

# LEXIE MOON

## & the Space Day Disaster

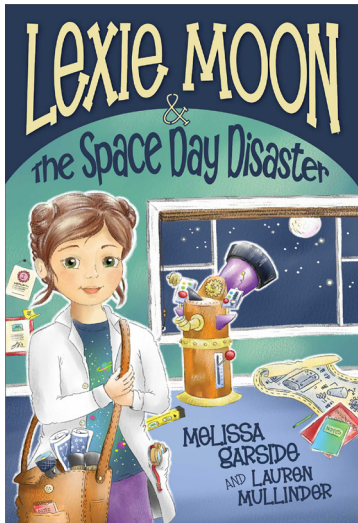


Teaching Resources

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Teaching Resources for Years 1-4

## ABOUT THE BOOK



**Author:** Melissa Garside

**Illustrator:** Lauren Mullinder

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When Lexie Moon joins her school's Stargazing Club, she's surprised to discover they won't be doing any actual stargazing—but what can you expect, when the club meets during the school day?

With Grandad's help, Lexie comes up with a new invention that will let them see the stars in the day, and she gets to work to build it in time for Space Day! It's set to be a huge event with an appearance from popstar Oscar Buzz and millions watching online—and of course, The Stellascope.

The only problem is that the infamous gadget thief, Gizmo Lightfinger, has escaped police custody. He soon takes control of Lexie's invention and threatens to plunge the world into darkness! Lexie has to find a way to stop him, save her invention and turn the sun back on before it is too late. Thankfully, Lexie's has learnt at least one important lesson from Grandad—every problem has a solution, you just have to find it!

**Lexie Moon and the Space Day Disaster is the second standalone book in the Lexie Moon series.**



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Melissa Garside brings together her lifelong love of language with a deep understanding of what children love to read, drawn from her years as a teacher.

Melissa lives south of Sydney with her family, their hilarious golden retriever and some entertaining free-ranging chooks.

When she's not writing or teaching, she enjoys getting her hands dirty in the garden, immersing herself in nature and using her family as guinea pigs for her recipe-free kitchen experiments. Melissa also sheepishly admits to collecting books about words and subscribing to online dictionaries.

Lexie Moon and the Word Burgling Bungle is Melissa's debut junior fiction book.

Find out more about Melissa at: [www.melissagarside.com](http://www.melissagarside.com)

## ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR



Lauren is an illustrator, graphic designer, artist and educator. Based in her home studio in Adelaide, South Australia, Lauren spends her time illustrating children's books, exploring the natural world and developing workshops in art, drawing fundamentals and environment design.

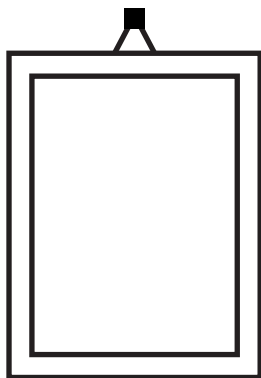
Lauren has illustrated a number of children's books, with her latest junior fiction released in early 2025. With a background in advertising, marketing and graphic design, she has developed graphics for a number of educational publications, programmed marketing campaigns and contributed to a number of commercial projects. She loves visiting schools and running illustration workshops, where children have a hands on experience creating their own designs and characters.

Lauren is currently the Regional Coordinator, South Australia for SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writer's and Illustrators), a member of Adelaide Illustrators and CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) and was previously the Program Manager for Writers SA.

Find out more about Lauren at: [www.laurenmullinder.com](http://www.laurenmullinder.com)

# BUILD YOUR OWN INVENTION STORY

Main character name: \_\_\_\_\_



Main character description:

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Invention name: \_\_\_\_\_

Invention description:

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What goes wrong with the invention? How does it get even worse?



How will your character fix the problem?

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# WORDSEARCH

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N	R	E	G	N	I	F	T	H	G	I	L	S	E	A
S	T	E	L	L	A	S	C	O	P	E	Q	I	L	R
G	O	G	G	L	E	S	W	L	O	P	S	D	E	K
W	D	K	C	U	R	T	S	R	A	T	S	V	O	Y

Can you find all the words from the list?

