

UFO Alert!

Glossary

Word	Definition
UFO	unidentified flying object
prowl	to move about secretly like a hunter
bugle	a brass instrument like a trumpet

Vocabulary Starter

Word	Definition
frayed	worn thin
Constable	a police officer in a small town or village
speculation	thinking, wondering, or guessing about something
bolted	locked shut with a bolt (metal bar)

1

What kind of report is this?

Newspaper

2

Why do you think this newspaper is called “The Daily Bugle”?

Because it's published every day and it's announcing (trumpeting) the news.

3

Did this event happen in spring, summer, autumn or winter? Give two reasons for your answer.

Winter because the date on the newspaper is December and the eye witness talked about walking their dog in the dark.

4

In paragraph 3, **find and copy one word** that means “puzzled”.

baffled

5

Put ticks in the table to show whether each statement is true or false.

	True	False
Charlie is a dog.	x	
The journalist is called Kevin Chambers.		x
People will listen to the mayor.		x

6

Is Chief Constable Kent expecting Barnstable to be busy tonight?
How do you know?

He does expect to be busy because he has warned spectators to stay away and fears widespread traffic jams.

7

Look at the advertisement. What do you think caused the strange lights above Barnstable? Why do you think this?

I think the lights were caused by the laser show from the grand opening of The Plaza Multi-screen Complex. The article was written on Tuesday and the first night of the show was the night before, Monday, so people wouldn't have seen the lasers before.

8

How long do you think it will take the people of Barnstable to realise their mistake?

Tick one

Half an hour

Half a dozen days

24 hours

x

The month of December

Why do you think they made this mistake in the first place?

I think that most people didn't know about the grand opening and it is surprising to suddenly see strange lights in the sky.

TO MARK YOUR EXTENSION, READ YOUR ANSWERS TO SOMEONE AT HOME AND CHECK THAT THEY MAKE SENSE.

Extension
activity

The inhabitants of Barnstable were on edge on Monday night because _____

The town's Mayor asked people to remain calm but _____

Should people wish to see the show tonight, they ought to leave home early so _____
