

Could there be something out there?



Scientists at the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence Institute (SETI) are on the look out for alien life in the solar system and beyond. SETI Principal

NGK: Hi Cynthia! It must be cool to study UFOs. Why do you believe there are aliens out there?

CP: The universe is a huge place with billions of other galaxies. Each contains billions of stars and each star has up to a dozen planets, so there are many

places where life could exist.

NGK: From your research so far, which planets are most likely to have alien life on them?

CP: Mars, Jupiter's moon Europa, and Saturn's moons Titan and Enceladus are some of the places in the solar system where we think life might be able to exist.

NGK: If extraterrestrial's were trying to communicate with us, what signals would they use?

CP: Searches for alien signals are carried out using radio telescopes because radio waves are easy to send across the huge distances of space. We don't know for sure that ETs would use radio signals, so now we're looking for visible signals too, like beams from a giant alien laser.

NGK: Many UFO sightings are reported every year. What do you think UFOs are?

CP: I think UFO sightings are just that – unidentified flying objects. Surely, if UFOs are landing on Earth, someone would be able to take a good picture or even manage to grab a couple of alien hairs for us to study and prove their story is true!

NGK: If they are out there, what do you

did you know?

The Wow! Signal is a strong signal that was detected during a SETI project. It's the only signal ever received that could have come from extra-terrestrials and not from a human source or from a source within our solar

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5 UFO hot spots

Want to catch site of a UFO? Head to one of these places, known for their extraterrestrial

- 1 Bonnybridge, Scotland
- 2 The Texas Triangle, USA
- 3 Nullabor Plain, Australia
- 4 The Welsh Triangle, Wales
- 5 Laguna Cartagena and the Sierra Bermeja, Puerto Rico



How to survive an alien abduction

Step 1: Are you awake?

Ensure you're not having a bad dream, or that you haven't mistaken your sleep-walking sibling for an out-of-this-world creature – it could happen!

Step 2: Don't panic

OK, we know it's easier said than done, but try to stay calm. If the extraterrestrial biological entity (EBE) senses your fear it might act quickly, giving you less time to think out your escape plan.

Step 3: Control your thoughts

These beings found us first, so they're probably more intelligent than we are, and they could be able to read our thoughts. Try to control what you're thinking, and block out negative

thoughts about boarding the space craft or being probed.

Step 4: Try to communicate verbally

It might be a good idea to ask the EBEs why they're here and what they want. But remember, their response may not be in words you can understand. Pay attention to body language or random thoughts that come into your head... they could be using telepathy.

Step 5: Bust out the moves

If communication fails and it looks like they don't want to be friends, then you'll need to use physical resistance. If they do have eyes, we're guessing it's a good body part to go for – but only as a last resort, of course!

If this all fails and you're abducted, try to enjoy the experience as much as possible – not many people get to ride in a real-life

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