

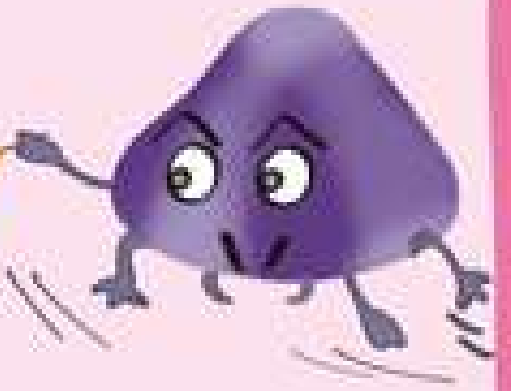
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Dear Rohan




Flying papers, multi colour balloons,
love and laughter, Dance 'n' Shake,
light the candles, cut the cake.
Make it a day, that's simply Great!!!
Happy B'Day..

From
Mamma and Papa



"I wish I could also fly into space and visit other planets," was Rohan's thought when the teacher was telling them facts about the universe. When she gave them the assignment to make a spacecraft, he was really excited. "Get out of the way. The space ship is here," screamed Sameer dashing towards Rohan as soon as the teacher left. "Must be the Martians come to watch the Batman movie," yelled Divya and the whole class laughed.



A girl with dark hair and a pink headband is sitting at a desk, reading an open book. Behind her is a bookshelf filled with books. The scene is brightly lit.

It took all three of them a week to build the spacecraft. The search on the internet for the design, finding the right material, getting it all together took them four days.

