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# Mr. Anand has an Adventure

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Mr. Anand liked to walk through the woods near his house.

“Don’t go out in the dark, there may be strange animals there,” his children often warned him. But Mr. Anand never listened to them. “To walk is to find adventure!” he would say.



One day, he found a strange green thing sitting near a fallen tree. He seemed to be crying. "What is wrong, Greeno?" asked Mr. Anand kindly.

"Dru-be-do-bee-oda-bada..." said Greeno, moving his hands wildly and showing a very strange photograph.



This is what Mr. Anand understood: "I fell out of my space-boat and landed on this tree. Will you help me find it please so that I may go home?" Mr. Anand loved adventure. Seeing that Greeno was unable to walk, Mr. Anand carried him and they looked for the space-boat. Mr. Anand also wanted to get back home before dinner time!



Suddenly, Greeno jumped off Mr. Anand's shoulder. "Ukra! Ikkraa! Jong jilly jong!" he shouted skipping towards a strange object. It looked like a tent over a boat. Clever Mr. Anand understood the words as: "Yippee! Here is my space-boat!"



Greeno jumped into the space-boat. Mr. Anand jumped in too, forgetting about his dinner. Suddenly, there was a loud sound, and he saw that the space-boat had lifted off into the sky!  
Mr. Anand loved adventure, but this was really scary – what if his tie got caught in a tree?



Soon, the space-boat was up in the air. “Turra barra! Jungaa! Bongaa!” cried Greeno.

Mr. Anand thought it might mean “Jupiter! Mars! Venus!” but he was not really sure. He was just delighted to be so high in the sky. Maybe, he could pluck a few stars and take them home!

**Dear Reader,**

Do you think Mr. Anand could have plucked stars? Why?

How far away from Earth is the nearest star?

If you were granted a wish to travel anywhere you wanted, where would you choose to go?



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# Mr. Anand has an Adventure

(English)

Mr. Anand loves to go walking in new places. Every outing is an adventure to him. This time he thinks he has learnt a new language. Do you also think so?

This is a Level 2 book for children who recognize familiar words and can read new words with help.



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