

# Alien

## Part A

On p. 260, August talks about a moment from a movie about aliens. This isn't the only time in *Wonder* that aliens or space are mentioned.

Find and note the pages of other times in the book where space, aliens or 'alienation' are mentioned. You can quote short sections of the text or paraphrase them (explain them in your own words). One is done for you.

Page	Example
p. 272	<i>August mentions the David Bowie Song, 'Space Oddity', after he loses his hearing aids and feels out of touch because he can't hear properly.</i>



# Alien Answers

## Part B

On p. 260, August talks about a moment from a movie about aliens. This isn't the only time in *Wonder* that aliens or space are mentioned.

The author mentions the scene from this film deliberately. In this particular part of the movie, aliens communicate with earth through musical notes. It is strange at first, and people are a little scared by it, but the spaceship is teaching humans a new language so that they can communicate better. How is this like August and the people around him? Be as detailed as you can in your answer and give evidence.

### *Example part-answers:*

*August is like an alien in the book. He's different to the other kids and he's treated differently by them. In the book, he's feared by some of the kids in the same way as an alien might be. In the film, the humans look scared by something they've never encountered before.*

*In the film, the space ship teaches the humans a language so they can communicate. In the book, people's encounters with August teach them something new. He makes people change and become more accepting and loving – not just to August but to one another. August changes the whole tone of the school from one dominated by Julian's nastiness to one where people get on with one another and look out for each other.*

*[Many other comparisons can be made.]*

### Challenge Task

Aliens is just one theme from the book. What other themes have you spotted so far in the book? Can you give examples and explain your choices?

*Various answers.*

*Example answer: Growing up is one of the key themes of *Wonder*. We see August being treated with kid gloves by his parents (particularly his mum) at the beginning of the book to becoming independent and successful at the end.*

*Other possible themes: journeys, friendship, bullying, disability, communication, love, family, death.*