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Level 0

Over 18,300 apply for 14 astronaut jobs

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THE READING

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Over 18,300 people applied to NASA for 14 jobs. This is a record. NASA will spend 18 months choosing the best people. The successful people will start in 2017. NASA said many people know what a great chance this is to be part of its space mission. It looks forward to meeting all the talented men and women.

Many people want to work for NASA. Many people from different backgrounds want to help on NASA's journey to Mars. The top applicants will have an interview. Then they will get two years of training and learn spacewalking. They will also learn Russian. They could go to the International Space Station.

Sources: <https://thespacereporter.com/2016/02/nasa-receives-record-number-astronaut-applications/>
<http://www.space.com/31987-nasa-astronaut-applications-smash-record.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. Over 18,300 people | a. months |
| 2. This is a | b. people know |
| 3. spend 18 | c. in 2017 |
| 4. choosing | d. applied to NASA |
| 5. The successful people will start | e. men and women |
| 6. NASA said many | f. this is |
| 7. what a great chance | g. record |
| 8. It looks forward to meeting all the talented | h. the best people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| 1. people from different | a. Russian |
| 2. NASA's journey | b. interview |
| 3. The top | c. go |
| 4. have an | d. backgrounds |
| 5. they will get two years | e. applicants |
| 6. They will also learn | f. Station |
| 7. They could | g. to Mars |
| 8. International Space | h. of training |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ people applied to NASA for 14 jobs.

(2) _____. NASA will spend 18 months choosing

the best people. The successful people will (3) _____.

NASA said many people know what a (4) _____

is to be part of its (5) _____. It looks forward to

meeting all the (6) _____ and women.

Many people (7) _____ NASA. Many people

from different backgrounds (8) _____ on

NASA's journey to Mars. The (9) _____ will

have an interview. Then they will (10) _____ of

training and learn spacewalking. They (11) _____

Russian. They (12) _____ International Space

Station.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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dwomen.ManypeoplewanttoworkforNASA.Manypeoplefromdifferen
tbackgroundswanttohelponNASA'sjourneytoMars.Thetopapplicants
willhaveaninterview.Thentheywillgettwoyearsoftrainingandlearnsp
acewalking.TheywillalsolearnRussian.TheycouldgototheInternation
alSpaceStation.

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) _____

