

Space Animals

Amazing Fact

The list of animals which have been sent into space includes (among others): dogs, monkeys, rats, fish, frogs, snails, wasps, shrimps and jellyfish.

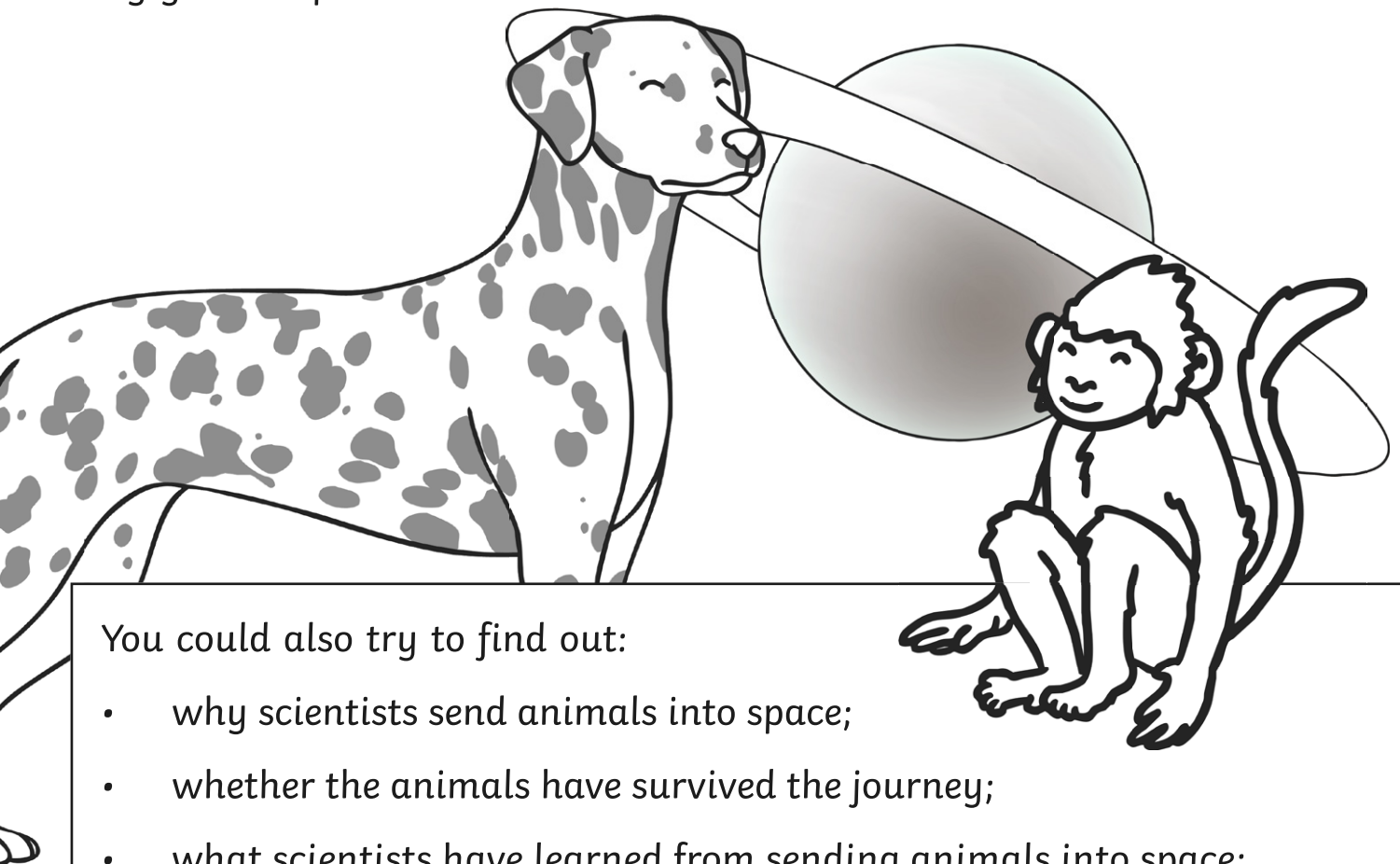
Animals are sent into space to find out what effects there might be on living things in this unknown environment. Some people say these tests are important so that we know if human beings will be safe when they go into space.

Challenge

Other people think it is not fair for the animals to be sent into space because they might die or be harmed by the trip.

What do you think?

Talk to your friend about each other's ideas. Come up with a list of reasons why animals should be sent into space, and another list of reasons why they shouldn't.



You could also try to find out:

- why scientists send animals into space;
- whether the animals have survived the journey;
- what scientists have learned from sending animals into space;
- if there are any plans to send animals to Mars.

Why animals should be sent into space	Why animals shouldn't be sent into space