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## My Out-of-This-World Pen Pal

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers may vary, but students could describe feelings of excitement, curiosity, and wonder upon discovering the letter from their alien pen pal. They might mention thoughts of disbelief and anticipation of what their new friend from another world would be like.
2. Emma likely sent Zara a package of Earth snacks to help her feel more at home on Earth and to introduce her to the culture. This act of kindness strengthened their friendship by showing that Emma cared about making Zara feel welcome and comfortable.
3. Emma's friendship with Zara broadened her perspective by exposing her to the wonders of the universe and the value of understanding and friendship across different worlds. She learned that differences could be celebrated and that friendship knows no boundaries.
4. If I were in Emma's shoes, I might ask Zara about the landscape and wildlife on Zephoria, the food they ate, and the customs and traditions of her people. I would be curious about how life on Zephoria compared to life on Earth and what unique experiences Zara had growing up on her planet.

