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Photo of Andromeda Galaxy wins astronomy prize

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THE ARTICLE

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A French photographer has won a top photography contest. Nicolas Lefaudeux won the prestigious prize in the Astronomy Photographer of the Year 2020 competition. This is run by the Royal Observatory in the UK. Mr Lefaudeux won the \$17,000 prize for his photo of our closest galaxy - the Andromeda galaxy. Andromeda is two million light years from Earth. It neighbours our Milky Way galaxy. Lefaudeux used a special technique called tilt-shift to take his photo. The result is a spectacular photo that makes Andromeda look amazingly close to us. In the photo, we can clearly see the bright, oval-shaped galaxy in the darkness of space. It is surrounded by countless other stars and celestial objects.

Mr Lefaudeux is a celebrated astronomy photographer. His winning photo is titled "Andromeda Galaxy at Arm's Length". It beat thousands of other photos from the world's leading photographers. The photo won in the "Galaxies" category, as well as the competition's overall best photograph. Lefaudeux told reporters 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 that he had scooped the prize. Reporters said he could now "reach for the stars" and win more prizes.

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WARM-UPS

1. ASTRONOMY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about astronomy. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

photographer / top / prize / royal / galaxy / light years / technique / close / bright / astronomy / reporters / winning / hopes / reporters / sense / depth / Moon / stars

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SCHOOL SUBJECT: Students A **strongly** believe astronomy should be a school subject; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. THE GALAXY: What do you know about these things in our galaxy? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Know
The Sun		
The Moon		
Jupiter		
Asteroids		
Comets		
The ISS		

5. SPACE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "space". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. PHOTOGRAPHY: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to take photos of at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Space
- Flowers
- Cute puppies
- Children
- Families
- Nature
- Food
- Yourself

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. top | a. A way of doing a particular task. |
| 2. contest | b. Thing. |
| 3. galaxy | c. The highest or most important. |
| 4. neighbour | d. An event in which people try to win or be the best at something; competition. |
| 5. technique | e. A person or place next to where you live or are. |
| 6. surrounded | f. Be all around someone or something. |
| 7. object | g. A system of millions or billions of stars (like the Milky Way). |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------------|--|
| 8. celebrated | h. Very, very, very happy. |
| 9. category | i. A feeling. |
| 10. overall | j. Thinking something will probably happen. |
| 11. expecting | k. Greatly admired or liked; well known. |
| 12. sense | l. Try to achieve greater and greater things. |
| 13. over the moon | m. A type or class of people or things regarded as being similar. |
| 14. reach for the stars | n. Taking everything into account; thinking about everything together. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A Russian photographer won a top astronomy photo prize. **T / F**
- b. The photo contest was run by the USA Observatory. **T / F**
- c. The Andromeda Galaxy is two million light years from Earth. **T / F**
- d. The winning photo showed the Andromeda Galaxy with nothing around it. **T / F**
- e. The winning photo is called "Andromeda Galaxy at Arm's Length". **T / F**
- f. The winning photographer was not at all surprised he won. **T / F**
- g. The photographer said he was over the Moon about winning. **T / F**
- h. Reporters told the photographer to reach for the stars. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. contest | a. very, very happy |
| 2. run | b. impressive |
| 3. closest | c. heavenly |
| 4. spectacular | d. well-known |
| 5. celestial | e. organised |
| 6. celebrated | f. feeling |
| 7. category | g. nearest |
| 8. sense | h. won |
| 9. over the Moon | i. class |
| 10. scooped | j. competition |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. A French photographer has won a top | a. other photos |
| 2. his photo of our closest | b. for the stars |
| 3. used a special | c. celestial objects |
| 4. in the darkness | d. best photograph |
| 5. countless other stars and | e. galaxy |
| 6. It beat thousands of | f. of space |
| 7. the competition's overall | g. the Moon |
| 8. I liked the sense | h. photography contest |
| 9. he was over | i. of depth |
| 10. he could now reach | j. technique |

