

DLR - Artefact 5 (Astronaut doll) Transcript

[Audio: background music, light and upbeat. Person talking to camera.]

(Setting: Warehouse, historical dolls and a doll of an astronaut in a white space suit holding a space helmet in a transparent case.)

(Large sign with text and images:

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Images include: The skeletal jaw of a dinosaur, Lady's Miao Boots (China/Thailand), children reading Viking books and examining ancient Viking pottery, child holding a rock.)

(Adam Bushnell) Hello, my name is Adam Bushnell and I'm an author from County Durham. Today I'm working with Durham Learning Resources using some of their books and their artefacts to inspire creative writing in the classroom. Here we have a doll (a puppet) of an astronaut.

(Action: Adam Bushnell gestures his hands towards the astronaut doll.)

(Adam Bushnell) You can see the American flag on the sleeve just there and you can see the NASA logo that is on this astronaut's space suit. If this was a Russian astronaut, then it would be known as a cosmonaut but because this is an American space explorer then it's an astronaut. Look at all the detail on the suit, look at the detail on the helmet and the gloves and the huge boots. Look at the oxygen tank on the back of it as well. Look at all the detail on this suit and perhaps pause this video and have a little talk with each other. What do you think each of these different features do on this suit.

(Object: Camera zooms in on astronaut suit. The suit is all white with an American flag on the arm; the doll has large blue space boots; the doll is holding a red space helmet; the doll has a white oxygen tank on its back with a large white tube coming out of it.)

(Adam Bushnell) An astronaut suit is designed for survival in the harshest of conditions. Imagine the astronaut was visiting not just somewhere like the Moon but somewhere where there were different planets. I wonder if the suit would need adapting depending on where they are visiting.

(Object: Adam picks up a book from the table which is called 'planets' which shows a large planet on the front cover. Then he shows a book called 'The Moon' which shows a picture of The Moon on the front cover. The camera zooms in on them both.)

(Adam Bushnell) Imagine that they're exploring beyond the stars. How would their suit need to be adapted. Perhaps you could design your own space suit, not just for exploring the Moon but traveling beyond the stars and traveling to different planets.

(Action: Adam Bushnell gestures his hands towards the astronaut doll and then lifts both books- 'Planets' and 'The Stars'.)

(Adam Bushnell) What would your suit look like, what sort of things would you need. Perhaps your suit would look less like this and more like a robotic super suit.

(Object: Adam Bushnell gestures towards the astronaut and then holds up a grey and white toy robot. The camera zooms in on the toy robot.)

(Adam Bushnell) Maybe this would be the kind of suit that you need to design, with all lots of different gadgets all the way around the suit.

(Object: Camera zooms in on the robot's gadgets and buttons.)

(Adam Bushnell) Imagine as well, that you meet aliens. What sort of things will your suit need in order to communicate to talk to different aliens. What would your suit need if you were hoping to bring an alien back to do further study or even have an alien pet. How would you be able to catch your alien.

(Object: Adam Bushnell is holding a book called 'Q Pootle 5 in Space' and has a picture of a spaceship in Space (flying saucer) on the front cover.)

(Adam Bushnell) Can you design a robotic super suit that is meant for space exploration, space travel and space adventure.

(Object: Adam Bushnell places the book down on the table and picks the toy robot up again.)

(Text: Navy Blue Screen with text saying 'Durham Learning Resources' logo and a 'Durham County Council' logo.)