

Zack Proton Mad Lib

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Without disclosing the story, ask the children to provide the type of words indicated for each blank. Write that word in the blank and read the story aloud using the selected words with hilarious results!

"Leapin' leptons!" Commander Zack Proton cried. "We're all out of _____,
type of food

and I'm so hungry I could eat a/an _____. Let's land this _____
object *vehicle*

on the nearest _____ and get some lunch."
object in space

Just then a _____ light flashed in the cockpit and a siren made a sound like
color

a/an _____ eating _____." "There's no time for
verb ending in -ing *animal*

right now," Omega Chimp said. "A group of _____ is being chased by a/an
plural noun

_____ space _____."
size *creature*

Omega Chimp looked out the windshield. His eyes went as big as _____.
plural noun

"There it is!" he cried. "And it's after us!"

"Red shift!" yelled Zack. "If we don't _____ before that thing reaches
verb

us, it'll _____ us into _____."
verb *plural of something very small*

"Too late!" Omega Chimp screamed. "It's grabbed us with its _____."
body part

"We're doomed," Zack wailed. "We'll be flattened like _____,
plural noun starting with the letter F

beaten _____, smashed like _____!
plural noun starting with the letter B *plural noun starting with the letter S*

"Zack, wake up," Omega Chimp said, throwing a/an _____ at him. "You're
object

having a nightmare."
Zack rolled over and fell out of his _____." "Whew," he said.
piece of furniture

"_____ dreams like that always make me hungry. Do we have any
adjective

_____ on this ship?"
type of food from earlier