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**Point of View** 

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## Read the poem. Check your understanding by asking yourself how the narrator thinks or feels.

# Aliens!

	While waiting in the car for Mom,
7	Dad says, sounding very profound,
12	"I'm afraid I have to drop a bomb:
20	there are <i>aliens</i> around.
24	We didn't want to tell you boys,
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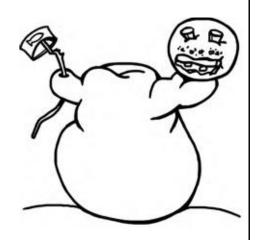
- we thought it might just freak you out. 31 39 I need you to stay calm and keep your poise 49 while I tell you what this is about.
- 57 We taught you not to fear the new. 65 We told you that the world was strange, but what we didn't say to you 73 80 is that we are one end of the range
- 89 of things that folks don't understand. 95 If others knew, they'd make a fuss. And though our lives are pretty bland, 102 the fact is that the aliens are us!" 109
  - Mom opened her door and got inside. I was shocked as we flew into the sky. But Mom was clever enough to say,
- "Did something go down while I was away?" 140

	Words Read	_	Number of Errors	=	Words Correct Score
First Read		-		=	
Second Read		_		=	

We made his eyes out of pudding cups, his mouth from pizza crust. His mustache was tortilla chips we'd pounded into dust.

In his right hand we stuck a broken stick topped by a tuna tin.

His left hand held the head that wore a grim leftover grin.



Answer the questions about the poem.

- 1. How many stanzas does this poem have? How many lines does each stanza have?
- 2. Which lines in the first stanza rhyme?
- 3. What does the poem tell a story about?
- 4. What does the speaker think of the snowman?

### Read the lines of the narrative poem below. Then answer the questions.

# Aliens!

While waiting in the car for Mom, Dad says, sounding very profound, "I'm afraid I have to drop a bomb: there are aliens around.

We didn't want to tell you boys, we thought it might just freak you out. I need you to stay calm and keep your poise while I tell you what this is about.

1.	Find two examples of rhyme in the poem. Write them on the line.
2.	How can you pick out the rhythm in the poem?
3.	Write another stanza for this poem that includes rhythm and rhyme.

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Read each passage. Write the idiom in the passage on the line. Then write the meaning of the idiom.
1. I'm afraid I have to drop a bomb: there are aliens around.
2. We didn't want to tell you boys, we thought it might just freak you out.
3. But Mom was clever enough to say, "Did something go down while I was away?"

A. Read the words with the suffixes -less, -ful, and -ly in the word box. Match each word to the correct meaning below. Write the word on the line. Not all words will be used.

wisely endless	hopeful adorable	finally argument	careless pitiful
1. full of pity		<b>4.</b> in a wise	way
2. in a final way		<b>5.</b> without er	nd
3. without care		<b>6.</b> full of hop	e

B. Read each sentence below. Choose the correct word from the word box to complete each sentence. Write the word on the line. Not all the words will be used. Use a dictionary to check your answers.

thorough	your	scissors	through
sissors	journey	you're	weather
gourney	perswade	persuade	minute

- 1. Mom found \_\_\_\_\_ coat under the bed.
- 2. We will need \_\_\_\_\_ for this art project.
- 3. We did a \_\_\_\_\_ job cleaning the kitchen.
- 4. The speaker told us about her exciting \_\_\_\_\_ to India.
- 5. An advertisement tries to \_\_\_\_\_\_ you to buy something.
- 6. The clock ticked down to the final \_\_\_\_\_ of the game.

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ideas. The that shows	details and examples from a text that support a writer's student who wrote the paragraph below found text evidence how the author uses details to show the narrator's point of some surprising news.
Topic sentence	In "Aliens!," the author uses details to tell how the narrator learned about who he really is. In this poem, the narrator is a young boy. Dad starts to tell
Evidence	him the truth about his family. The narrator says that Dad is profound and serious. Dad explains that
Concluding statement	the brothers should stay calm. The narrator at the end tells us that everyone in their family is an alien as their car takes off into space. The author uses  details about how Dad breaks the news that they are aliens to show that he was shocked and surprised at the end of the poem.

Write about a poem you have read. Find text evidence to show how the author uses what the narrator thinks to share the narrator's point of view.

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A. Read the draft model. Use the questions that follow the draft to help you think about what precise words you can add.

# **Draft Model**

Clowns make me laugh. I like going to the circus. It is funny when lots of clowns get out of a car. One clown is always in the park. He makes balloon animals for all the kids.

- 1. What precise words could be used to help make the draft model clearer for the reader?
- 2. What precise words would help readers visualize the clowns, the car, and the park?
- 3. What adjectives could be used to describe the balloon animals?

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