

Japan tycoon needs "life partner" for moon visit

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People often say, "I love you to the moon and back" to tell someone special how strong their love is. A Japanese billionaire will go to the moon and back with his love. The only problem is that he doesn't yet have a love. Yusaku Maezawa, 44, is

looking for a "special someone" to join him on a trip to the moon in 2023. Mr Maezawa made his billions from his fashion company Zozo Inc. He has paid to be the very first private passenger to fly to the moon. He will be the first customer of Elon Musk's space travel company SpaceX. He will be the universe's first space tourist. However, he does not want to go on his own. He said he wants to "visit such a special place with someone special".

Mr Maezawa has created a television documentary to look for a female friend to fly into space with. The documentary is called "Full Moon Lovers". On a website for the TV show, he wrote: "I'm 44 now. As feelings of loneliness and emptiness slowly begin to come to me, there's one thing that I think about - continuing to love one woman. I want to find a 'life partner'. With that future partner of mine, I want to shout our love and shout for world peace from outer space." Maezawa's ideal candidate is aged 20 or above, single, and must be "always positive". She must also be interested in going into space. He tweeted: "Wanted! Why not be the 'first woman' to travel to the moon?"

Sources:

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Writing

Flying to the moon would be life's greatest adventure. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

often / I love you / special / trip / moon / fashion / passenger / universe / tourist / documentary / female / space / loneliness / life partner / peace / ideal / single / first

True / False

- a) A rich man wants people to love each other to the moon and back. T / F
- b) The billionaire in the article has many lovers. T / F
- c) The man wants to go to the moon with a woman in 2023. T / F
- d) The man will be the world's first ever space tourist. T / F
- e) The man made a documentary to try and find a special person. T / F
- f) The man said he is slowly feeling lonely and empty. T / F
- g) The man wants to find a woman who is at least 20 years old. T / F
- h) The man's ideal candidate doesn't have to be interested in space. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. often | a. isolation |
| 2. special | b. traveller |
| 3. yet | c. hoped for |
| 4. passenger | d. programme |
| 5. on his own | e. exceptional |
| 6. documentary | f. alone |
| 7. loneliness | g. optimistic |
| 8. candidate | h. frequently |
| 9. positive | i. applicant |
| 10. wanted | j. until now |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) What advice do you have for Mr Maezawa about finding his love?
- c) When have you felt lonely or empty?
- d) Why are you a great life partner?
- e) What kind of person is your ideal life partner?
- f) How interested are you in space?
- g) What is the best way to show love to someone special?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Mr Maezawa?

Phrase Match

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| 1. I love you to the moon | a. from his fashion company |
| 2. how strong their | b. in going into space |
| 3. join him on a | c. documentary |
| 4. Maezawa made his billions | d. is aged 20 or above |
| 5. He will be the universe's | e. love is |
| 6. a television | f. outer space |
| 7. feelings of loneliness | g. and back |
| 8. shout for world peace from | h. and emptiness |
| 9. Maezawa's ideal candidate | i. trip to the moon |
| 10. She must also be interested | j. first space tourist |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think of the phrase 'I love you to the moon and back'?
- Who do you love to the moon and back?
- What would you do if you were a billionaire?
- How strong is your love?
- How special are you?
- How would you feel about flying to the moon?
- How good is going to the moon for a first date?
- Where is the best place to go on a special date?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. d	7. a	8. i	9. g	10. c

Role Play

Role A – Money

You think money is the most important thing for a life partner to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): humour, good looks or intelligence.

Role B – Humour

You think humour is the most important thing for a life partner to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): money, good looks or intelligence.

Role C – Good Looks

You think good looks is the most important thing for a life partner to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): humour, money or intelligence.

Role D – Intelligence

You think intelligence is the most important thing for a life partner to have. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): humour, good looks or money.

Speaking – Life Partner

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things for a life partner to have at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • money | • kindness |
| • dreams | • good looks |
| • energy | • a good body |
| • humour | • same interests |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	F	c	T	d	T	e	T	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.