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Scientists start huge search for ET

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Is there life on other planets? Are we alone? These are two questions we have asked for centuries. Now, scientists are searching to find out if there is anybody out there. The researchers are from the SETI Institute. SETI stands for Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. Its mission is, "to explore, understand and explain the origin and nature of life in the universe and the evolution of intelligence". Scientists will use new technology to scan the sky for signs of alien life. They will share their data with the public. "Citizen scientists" could spot things missed by scientists.

Astronomers will use giant radio telescopes to search for alien life. They are located all over the world. It is the first time for a project to search the entire sky for alien life. The signs are called "techno-signatures". These include alien chemicals, large amounts of oxygen, non-natural structures, and laser light. An astronomer said: "Determining whether we are alone in the universe...is among the [biggest] questions in science." Another scientist said we are getting closer to finding out if alien life exists. She said this science is no longer fiction, but "almost mainstream".

Sources: <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/alien-life-extraterrestrials-seti-latest-observatory-a9336681.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|--------------------|
| 1. two questions we have asked | a. by scientists |
| 2. find out if there is anybody | b. and explain |
| 3. Its mission is to explore, understand | c. intelligence |
| 4. the origin and nature of life | d. with the public |
| 5. the evolution of | e. out there |
| 6. scan the sky for signs | f. in the universe |
| 7. They will share their data | g. for centuries |
| 8. spot things missed | h. of alien life |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Astronomers will use giant | a. to finding out |
| 2. search the entire | b. structures |
| 3. large amounts | c. fiction |
| 4. non-natural | d. sky for alien life |
| 5. whether we are alone | e. in science |
| 6. among the biggest questions | f. radio telescopes |
| 7. we are getting closer | g. in the universe |
| 8. this science is no longer | h. of oxygen |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Is there (1) _____ planets? Are we alone? These are two questions we have (2) _____. Now, scientists are searching to find out if there (3) _____ there. The researchers are from the SETI Institute. SETI stands for Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. (4) _____, "to explore, understand and explain the origin and nature of life in the universe (5) _____ of intelligence". Scientists will use new technology to scan the sky for signs of alien life. They will share their data with the public. "Citizen scientists" could spot (6) _____ scientists.

Astronomers will (7) _____ telescopes to search for alien life. They are located all over the world. It is the first time for a (8) _____ the entire sky for alien life. The signs are called "techno-signatures". These (9) _____, large amounts of oxygen, non-natural structures, and laser light. An astronomer said: "Determining (10) _____ alone in the universe...is among the [biggest] (11) _____." Another scientist said we are getting closer to finding out if alien life exists. She said this science is (12) _____, but "almost mainstream".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE SURVEY

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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 _____	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) _____

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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) _____

