

## A Day in the Life of ...

Exploring planets is very exciting. Every time I visit a planet, I make sure that I keep my 'Explorer's Log' up to date. It is a bit like a diary and is where I write down what has happened on my visits. Here is my entry from my visit to Zargon 9 in the Joomula System:

Yesterday was the most unbelievable day of exploring yet! It all started when I landed on Zargon 9. It was the first time I had ever visited the Joomula system and I wasn't expecting to see such wonderful sights. Excitedly, I put on my exploring suit and gravity boots because there is only 20% gravity on the planet. I set out at 09.45am space time.

First, I visited the crystal waterfalls and took samples of the purple liquid that cascaded down the falls. After that, I studied the tiny creatures that were teeming through the hard, red soil that covered the landscape. They looked rather like earth spiders but had 12 legs and tiny horns on their heads. Carefully, I scooped up two of them to take back to the ship.

Next, I took measurements of wind speed and recorded a temperature of 1004 degrees around the funnel volcano, which is like a normal volcano but the shape of a tall, slim tube. After the volcano trip, I walked across the bubbling, sludge plains that were covered in green mud. It was easy to walk on but it wobbled and rippled if I went too fast.

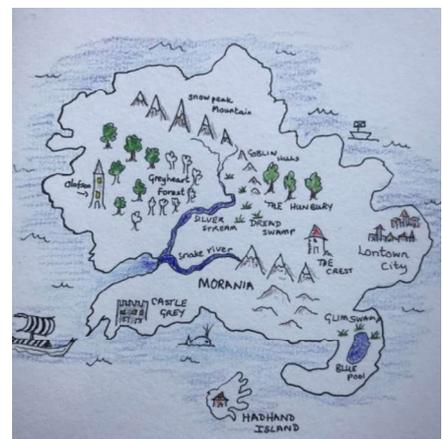
Finally, I headed back to the ship because it was getting late. When I got in, I recorded my findings and stored my samples in the lab. Tomorrow, I will travel to Zargon 10.

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**Creative challenge:** On a separate piece of paper, design Zargon 10. What would you be able to see as you hover over it in a space ship? What special features will it have? Label the map to show what is on this planet. You can use some ideas from Zargon 9 to help you. Try to draw it in the style of this map but make it look much more like an alien planet!



## Your Log

- ★ Now imagine you have explored Zargon 10 and are ready to write your log. Follow the same pattern as me and use this planner to jot down some ideas.

Underlying structure	New Ideas
Intro: state when event happened, sum up day & tell reader something interesting: e.g. <i>Yesterday was amazing. It was the first time ...</i>	Today extraordinary day Only the second time Boogula system exquisite sights
What you did before you set off: e.g. <i>I put on my space boots and ...</i>	Eagerly Air fresh suit and hover boots because there is only 10% oxygen on the planet
Event 1 – what happened? <i>First,</i>	Primarily, I hovered through the green space dust cloud purple liquid= radiation rainbows
Event 2 – what happened? <i>Next,</i>	After a while, I observed the swarm of intergalactic rabbits burrowing under the cosmic apple trees and into the roots Their heads wobbled each time the ate one as it exploded in their mouth.
Event 3 - what happened? <i>After that,</i>	Following that, I entered the anti-gravity swamp the experience was peculiar and sent my head spinning as I twirled and whirled through the atmosphere
Event 4/5/6... – what happened next? <i>After that, Next, Then, ...</i> *Have as many events as you like	In order to understand the orange lava river more, I explored the flow by canoing up it and I took the temperature of the moulten rock, it was 10,999 degrees celcius. My final visit was to the funnel volcanoes which fed the river. I took a sample of the lava to examine later.
Round off your report and tell the reader where you are going next.  <i>Finally,</i>	The radiation from the rainbows make the green space dust cloud extremely toxic. I had to be careful it didn't enter my fresh air suit.  Ultimately, it was time to return to the spaceship. On entering the ship, I recorded my findings