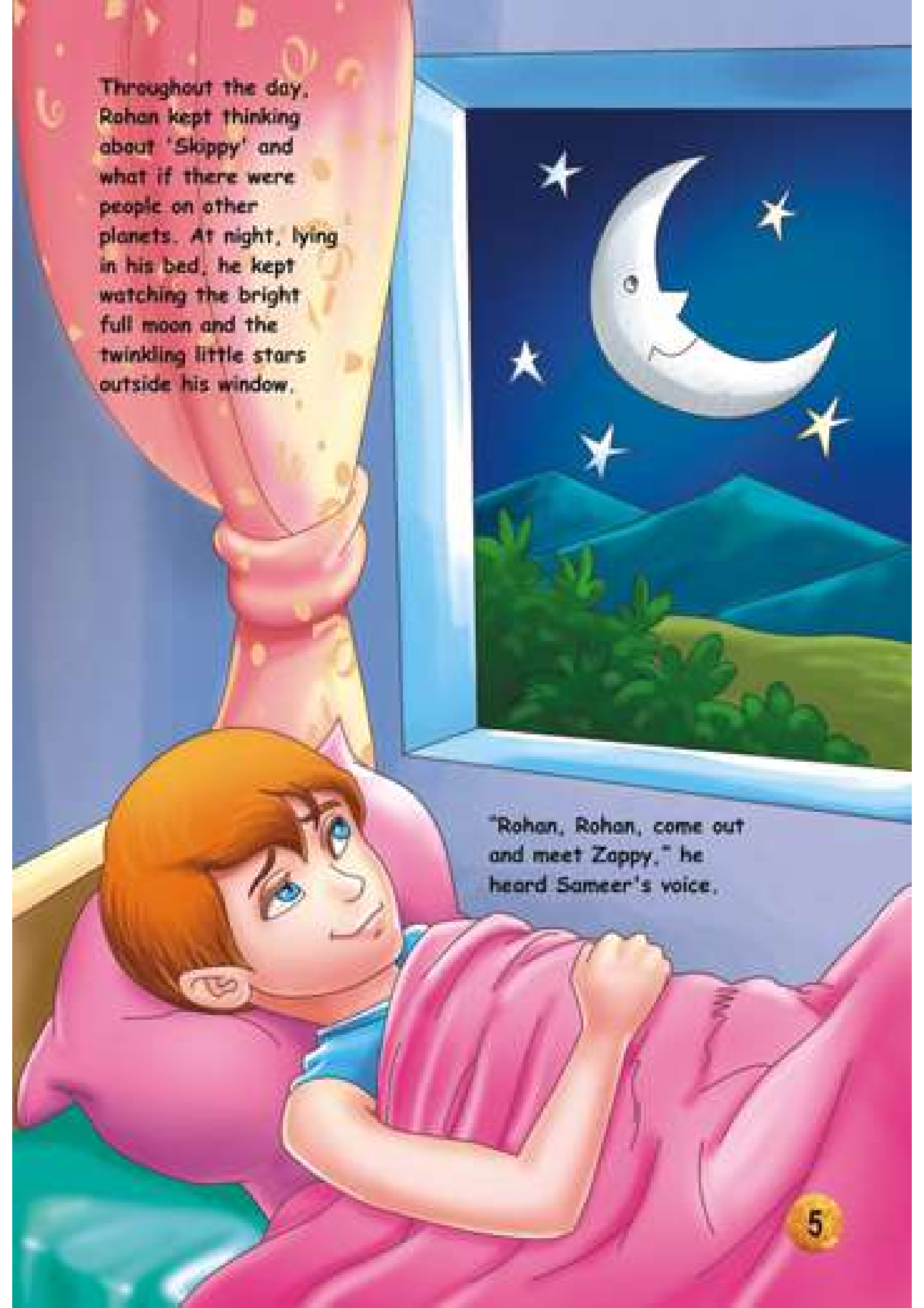


Next three days were spent in the garage building the ship. Their parents were surprised by their energy. Those who always complained "I am bored" had no time to even think of television shows.

And now, as they stood before their own spacecraft, one could see the feeling of pride on their faces. With the last bolt in place, they looked at each other and said, "Ours will be the best model."

"We have to give it a name," Divya implored. After an hour of discussion, they agreed upon 'Skippy'. "It will reach where no other model has reached," said Sameer. They agreed to meet the next morning and together carry 'Skippy' to school.