Astronaut

Goggles

Popcorn

Buzz

Inventor

Popstar

Costume

Lexie

Space

Disaster

Lightfinger

Stargazing

Electronics

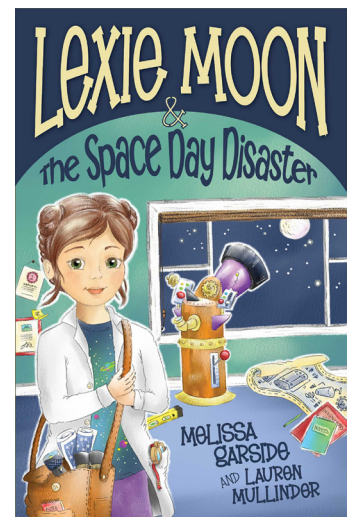
Moon

Stellascop

Gadget

Planet

Yodelling



# COSMIC CATEGORIES!

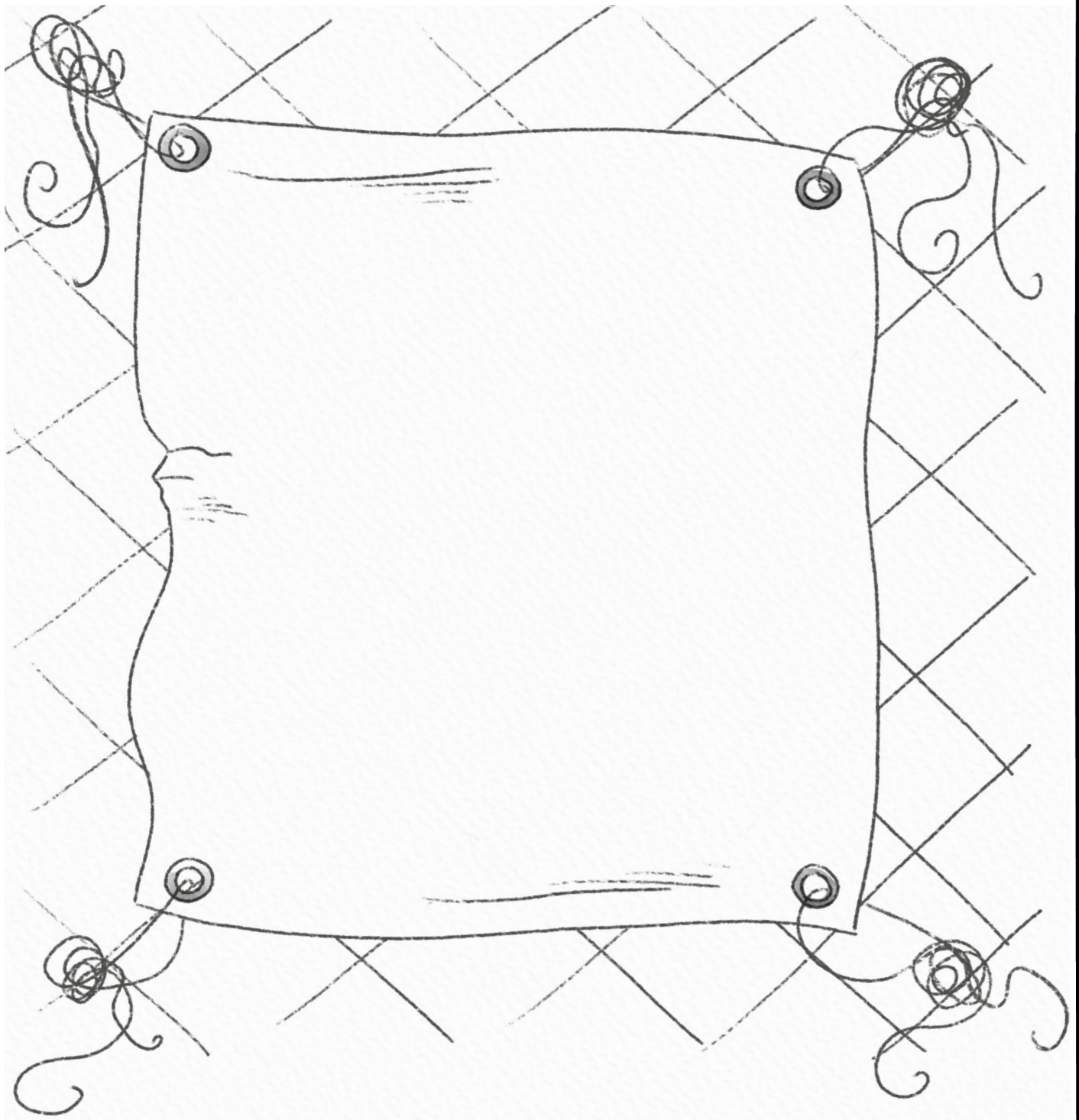
This is a game for 2 or more players and is great for teams!  
One player (or teacher) chooses a letter of the alphabet. Write down all the words you can think of that begin with that letter in each category in 5 minutes.  
After 5 minutes, circle any words that are different to other players'/teams' answers.  
Each circled word scores 1 point. The highest score wins!

