The Adventures of the SKANIMALS No. 3

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WHAT CAN IT MEAN?

SQUARE EAR?
Benny Bear
Macy Mouse
Sam Fox
Greta Stork
Wise Lizard Bryan
AT A SCHOOL SOMEWHERE IN THE DESERT

ME TOO!

HEY GUYS LISTEN! A REALLY WEIRD THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY HERE JUST NOW

AND ME!

I WAS JUST WALKING ALONG WHEN ...

ROAR!!

AAAHH!!
IT'S ALIENS! I THINK I GOT FOLLOWED BY A FLYING SAUCER

YES I THINK BENNY'S RIGHT I SAW A WEIRD MESSAGE IN THE SKY

WHAT CAN IT MEAN?

SQUARE EAR?
YEP, IT’S ALIENS!
I FOUND A MAP,
PROBABLY THE
DIRECTIONS TO
THEIR PLANET

HMM, WELL
I DON’T THINK
IT’S ALIENS BUT
I THINK YOU
ALL SAW THE
SAME THING.

THERE! THAT’S WHAT
YOU ALL SAW
AND HEARD

AND TODAY
WE’RE ALL GOING
UP IN IT

TO SEE THE
SKA TELESCOPE
FROM THE AIR
The SKA is a telescope with lots of radio wave receptors. They all look at the same thing from different places. The data is pieced together to give a full picture. Just like this morning, you all saw and heard different things but together you have the big picture.

There are 3000 dishes spread over 3000km in a big spiral. It’ll be the biggest telescope in the world.

Big telescopes are harder to build and steer, so it’s made of lots of smaller ones. To see lots of detail the telescopes need to be spread out.

Who wants to be an astronomer one day and use the SKA?