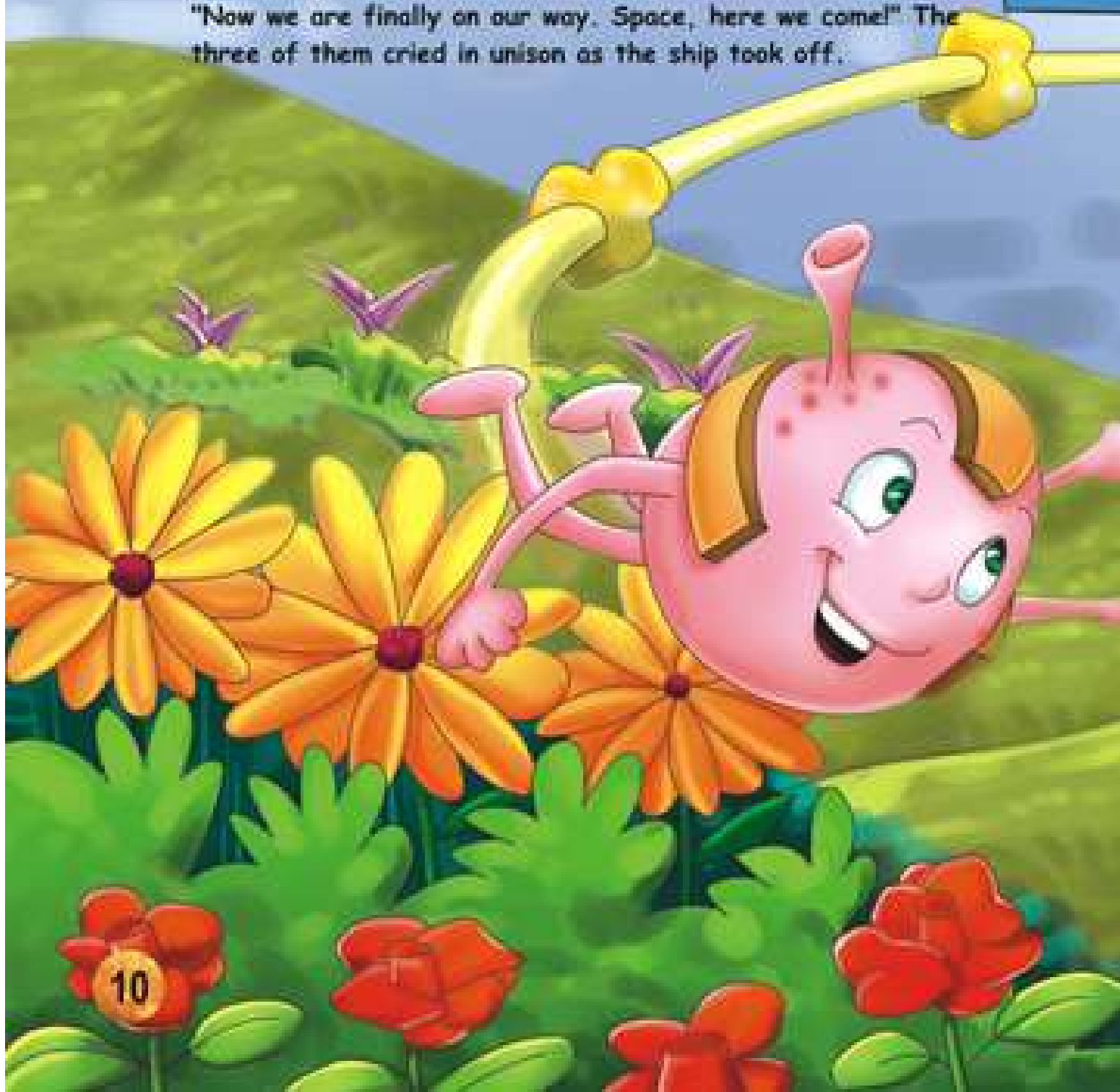



Throughout the day, Rohan kept thinking about 'Skippy' and what if there were people on other planets. At night, lying in his bed, he kept watching the bright full moon and the twinkling little stars outside his window.

"Rohan, Rohan, come out and meet Zappy," he heard Sameer's voice.

To their amazement, Zappy flew to the ship like an arrow. "Yes, we can walk and we can zoom that's why our planet is called Zoom."

Then Zappy clicked his fingers and the door closed. As soon as they heard the click of the lock falling in place, the engine started. "Automatic. You really built a good ship. I will set the coordinates and it will take us to Zoom," boomed Zappy. Now very excited and remembering his lesson in the school, Rohan said, "Can we see all the planets of our solar system, before we go to your home." "No problem, but not too closely," said Zappy ticking away at the control panel. "Now we are finally on our way. Space, here we come!" The three of them cried in unison as the ship took off.





"What a contrast. You are excited about space and I am excited about the flowers," commented Zappy. "I can imagine my parents' delight when I give them this gift."

Rohan sat up in bed rubbing his eyes. It took him some time to realise that he had been dreaming. But this was one dream he would never forget and would always wait for it to come true.



