Instructions

Watch video: https://youtu.be/f8cMjQlfRQ8

1. Please make a copy of the 'Interstellar Message' Google Sheet so that you can edit it: *File > Make a copy*

2. Download a copy of either the "*03 - Black and white*" or the "*04 Colour*" text file from this page, open the file, select all of the text [Ctrl+A] and copy it [Ctrl+C].

*If you're using the black and white message sheet click into the **Black and White** tab, if the colour one use the **Colour** tab.*

3. Put cursor into Cell A1 in your copy of the Google Sheet and paste the text [Ctrl+V] and watch what happens.

4. Once the cells change colour click in the small white rectangle at the top left corner (above the numbers, to the left of the letters). Doing this selects the entire sheet and the column and row headings will be highlighted in blue.

5. Hover the cursor between any two columns until it changes to a double-sided arrow, double-click to force the column width to wrap to the dimensions of the text.

6. Click into any white space and scroll down. Can you see an image? Check the Answer tab(s) to see if it matches.

To reset, put the cursor at the top of Column X and click into it so that the whole column is selected (the letter X at the top of the column will go white with a blue background), use Ctrl+C to copy the selected column. [It's copied to the computer's clipboard but you won't see anything happen].

Click into the letter A at the top of column A (Column A is now selected) and, while holding the cursor down, drag to the right across the other columns up to Column W (All 23 columns are now selected). Use Ctrl+V to paste the copied blank column and overwrite the contents of the cells. *Only the content of the cells are changed, not the presets that makes them change colour.*

Troubleshooting? Use Ctrl+Z to undo (or Ctrl+Y to redo).

To change the colour scheme open the **Black and white** or **Colour** tab then click Format > Conditional formatting.