GAP FILL

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

A French photographer has won a (1) _____ photography contest. Nicolas Lefaudeux won the prestigious (2) _____ in the Astronomy Photographer of the Year 2020 competition. This is run by the Royal Observatory in the UK. Mr Lefaudeux won the \$17,000 prize for his photo of our (3) _____ galaxy - the Andromeda galaxy. Andromeda is two million (4) _____ years from Earth. It neighbours our Milky Way galaxy. Lefaudeux used a special (5) _____ called tilt-shift to take his photo. The result is a spectacular photo that makes Andromeda look amazingly (6) _____ to us. In the photo, we can clearly see the bright, oval-shaped galaxy in the (7) _____ of space. It is surrounded by countless other stars and celestial (8) _____.

light
top
darkness
technique
closest
objects
prize
close

Mr Lefaudeux is a (9) _____ astronomy photographer. His winning photo is (10) _____ "Andromeda Galaxy at Arm's Length". It beat (11) _____ of other photos from the world's leading photographers. The photo won in the "Galaxies" category, as well as the competition's (12) _____ best photograph. Lefaudeux told reporters he was very surprised at winning the top prize. He said: "I was really not expecting to be the overall (13) _____. I had some hopes for being placed in the galaxy (14) _____, as I liked the sense of depth given to the galaxy." He joked that he was "over the Moon" when he got the (15) _____ that he had scooped the prize. Reporters said he could now "(16) _____ for the stars" and win more prizes.

winner
celebrated
thousands
category
reach
news
overall
titled

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) A French photographer has won a top _____
 - a. photography contests
 - b. photography con test
 - c. photography cons test
 - d. photography contest
- 2) Mr Lefaudeux won the \$17,000 prize for his photo of _____
 - a. our close it galaxy
 - b. our closet galaxy
 - c. our closest galaxy
 - d. our close test galaxy
- 3) The result is a spectacular photo that makes Andromeda look amazingly _____
 - a. close too us
 - b. close touts
 - c. close to us
 - d. close 'twas
- 4) we can clearly see the bright, oval-shaped galaxy in the _____
 - a. dark nest of space
 - b. dark mess of space
 - c. darker nest of space
 - d. darkness of space
- 5) It is surrounded by countless other stars and _____
 - a. celestial object
 - b. celestial objects
 - c. celestial objectives
 - d. celestial subjects
- 6) His winning photo is titled "Andromeda Galaxy _____"
 - a. at Arm's Length
 - b. at Leg's Length
 - c. at Harm's Length
 - d. at Ark's Length
- 7) It beat thousands of other photos from the world's _____
 - a. lead in photographers
 - b. lead ding photographers
 - c. leading photographers
 - d. led in photographers
- 8) He said: "I was really not expecting to be _____"
 - a. the over all winner
 - b. the overalls winner
 - c. the overall winner
 - d. the coverall winner
- 9) I had some hopes for being placed in the galaxy category, as I liked the _____
 - a. sense soft depth
 - b. sense oft depth
 - c. sense off depth
 - d. sense of depth
- 10) He joked that he was "over the Moon" when he got the news that he had _____
 - a. scooped the prize
 - b. scampered the prize
 - c. scraped the prize
 - d. scrimped the prize

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A French photographer has won a (1) _____. Nicolas Lefaudeux won the prestigious prize in the Astronomy Photographer of the Year 2020 competition. This (2) _____ the Royal Observatory in the UK. Mr Lefaudeux won the \$17,000 prize for his photo of our closest galaxy - the Andromeda galaxy. Andromeda is 2 (3) _____ from Earth. It neighbours our Milky Way galaxy. Lefaudeux used a special technique called tilt-shift to take his photo. The result is (4) _____ that makes Andromeda look amazingly close to us. In the photo, we (5) _____ the bright, oval-shaped galaxy in the darkness of space. It is surrounded by (6) _____ and celestial objects.

