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**Level 0** – 17th February, 2020

## Scientists start huge search for ET

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200217-extraterrestrial-life-0.html>

Is there life in space? Are we alone? There are big questions. Scientists will try to find if anybody is out there. Scientists have a mission, "to understand and explain the origin...of life...and the evolution of intelligence". They will scan the sky for signs of alien life. "Citizen scientists" will help real scientists to spot things.

Scientists will use radio telescopes to look for "techno-signatures" of alien life. These include chemicals, oxygen and lasers. A scientist said finding out if we are alone is one of the biggest questions in science. Another scientist said we are getting closer to finding out. She said science fiction is now "almost mainstream" science.

Sources: <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/alien-life-extraterrestrials-seti-latest-observatory-a9336681.html>  
<https://phys.org/news/2020-02-technologies-strategies-extraterrestrial-life.html>  
<https://www.seti.org/about-us/mission>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200217-extraterrestrial-life-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. try to find if anybody  | a. life            |
| 2. Scientists have a       | b. of intelligence |
| 3. explain the origin of   | c. spot things     |
| 4. the evolution           | d. mission         |
| 5. They will scan the      | e. scientists      |
| 6. signs of alien          | f. is out there    |
| 7. citizen                 | g. sky             |
| 8. help real scientists to | h. life            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Scientists will use radio       | a. in science            |
| 2. "techno-signatures" of alien    | b. and lasers            |
| 3. These include chemicals, oxygen | c. science               |
| 4. finding out if we               | d. closer to finding out |
| 5. the biggest questions           | e. fiction               |
| 6. we are getting                  | f. life                  |
| 7. science                         | g. are alone             |
| 8. mainstream                      | h. telescopes            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Is there life in space? (1) \_\_\_\_\_? There are big questions. Scientists will (2) \_\_\_\_\_ if anybody is out there. Scientists (3) \_\_\_\_\_, "to understand and explain the (4) \_\_\_\_\_...and the evolution of intelligence". They will (5) \_\_\_\_\_ for signs of alien life. "Citizen scientists" (6) \_\_\_\_\_ scientists to spot things.

Scientists will (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to look for "techno-signatures" (8) \_\_\_\_\_. These include chemicals, (9) \_\_\_\_\_. A scientist said finding out if we are alone is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ biggest questions in science.

Another scientist said (11) \_\_\_\_\_ closer to finding out. She said science fiction (12) \_\_\_\_\_ mainstream" science.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ntiststospotthings.Scientistswilluseradiotelescopetolookfor"techn  
o-signatures"ofalienlife.Theseincludechemicals,oxygenandlasers.A  
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ience.Anotherscientistsaidwearegettingclosetofindingout.Shesaid  
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# EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200217-extraterrestrial-life-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about extraterrestrial life 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

