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Level 2 – 18th September, 2020

Photo of Andromeda Galaxy wins astronomy prize

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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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A French photographer won a photography contest. Nicolas Lefaudeux won the prize in the Astronomy Photographer of the Year competition. This is run by the UK's Royal Observatory. Lefaudeux won \$17,000 for his photo of our closest galaxy - Andromeda. This is two million light years from Earth. It is next to our Milky Way galaxy. He used a special technique to take his photo. It is a spectacular photo that makes Andromeda look really close to us. In the photo, we can clearly see the bright galaxy in the darkness of space. It is surrounded by countless other stars.

Mr Lefaudeux is a well-known photographer. His photo is titled "Andromeda Galaxy at Arm's Length". It beat thousands of other photos from top photographers. It won in the "Galaxies" category, as well as the competition's overall best photograph. He was very surprised at winning the top prize. He said: "I was really not expecting to be the overall winner. I had some hopes for being placed in the galaxy category, as I liked the sense of depth given to the galaxy." He joked that he was "over the Moon" when he got the news. Reporters said he could now "reach for the stars".

Sources: <https://www.livescience.com/astronomy-photography-contest-greenwich-winners.html>
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jamiecartereurope/2020/09/10/stunning-photograph-of-a-socially-distanced-andromeda-galaxy-scoops-13000-prize/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a photography | a. years from Earth |
| 2. his photo of our closest | b. of space |
| 3. This is two million light | c. to take his photo |
| 4. It is next to our Milky | d. countless other stars |
| 5. He used a special technique | e. contest |
| 6. we can clearly | f. galaxy |
| 7. in the darkness | g. see the bright galaxy |
| 8. It is surrounded by | h. Way galaxy |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mr Lefaudeux is a well- | a. over the Moon |
| 2. It beat thousands | b. the top prize |
| 3. It won in the "Galaxies" | c. stars |
| 4. the competition's overall | d. of other photos |
| 5. surprised at winning | e. the news |
| 6. He joked that he was | f. best photograph |
| 7. when he got | g. known photographer |
| 8. reach for the | h. category |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mr Lefaudeux is a well-known photographer. His (7) _____ "Andromeda Galaxy at Arm's Length". It beat thousands of (8) _____ top photographers. It won in the "Galaxies" category, (9) _____ the competition's overall best photograph. He was very surprised at winning the top prize. He said: "I was (10) _____ to be the overall winner. I had some hopes for being placed in the galaxy category, as I liked the (11) _____ given to the galaxy." He joked that he was "over the Moon" when he got the news. Reporters said he could (12) _____ the stars".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ASTRONOMY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200918-astronomy-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about astronomy 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) _____

