

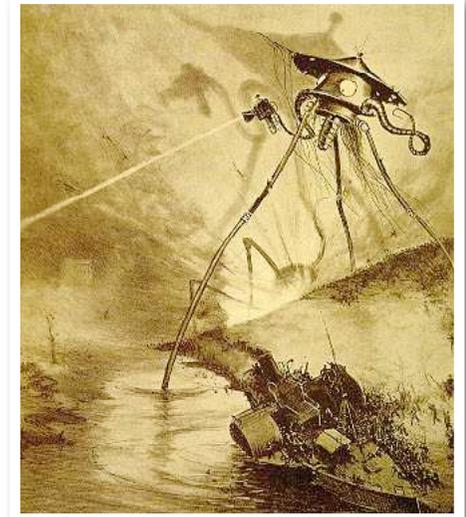
Is this picture from the movie E.T.?

The film ET warmed the hearts of millions of children and adults. It was funny and exciting. And it told a (1)\_\_\_\_\_ story about love and friendship. In one (2)\_\_\_\_\_, ET points his finger to the sky. And he says, "ET phone home." This simple phrase (3)\_\_\_\_\_ us of the most important place in the (4)\_\_\_\_\_ -- home. It also points to big questions. Where is home? Where do we come from? And why are we here?

The word "ET" comes from "extra-terrestrial." "Extra" means outside and "terrestrial" means earth. So an ET comes from outside earth. The film ET is science fiction. But some scientists are looking for real ETs. They want to find (5)\_\_\_\_\_ life outside earth. The movies Contact and 2001: A Space Odyssey tell of the (6)\_\_\_\_\_ for an intelligent ET. In these films, humans make contact with (7)\_\_\_\_\_. But something is wrong here. In reality, we have no (8)\_\_\_\_\_ for intelligent life in space.

But the search goes on. The SETI program is the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence. SETI looks for intelligent (9)\_\_\_\_\_ coming from space. Real SETI scientists look for radio (10)\_\_\_\_\_ from space that show an intelligent (11)\_\_\_\_\_. For example, if a radio

signal shows a (12)\_\_\_\_\_ mathematical problem or grammatical sentence, then it must come from an intelligent (13)\_\_\_\_\_. Scientists are also looking for simple (non-intelligent) life in space and (14)\_\_\_\_\_ planets. They are hopeful. But today, we can only meet intelligent aliens in the movies. And the only place we can find intelligent life is at home -- on (15)\_\_\_\_\_ earth.



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### THINK ABOUT IT

1. The word 'remind' means, (A) to think again, (B) to be delighted, (C) to cause to remember, (D) to feel sorry.
2. 'Source' is another word for (A) the real, (B) a starting point, (C) a drink.
3. The author thinks we have good reasons to believe in ETs. T/F
4. The word 'signal' means (A) fire, (B) sign, (C) stars.
5. What does SETI look for?
6. What are examples of "intelligent code?"

### WORD FOCUS: LIST NEW OR HARD WORDS

verbal

He's a \*\*\* person. He talks a lot.