

Whizziwig - an alien

WHIZZIWIG

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Published in 1995, Whizziwig was a children's serial.

WHIZZIWIG is a small, friendly alien whose space-ship has just crash-landed on Ben's roof. She is described as more 'girl' than 'boy' - but then they don't have girls or boys on their planet. Ben has complained to his Mum and Dad that a small furry thing is bouncing about in his bedroom, but they tell him to lie down and go to sleep. The bouncing continues.

In this scene WHIZZIWIG appears for the first time on top of Ben's wardrobe and insists on introducing herself.

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Whizziwig

My name is Whizziwig. I am sorry if I frightened you. I did not mean to. I would have spoken to you before, but it has taken me this long to learn all the spoken languages on this planet . . . I'm on top of the wardrobe. Can I come down now? (WHIZZIWIG bounces down from the wardrobe and bounces towards Ben's bed) I am an Oricon. What the people on your world would call a wish-giver . . . I was passing your planet four days ago on the way to visit my auntie, when some space debris hit my ship and I had to make an emergency landing on your roof . . . It is still up on your roof. It will have to stay there until I can fix it. (WHIZZIWIG sighs) I have been bouncing around this immediate area ever since I arrived and I have yet to fix a single thing . . . It will take wishes to fix my ship. And I can only fix it by giving people whatever they wish for . . . I can't give you a new bike. (WHIZZIWIG rocks to the left and then to the right) Nope . . . I can only grant wishes if you make a wish for someone else . . . You have to wish almost without realising what you're doing - it has to be unselfish wishing . . . That's the way it works . . . I am an accidental wish-maker . . . There are different types of Oricons. Some make dreams come true, others make daydreams come true, some give you exactly what you want, some give you the exact opposite of what you want. I grant wishes - but only to those who make wishes for someone else . . . that is my job. It is tough, but someone has to do it!