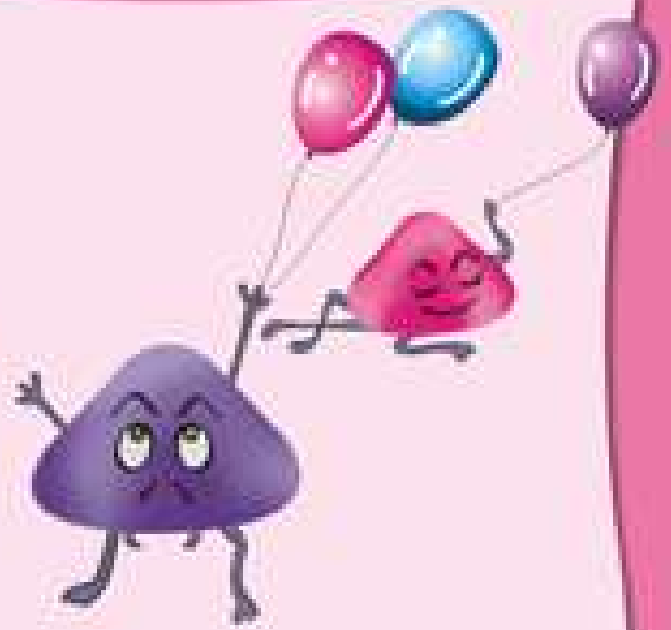
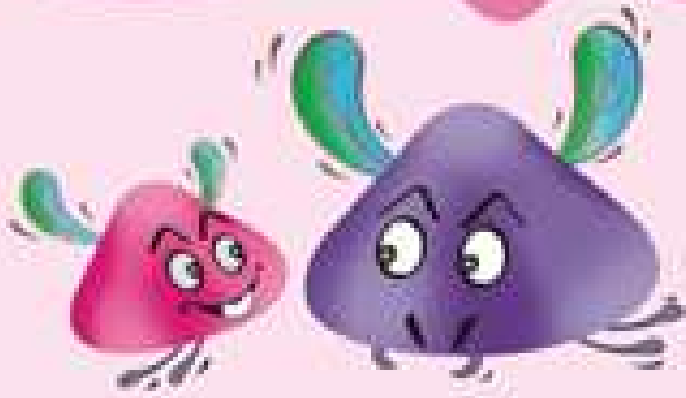
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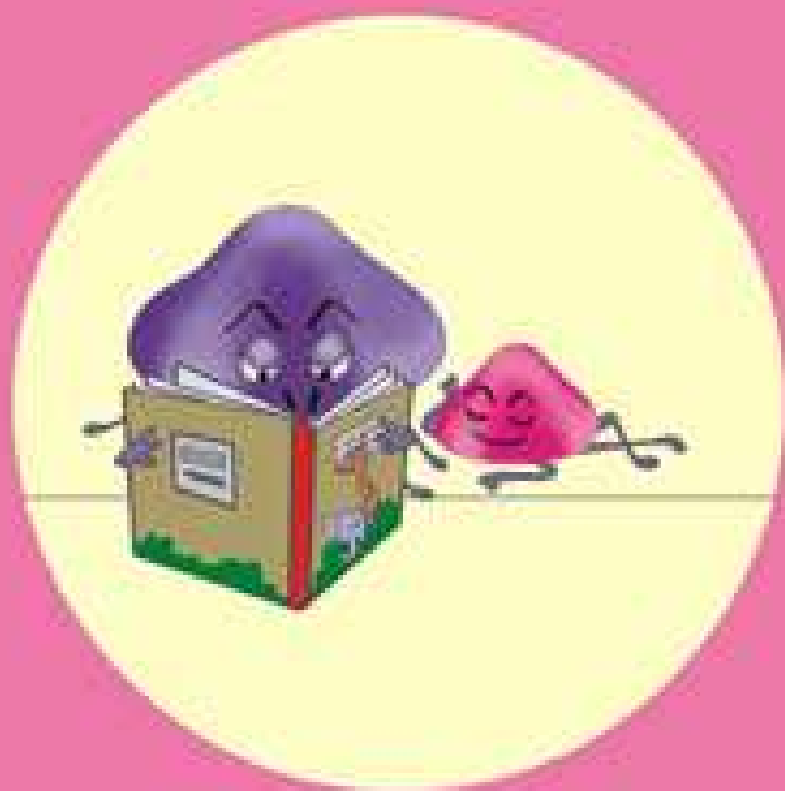
Name the Planets



(Pluto is now considered a dwarf planet.)



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