Mr Lefaudeux (7) _____ astronomy photographer. His winning photo is titled "Andromeda Galaxy at Arm's Length". It beat (8) _____ photos from the world's leading photographers. The photo won in the "Galaxies" category, as well as the competition's overall best photograph. Lefaudeux told reporters he was (9) _____ winning the top prize. He said: "I was really not expecting to be (10) _____. 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 that he had scooped the prize. Reporters said he could now "reach for the stars" and (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What is the nationality of the winning photographer?
2. How much did the photographer win?
3. What is the distance between the Andromeda Galaxy and Earth?
4. What is the name of the special technique the photographer used?
5. What was the Andromeda Galaxy surrounded by in the photo?
6. How many other photographers did Mr Lefaudeux beat?
7. What was the photographer's reaction at winning the top prize?
8. What category did the winner hope he would get in?
9. What phrase did the photographer use to say he was very, very happy?
10. What did reporters suggest the photographer could reach for?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What is the nationality of the winning photographer?
 - a) Japanese
 - b) French
 - c) Mexican
 - d) Kenyan
- 2) How much did the photographer win?
 - a) \$18,000
 - b) \$16,000
 - c) \$17,000
 - d) \$19,000
- 3) What is the distance between the Andromeda Galaxy and Earth?
 - a) two billion light years
 - b) 20,000,000 light years
 - c) 200,000 light years
 - d) two million light years
- 4) What is the name of the special technique the photographer used?
 - a) lilt-tilt
 - b) tilt-shift
 - c) shift-tilt
 - d) tilt-lilt
- 5) What was the Andromeda Galaxy surrounded by in the photo?
 - a) stars and celestial objects
 - b) space dust
 - c) space garbage
 - d) asteroids and comets
- 6) How many other photographers did Mr Lefaudeux beat?
 - a) thousands
 - b) dozens
 - c) hundreds
 - d) gazillions
- 7) What was the photographer's reaction at winning the top prize?
 - a) anger
 - b) shock
 - c) delight
 - d) surprise
- 8) What category did the winner hope he would get in?
 - a) the space category
 - b) the stars category
 - c) the galaxy category
 - d) the universe category
- 9) What phrase did the photographer use to say he was very, very happy?
 - a) by the by
 - b) under the weather
 - c) up in arms
 - d) over the moon
- 10) What did reporters suggest the photographer could reach for?
 - a) the Sun
 - b) the stars
 - c) a more powerful lens
 - d) heaven

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Space

You think space is the best thing to take photos of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least photogenic of these (and why): cute puppies, nature or food.

Role B – Cute Puppies

You think cute puppies are the best things to take photos of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least photogenic of these (and why): space, nature or food.

Role C – Nature

You think nature is the best thing to take photos of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least photogenic of these (and why): cute puppies, space or food.

Role D – Food

You think food is the best thing to take photos of. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least photogenic of these (and why): cute puppies, nature or space.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'photo' and 'galaxy'.

photo	galaxy
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• top• run• light• special• amazingly• countless	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• winning• beat• well• really• sense• reach
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ASTRONOMY SURVEY

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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.

ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'stars'?
3. What do you know about astronomy?
4. How interested are you in space?
5. Should students study astronomy at school?
6. How good are you at taking photos?
7. What do you know about the Milky Way?
8. What kinds of photos do you like?
9. What do you think of space?
10. Would you like to go into space?

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ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'photo'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think about astronomy?
15. Do you have a favourite photographer?
16. What is the best photo you have ever seen?
17. Have you ever won a competition?
18. When was the last time you were over the Moon?
19. What would you like to reach for the stars to do?
20. What questions would you like to ask the photographer?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) atop | (b) top | (c) topping | (d) topped |
| 2. | (a) walked | (b) run | (c) paced | (d) jogged |
| 3. | (a) dark | (b) bright | (c) dim | (d) light |
| 4. | (a) open | (b) take | (c) do | (d) give |
| 5. | (a) amaze | (b) amazes | (c) amazed | (d) amazingly |
| 6. | (a) counting | (b) count | (c) countless | (d) counted |
| 7. | (a) titled | (b) tilted | (c) tiled | (d) title |
| 8. | (a) to | (b) on | (c) of | (d) by |
| 9. | (a) of | (b) as | (c) on | (d) at |
| 10. | (a) some | (b) any | (c) each | (d) every |
| 11. | (a) sense | (b) mental | (c) face | (d) file |
| 12. | (a) reach | (b) vision | (c) touch | (d) dust |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. a top photography stncote
2. the euigoprists prize
3. Lefaudeux used a special ueqhectni
4. a cpsuaeatcrl photo
5. Andromeda look igynaalm close to us
6. It is nodsururde by countless other stars

