

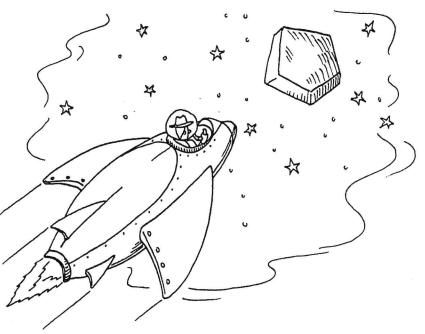
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mono- (monoplane)
bi- (biweekly)
tri- (tricolor)
quad- (quadruplets)
pent- (pentagon)
-age (storage)



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Pentagon Planet



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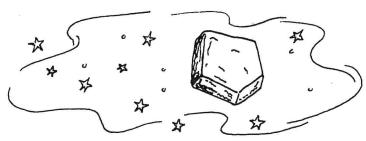
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Jake Cubbage was a salesman. He sold seeds to a far-off village. Jake flew his own monoplane back and forth. The monoplane was small, with one pair of wings. There was room for his baggage in the storage section.

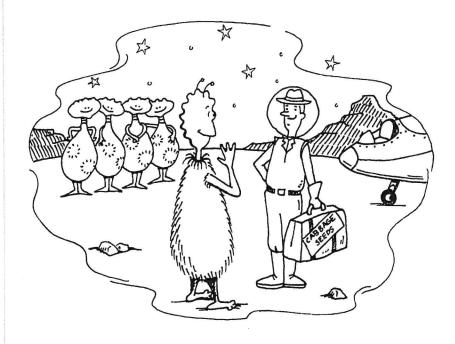
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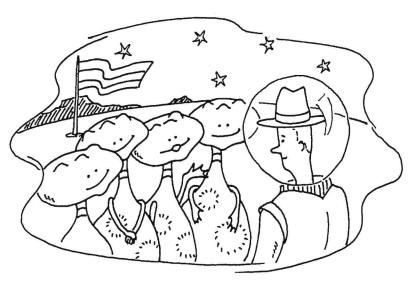


Jake flew to the village twice a week. On one of his biweekly trips, Jake got lost. He could not manage to find his way. Then he saw something that caught his eye.

"What is that five-sided thing?" he exclaimed. "It is shaped like a pentagon! By now, I have a crucial shortage of gas. I must land!"



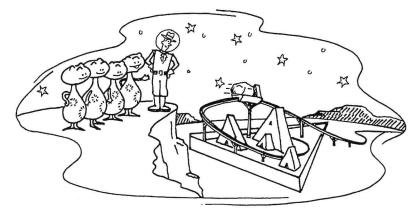
When Jake landed, he saw a strange animal with two feet. "That's a weird biped!" he said. Then Jake saw four little creatures, all just alike.



"Where am I?" Jake asked.

"And who are you?"

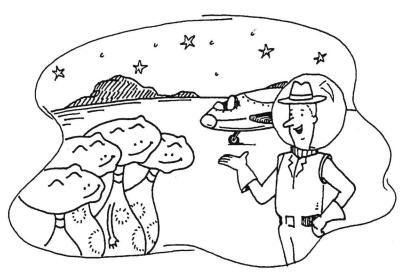
"You are on Pentagon Planet," the creatures said. "That is our tricolor flag. We are the Pentagon quadruplets. We are Quad 1, Quad 2, Quad 3, and Quad 4."



"Are you taking me hostage?" Jake asked.

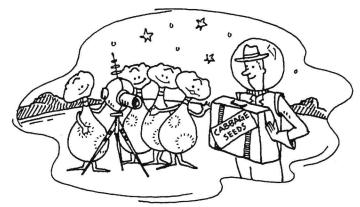
"No," said the quadruplets.

"Pentagon Planet is peaceful and friendly. Here is our village triangle. There is our monorail, which takes away garbage triweekly. There is just one thing Pentagon Planet needs."



"We have a crucial shortage of food," the quadruplets said. "Our plants are all gone."

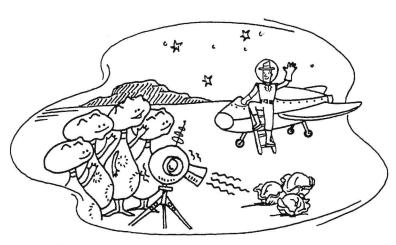
"I have lots of seeds in my monoplane!" said Jake. "However, it will take them some time to grow."



"We have a time machine," said the quadruplets. "We can speed up things on Pentagon Planet."

"We'll plant these cabbage seeds!" said Jake.

"Let's get ready. Put the time machine on the tripod," said the quadruplets.



"The cabbage is growing fast!" said Jake. "Water it biweekly.
Cabbage needs water at least twice a week. Now I must go back to Earth!"

"Come again to Pentagon Planet," said the quadruplets.

The End

Understanding the Story

Questions are to be read aloud by a teacher or parent.

- 1. What kind of plane does Jake Cubbage fly?
- 2. Where does Jake land?
- 3. Who asks Jake for food?
- 4. What does Jake give them?
- 5. What does the time machine do?

Answers: I. a monoplane 2. on Pentagon Planet 3. the quadruplets ${\bf 4}$, cabbage seeds 5. speed up the growing of the seeds

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