

Minecraft Alien World Challenge - Elementary Rubric 2026-2027

Criteria	1 - Emerging	2 - Developing	3 - Proficient	4 - Exceeding
Alien Design & Survival	Your alien has a basic design, but it needs more details to show what it needs and how it survives on its planet.	Your alien has some interesting features, and you explain some of what it needs to survive.	Your alien is thoughtfully designed. Its features connect to what it needs to survive and the conditions on its planet.	Your alien is highly creative and detailed. Its features and survival needs are clearly explained and thoughtfully connected to its planet. You submitted a picture of your alien.
Alien World & Civilization	Your world has the beginnings of a civilization, but it needs more features to show how your aliens live.	Your world includes some interesting places and features that show how your aliens live.	Your world is imaginative and clearly shows how your aliens live, work, travel and meet their needs.	Your world is highly imaginative, detailed and unique. Its landscapes, structures and features work together to show a well-developed alien civilization.
Sustainability	Your civilization includes a few ideas for caring for its planet and resources.	Your civilization shows some ways aliens use resources carefully and use other elements like solar panels, wind turbines, and water recycling.	Your civilization clearly shows several ways the aliens use resources responsibly and protect their planet. Your civilization uses advanced self-sustaining features, like solar and wind energy, composting, and water conservation plus a food source for guests.	Your civilization is an outstanding model of sustainability using features like solar energy, wind power, rainwater harvesting, and zero-waste practices. You show innovation and creativity in your features that promote sustainability.
Accessibility	Some human visitors would have difficulty getting around or taking part in the tour.	Your world has some basic features, like ramps or elevators, but some areas are still hard to access. It doesn't fully consider things for people with different needs. More effort is needed to make it easy for everyone to use.	Your tour includes many features that allow people with different abilities to safely explore like ramps, elevators, wide doorways and clear signs. Humans can enjoy the alien world.	Your tour is thoughtfully designed so everyone can participate and explore. You consider different mobility, sensory and communication needs in creative ways.
Human Visitor Experience	Humans would have difficulty safely visiting your planet. More changes are needed to meet their needs.	You have made some changes to help humans visit, but some of their needs or safety concerns are not yet addressed.	Humans can safely visit and tour your planet. You have considered needs such as air, food, water, shelter, transportation, and protection from the environment.	You have created an imaginative and thoughtful visitor experience. Humans can safely explore while the alien environment and civilization are respected and protected.
Sharing Your Ideas (Oral Presentation)	You give a basic explanation of your alien and world. Your video walkthrough could include more details.	You explain your alien world and give a clear video tour showing some important features.	You clearly and enthusiastically explain your alien, its survival needs and civilization. Your walkthrough shows the important features of your world and human tour.	Your presentation is exceptionally clear, creative and engaging. Your video tour brings your alien world to life and thoroughly explains your alien, civilization, sustainability, accessibility and visitor experience.