Paragraph 2

7. Lefaudeux is a ltrbcdeae astronomy photographer
8. ndatosshu of other photos
9. The photo won in the "Galaxies" gotarcey
10. expecting to be the olreavl winner
11. I liked the sense of dthpe
12. he had oosdcep the prize

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () amazingly close to us. In the photo, we can clearly see the bright, oval-shaped galaxy in the darkness
- () surprised at winning the top prize. He said: "I was really not expecting to be the overall
- () galaxy. Andromeda is two million light years from Earth. It neighbours our Milky Way galaxy. Lefaudeux used a special
- () prize in the Astronomy Photographer of the Year 2020 competition. This is run by the Royal Observatory in
- () of space. It is surrounded by countless other stars and celestial objects.
- () category, as well as the competition's overall best photograph. Lefaudeux told reporters he was very
- () technique called tilt-shift to take his photo. The result is a spectacular photo that makes Andromeda look
- () Mr Lefaudeux is a celebrated astronomy photographer. His winning photo is titled "Andromeda Galaxy at Arm's Length". It beat
- () depth given to the galaxy." He joked that he was "over the Moon" when he got the news that he had
- () winner. I had some hopes for being placed in the galaxy category, as I liked the sense of
- () the UK. Mr Lefaudeux won the \$17,000 prize for his photo of our closest galaxy - the Andromeda
- () thousands of other photos from the world's leading photographers. The photo won in the "Galaxies"
- () scooped the prize. Reporters said he could now "reach for the stars" and win more prizes.
- (**1**) A French photographer has won a top photography contest. Nicolas Lefaudeux won the prestigious

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. top won A a contest . photographer photography French
2. years from million is Andromeda Earth . light two
3. his used techniques take special He photo . to
4. makes Andromeda look close It to us . amazingly
5. is stars . other by surrounded countless It
6. world's Thousands photos photographers . the of from leading
7. prize . surprised top winning the He was at
8. over He the that he was joked Moon .
9. scooped news the had prize . that The he
10. more and win the stars prizes . Reach for

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

A French photographer has *winning / won* a top photography contest. Nicolas Lefaudeux won the prestigious prize *on / in* the Astronomy Photographer of the Year 2020 competition. This is run *by / in* the Royal Observatory in the UK. Mr Lefaudeux won the \$17,000 prize for his photo of our *closet / closest* galaxy - the Andromeda galaxy. Andromeda is two million *light / slight* years from Earth. It neighbours our Milky Way galaxy. Lefaudeux used a *specially / special* technique called tilt-shift to take his photo. The result is a spectacular photo that *makes / takes* Andromeda look amazingly close to us. In the photo, we can *clear / clearly* see the bright, oval-shaped galaxy in the darkness of space. It is *rebounded / surrounded* by countless other stars and celestial *objects / subjects*.

