

E.T. Makes a Transmitter

- 1- Read the text.
- 2- Give information about each character.
- 3- Find elements in the text which show that one character is totally different.
- 4- Where does the scene take place?
- 5- What are the characters speaking about? What are they doing?
- 6- Did you watch the movie E.T.? Would you like to watch it? Explain why.

"I taught him to talk," said Gertie.

"You spoke to me!" said Elliott happily.

"E.T.' Can you say that? You're E.T."

They heard the telephone. [...] E.T. pointed to the phone, and then to the window.

"What do you mean, E.T.?" Elliott asked.

Again, E.T. pointed to the phone and to the window. Elliott could see the moon outside his bedroom window.

"Phone home."

"You want to... phone home?" Elliott asked.

"E.T. phone home," the extraterrestrial said.

E.T. worked on the inside of the computer. Now it didn't speak in English. It said, "*doopdoople, skiggle*" and "*zlock*," and other strange words. Earth people couldn't understand them. [...]

"Is that your language, E.T.?" they asked him.

"E.T. phone home."

He pointed out the window.

"And they'll come?" Elliott asked.

"Yes," E.T. told them.

But he had to have more things for his transmitter. [...] The boys brought him a lot of different things and E.T. worked very hard. E.T.'s finger got very hot. He touched the record-player and the computer with his hot finger. [...]

Slowly, he built his transmitter. "You have fire in your finger, E.T.!" Elliott said.

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