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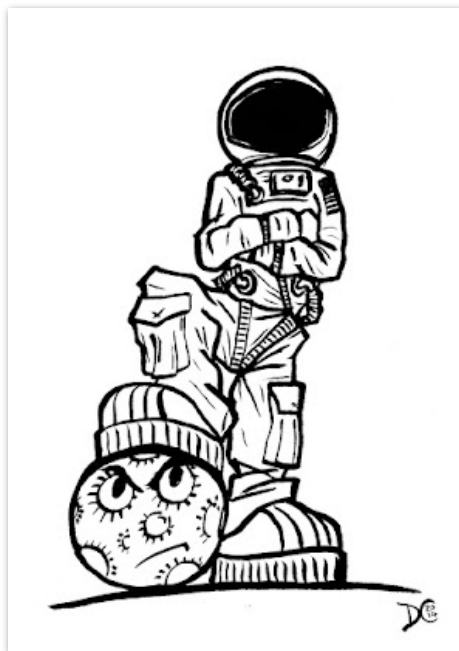
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Writing Prompt – May The Fourth Be With You!

In honour of the day, today's writing prompt challenge is to write a story or draw a comic set in space!



Anybody who has heard me talk will know that one of my earliest ambitions was to be an astronaut. I even wrote to NASA asking how to join. (They wrote back!)

My favourite song was *Space Oddity* by David Bowie and I spent many hours dressed in my makeshift spacesuit and an old crash-helmet, moon-walking round the house.

Anyway, back to the prompt ... This is quite a wide brief – an opportunity for you to *boldly go* where ever your imagination decides to drag you!

However, if the vast expanse of space leaves you feeling overwhelmed, here are a few ideas that might spark something:

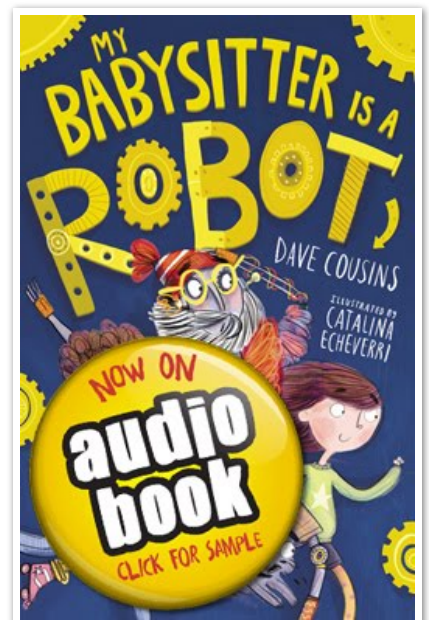
- Your story could be **set in a galaxy faraway** (like Star Wars, Futurama, Final Space ...)
- Imagine it's years into the future – with Earth's resources

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dwindling, humans have begun the **colonisation of another planet** (maybe Mars or the Moon*) *Not actually a planet. What would life be like living in one of these new colonies? A different kind of isolation, perhaps? Your current experiences might be useful here.

– Imagine taking one of the first **tourist flights into space**. Billed as "*The experience of a lifetime!*" But what if something went wrong?

– If you like scary stories, what about a **space monster story**? One of my favourite films is about the crew of space ship who find themselves trapped with an alien on board! Or what about an alien invasion? (To give it a twist, what if humans were the aliens doing the invading!)

– Or maybe you get to live my dream and become an **astronaut**. What would that be like? Again, spending weeks on a space station might have quite a few similarities with your current lockdown isolation – there would certainly be restrictions on going outside!

These are just a few ideas – I'm sure you can think of something much better. There's a LOT of space out there. Have fun with it!

Commencing countdown.

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