

'Welcome to Earth' was created and performed by Mahmoud Kafafi, Rida Amouri, Ahmed Afghani, Abdul-Rahman Madi, Ahmed Abboush from Askar Boys UNRWA school, Nablus, Palestine with the support of their teacher Ghada Hamdan. A recording of the play, performed by the actors is available here ... <https://youtu.be/IYZUPddoAK8>



### Activities

- a) If aliens from another planet landed on earth, what things do you think they would find surprising, interesting, unusual, worrying etc about life here? Talk in groups and then create a still image to represent one aspect of life on earth. Show your still image to the rest of the class. Can they interpret which aspect of life on earth you are representing?
- b) Can you translate the following chunks or sentences into English? Write the English equivalent next to each one.

Arabic	Your translation into English	
1) هبطنا بأمان		
2) الكوكب الأزرق الحلو		
3) لازم نلاقى مكان نعيش فيه		
4) كيف هيك صار؟		
5) محدش بيطلع عليهم		
6) في كثير تلوث		
7) الأرض كل مالها بتزيد شوب		
8) ايش لازم نعمل		
9) هنضل هان		
10) صح كلامك		

- c) Now try to find the English equivalent for each chunk in the script on the next page. Did you translate the Arabic chunks in the same way? Write the version from the script in the third column above. Compare it to how you wrote it. Is your version also correct? Check with your teacher.
- d) Practice saying the lines in column three in an appropriate way. Think about where you will pause and which words you will stress the most. Practice saying them to each other in natural/dramatic ways.
- e) Here are all the chunks again this time with just the first letter of each word. Cover up the table above. Can you remember the chunks just by looking at the first letters of each word?
- W l s / t b b p / w s t t f s t l / H c t h ? / N o l a t / T s m p / E i g h / W s w d ? / W w s h / Y r
- f) Work in pairs. Pick two or three of the chunks in the third column and try to write a short dialogue which includes all of them. Perform your dialogue to the other students.
- g) Work in groups of six. Go through the script on the next page with one person reading each of the five characters. The sixth person is the director and helps people say the lines in an appropriate way. Now try to start physicalising it and learning the lines. The director will help you. How would you perform it for an audience- either remotely or face to face?
- h) Now watch the original recording of the play <https://youtu.be/IYZUPddoAK8> . How is it different from your version?

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*[The sound of a space ship as five aliens from space land on Earth]*

**Taro:** Ohhh..we've landed safely!

**All Aliens:** Hey..! Hey!!! *[They hug each other]* Earth.. Earth the beautiful blue planet!!!

**Fin:** And ..now, let's see ..What should we do?

**Bell:** We should try to find somewhere to live!

**Nan:** But where?

**Wim:** Mmm... I think we should look for a good, safe place, my friends. Let's go and look in different places, then meet back here. Everyone can tell us where they went.

**All:** OK, Wim, OK. You're right. *[They give each other a hi-five then fly away]*

*[Soon they appear again, milling about in front of the camera. Finally, they meet back together, looking sad, surprised, most of them disappointed with humans' wrongdoings on Earth]*

**Taro:** There are many wars on Earth. Humans kill each other. They use terrible weapons. These weapons kill many children! How could this happen on Earth?!

**Fin:** I've seen many poor people .. homeless .. looking for food. No one looks at them. There is so much food on Earth, but many people are still hungry!

**Bell:** Well, I was in a big city. There were many cars. They smell so bad. There's so much pollution on Earth.

**Nan:** I don't think humans on Earth are so bad. I'm lucky!! I've seen nice, good people. Farmers grow crops. Teachers teach children at school. Doctors help sick people...

**All:** *[smiling]* Ohhhh!

**Wim:** Well, the weather on Earth is getting worse because of humans' activities. They cut down so many trees. Earth is getting hotter and its ice is melting!

**All:** Ohhhhh, this is so bad ... so dangerous for life on Earth.

**Wim:** So what should we do, my friends? Shall we stay ... or look for life on another planet?

*[They stand in a circle, look at each other and finally raise their hands]*

**All:** Earth is beautiful. We will stay here and make it a better place!  
*[The End (or is it just the Beginning?)]*