Mr Lefaudeux is a *celebrated / celebration* astronomy photographer. His winning photo is *titled / framed* "Andromeda Galaxy at Arm's Length". It beat *thousand / thousands* of other photos from the world's leading photographers. The photo won *on / in* the "Galaxies" category, as well as the competition's *overall / coverall* best photograph. Lefaudeux told reporters he was very surprised at *whining / winning* the top prize. He said: "I was really not expecting to *be / being* the overall winner. I had some hopes for being placed in the galaxy category, as I *liked / liking* the sense of depth given to the galaxy." He joked that he was "over the *Sun / Moon*" when he got the news that he had scooped the prize. Reporters said he could now "reach for the *stars / moons*" and win more prizes.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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A F r_n c h p h_t_g r_p h_r h_s w_n _ t_p p h_t_g r_p h_y c_n t_s t. N_c_l_s L_f__ d__ x w_n t h_ p r_s t_g__s p r_z_ _n t h_ A s t r_n_m y P h_t_g r_p h_r _f t h_ Y__ r 2 0 2 0 c_m p_t_t__ n. T h_s _s r_n b y t h_ R_y_l O b s_r v_t_r y _n t h_ U K. M r L_f__ d__ x w_n t h_ \$ 1 7 , 0 0 0 p r_z_ _f_r h_s p h_t_ _f __ r c_l_s_s t g_l_x y - t h_ A n d r_m_d_ g_l_x y. A n d r_m_d__ s 2 m_l_l__ n l_g h_t y__ r s f_r_m E_r t h. I t n__ g h b__ r s __ r M_l_k y W_y g_l_x y. L_f__ d__ x _s_d _ s p_c__ l t_c h_n_q__ c_l l_d t_l_t - s h_f t t_ t_k_ h_s p h_t_. T h_ r_s_l t _s _ s p_c_t_c_l_r p h_t_ t h_t m_k_s A n d r_m_d_ l__ k _m_z_n g_l_y c_l_s_ t_ _s. I n t h_ p h_t_, w_ c_n c_l__ r_l_y s__ t h_ b_r_g h_t, _v_l - s h_p_d g_l_x y _n t h_ d_r k_n_s s _f s p_c_. I t _s s_r r__ n d_d b y c__ n t_l_s s _t h_r s t_r s _n d c_l_s t__ l _b_j_c t_s.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a french photographer has won a top photography contest nicolas lefaudeux won the prestigious prize in the astronomy photographer of the year 2020 competition this is run by the royal observatory in the uk mr lefaudeux won the 17000 prize for his photo of our closest galaxy the andromeda galaxy andromeda is two million light years from earth it neighbours our milky way galaxy lefaudeux used a special technique called tiltshift to take his photo the result is a spectacular photo that makes andromeda look amazingly close to us in the photo we can clearly see the bright ovalshaped galaxy in the darkness of space it is surrounded by countless other stars and celestial objects

mr lefaudeux is a celebrated astronomy photographer his winning photo is titled andromeda galaxy at arms length it beat thousands of other photos from the worlds leading photographers the photo won in the galaxies category as well as the competitions overall best photograph lefaudeux told reporters 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 that he had scooped the prize reporters said he could now reach for the stars and win more prizes

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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A French photographer has won a top photography contest. Nicolas Lefaudeux won the prestigious prize in the Astronomy Photographer of the Year 2020 competition. This is run by the Royal Observatory in the UK. Mr Lefaudeux won the \$17,000 prize for his photo of four closest galaxies - the Andromeda galaxy. Andromeda is two million light years from Earth. It neighbours our Milky Way galaxy. Lefaudeux used a special technique called tilt-shift to take his photo. The result is a spectacular photo that makes Andromeda look amazingly close to us. In the photo, we can clearly see the bright, oval-shaped galaxy in the darkness of space. It is surrounded by countless other stars and celestial objects. Mr Lefaudeux is a celebrated astronomy photographer. His winning photo is titled "Andromeda Galaxy at Arm's Length". It beat thousands of other photos from the world's leading photographers. The photo won in the "Galaxies" category, as well as the competition's overall best photograph. Lefaudeux told reporters she 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 that he had scooped the prize. Reporters said he could now "reach for the stars" and win more prizes.

FREE WRITING

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Write about **astronomy** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

Lined writing area consisting of 22 horizontal lines.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ASTRONOMY: Make a poster about astronomy. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SCHOOL SUBJECT: Write a magazine article about astronomy being a school subject that all children have to study. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on astronomy. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on astronomy. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d F e T f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. j	2. e	3. g	4. b	5. c
6. d	7. i	8. f	9. a	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. French
2. \$17,000
3. Two million light years
4. Tilt-shift
5. Stars and celestial objects
6. Thousands
7. Surprise
8. The galaxy category
9. Over the moon
10. The stars

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. A French photographer won a top photography contest.
2. Andromeda is two million light years from Earth.
3. He used special techniques to take his photo.
4. It makes Andromeda look amazingly close to us.
5. It is surrounded by countless other stars.
6. Thousands of photos from the world's leading photographers.
7. He was surprised at winning the top prize.
8. He joked that he was over the Moon.
9. The news that he had scooped the prize.
10. Reach for the stars and win more prizes.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)