Letter: \_\_\_\_\_

Planets	Things you can do in space	Things you can't do in space	Things in the night sky
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Astronaut equipment	Space Jobs	Space transport	Things to take on a trip to space
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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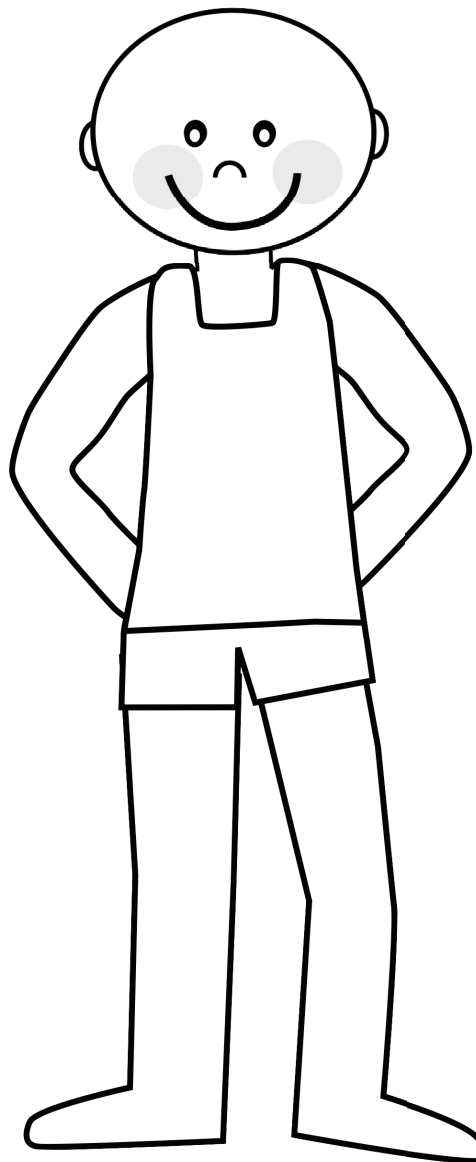
# SPACE DAY POSTER

Imagine your school is having a Space Day.  
Make a poster to advertise it.



# SPACE DAY COSTUME

Create your own A-MAZ-ING costume for Space Day.







## Where does the name come from?

**It is made from rock/gas.** (circle one)

**It is the \_\_\_\_\_ planet from the sun.**

**It has moons.**

**It takes \_\_\_\_\_ days to orbit the sun.**

One day is \_\_\_\_\_ Earth days.

## What is the weather like?

Draw a picture of your planet.



**That's interesting!**

Write down 3 interesting facts about the planet.

1.

2.

3.

What would be the pros and cons of visiting this planet?



PRO



CON

Would you want to visit this planet? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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