Creative Writing Story Starters: Science Fiction

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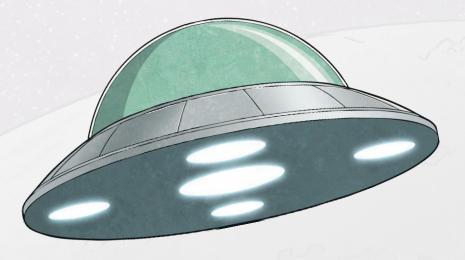


After a harrowing journey, Commander Lork took her first footsteps on the unknown planet. What lay before her looked like nothing that she had ever seen on Earth: a landscape of purple mountains, toxic gas that radiated from every surface and, right under her boots, footprints - large, seven-toed footprints...

The horrified astronaut could hear his quickened breathing echoing loudly in his helmet. He could scarcely believe that he was face to face with an extra-terrestrial being. The horror of the Martian's appearance had shaken him to the core; he stood stockstill, incapable of movement.



After endless months of searching and excavation, Doctor Xenon made an amazing discovery. He held up the mysterious object – would his find finally prove the existence of life elsewhere in the Solar System?



With a blinding flash of light, Professor Scriffle found himself being transported through time to a futuristic land that defied all belief. He felt a bizarre mixture of panic and pride. His Transferotron 4000 had finally proved all his doubters wrong: time travel was indeed possible.

The emergency alarms rang loudly around the spacecraft. The crew looked out of the shuttle window to see an unidentified object approaching them at warp speed. There was no time to change direction and impact was imminent...

- a futuristic or space-themed setting?
- a main character or creature from another world or time (or someone travelling there)?
- a dilemma and a resolution?
- dialogue to create atmosphere and to move on the action?
- characters' feelings being shown to build tension, e.g. his heart thumped, her breathing quickened?
- short, snappy sentences for effect?
- imaginary, futuristic terminology, e.g. robotron, galacto-shoes?

