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## **Level 5**

# **Moon vacations possible by 2024**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141002-travel.html>

A price comparison website for flights, hotels and car hire has made some bold predictions for what travel will be like in a decade from now. Perhaps the most exciting destination for 2024 holidaymakers is a trip to the Moon or a stay in space. The site, Skyscanner.com, released a report called 'The Future of Travel 2024'. It outlines a series of previously unimaginable vacation choices for travellers who want thrills, and for and those who just want to travel more quickly. The report is the joint work of travel experts and international technology experts.

Holidays in space are the most spectacular of the predictions. The report says: "Space travel will be the next hot ticket, and commercial companies are lining up to make it more affordable." Virgin Galactic is already accepting bookings for flights to space. A round trip costs \$250,000. There will also be a big increase in the number of underwater hotel rooms. These will become common holiday choices. Other things to look forward to include timesaving supersonic airplanes and the start of "danger-zone" tourism. There will also be high-tech shopping and dining.

Sources: <http://www.skyscanner2024.com/resources/screenshots/futureairport-digitalwall-low.jpg>  
<http://www.foxnews.com/travel/2014/09/29/new-travel-report-says-well-be-vacationing-on-moon-by-2024/>  
<http://www.theguardian.com/travel/2014/sep/29/predicting-future-of-travel-holidays>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141002-travel.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A price                       | a. travel more quickly |
| 2. made some bold                | b. in space            |
| 3. what travel will be like in a | c. thrills             |
| 4. a stay                        | d. comparison website  |
| 5. previously                    | e. experts             |
| 6. travellers who want           | f. predictions         |
| 7. those who just want to        | g. unimaginable        |
| 8. technology                    | h. decade from now     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Space travel will be the next              | a. tourism              |
| 2. make it more                               | b. hot ticket           |
| 3. A round                                    | c. forward to           |
| 4. a big increase in the number of underwater | d. and dining           |
| 5. other things to look                       | e. affordable           |
| 6. supersonic                                 | f. trip costs \$250,000 |
| 7. the start of "danger-zone"                 | g. airplanes            |
| 8. high-tech shopping                         | h. hotel rooms          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# TRAVEL SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1410/141002-travel.html>

Write five GOOD questions about travel in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

