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Level 1 – 18th September, 2020

Photo of Andromeda Galaxy wins astronomy prize

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2009/200918-astronomy-1.html>

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

Mr Lefaudeux is a famous photographer. His photo is titled "Andromeda Galaxy at Arm's Length". It beat thousands of other photos. Lefaudeux 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." 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 French photographer won | a. bright galaxy |
| 2. his photo of our closest | b. of space |
| 3. two million light | c. a photo contest |
| 4. He used a special technique | d. other stars |
| 5. It makes Andromeda look | e. to take his photo |
| 6. we can clearly see the | f. galaxy |
| 7. in the darkness | g. really close to us |
| 8. surrounded by | h. years from Earth |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mr Lefaudeux is a famous | a. the stars |
| 2. His photo | b. of other photos |
| 3. It beat thousands | c. winner |
| 4. surprised at winning | d. news |
| 5. be the overall | e. photographer |
| 6. He joked that he was over the | f. is titled |
| 7. when he got the | g. Moon |
| 8. reach for | h. the top prize |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A French photographer won (1) _____ - the Astronomy Photographer of the Year competition. This (2) _____ the UK's Royal Observatory. Nicolas Lefaudeux won \$17,000 for his photo of (3) _____ - