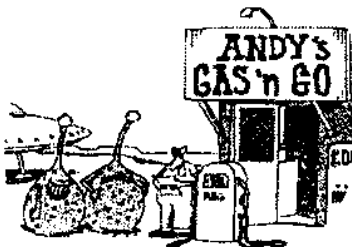
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**Maximum Score: 130 points**

**Good Luck**



First Examiner:

Second Examiner:

TEXT

## The Mystery About UFOs



5 How wide is the universe? Well, big enough to think that we are not alone. But what about the so-called UFOs? Are they real and have they ever landed on earth?

10 On 6 January 1969 Jimmy Carter (the former President of the United States) almost could hardly believe his eyes when he, together with members of the Lions Club in Washington State, watched something in the evening sky they couldn't explain. He remembered later: "The object was about half a kilometer away, it came closer, changed colors and became as big and bright as the moon before it disappeared." Carter thought that he had seen a UFO. He isn't the only one. Well over 50 % of all US citizens believe that unidentified flying objects really exist and most of these people are by no means crazy.

15 Unknown objects have been seen by thousands of people all over the world. Descriptions range from glowing wheels to colored balls of light to cigar- or disk-shaped objects. One of the first well-documented sightings occurred as early as 1561. The expression "flying saucer" was coined almost 400 years later. In 1947, a businessman named Kenneth Arnold told reporters that while flying his private plane near Mount Rainier in Washington he observed nine objects flying in formation and at a speed of more than 2,500 kilometers per hour. Arnold described them as "moving like a saucer skipping across the water." Later, Arnold's description was shortened and people began to call all UFOs "flying saucers".

25 One of the most famous events happened only a fortnight later. The newspapers announced that an "alien spaceship" had crashed on a farm near Roswell (New Mexico). The army claimed it was a weather balloon and the remaining parts were taken to a military base. The media took over and it was stated that the army had even captured injured aliens. The real facts are anything but obvious, even after more than 50 years. Nevertheless, it was good enough for Hollywood to use the story as the background for their best-selling film of all times: *Independence Day*. In this film 30 huge alien spaceships attack the earth and destroy vast areas, including the White House and the Empire State Building. In the end, of course, mankind wins.

35 In the late '40s, the US Air Force began official UFO research and a number of scientists took part in it. Thousands of cases were investigated over a period of more than 20 years. The final report said that the vast majority of these sightings were either natural phenomena or tricks. No evidence of extraterrestrials (E.T.s) was found and it was agreed that no further studies were needed. However, there are still several private groups which doubt that and carry on studying old and new cases. Since the Roswell case they have been convinced that governments know much more than they admit publicly. If you happen to see a flying saucer or if aliens even 40 invite you onto their spaceship for a cup of tea, please send an e-mail to one of the UFO groups. Thanks!