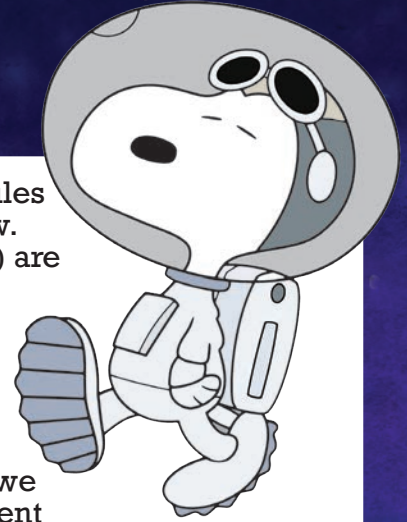


Life As We Know It



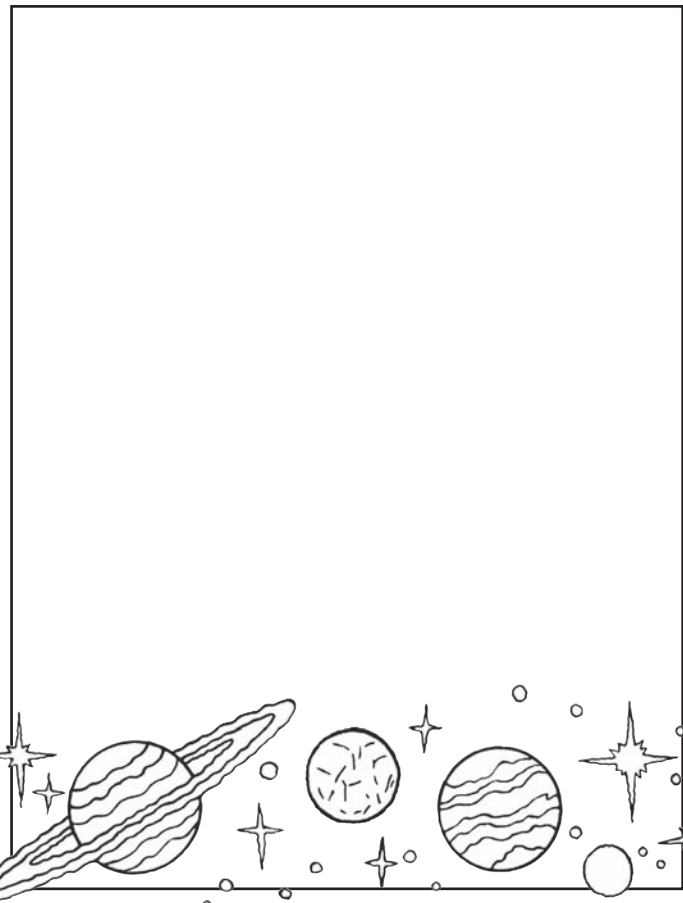
Life as we know it on Earth needs four things to survive — organics (molecules that contain carbon), energy, water, and time to develop and evolve or grow. The scientists at NASA who search for life beyond Earth (even on asteroids!) are called *astrobiologists*. They have begun their search by looking for water on other planets and moons. They know that Mars has water and ice and that on Europa, a moon circling Jupiter, there exists the possibility of oceans beneath the surface ice.

Although most astrobiologists believe that “life as we know it” may exist elsewhere in the universe, they also acknowledge that we may find “life as we don’t know it” — the possibility that life found in space might be quite different from life here on Earth.

In *Snoopy in Space*, Snoopy searches for “life as we don’t know it” on Venus. Imagine that you are a NASA astrobiologist who travels to Venus, just like Snoopy does, and you find “life as we don’t know it” in a cave. Write about your discovery in the form of a news article — complete with an attention-grabbing headline. Use the back of the sheet if you need more room. Then, make a drawing to accompany your article.

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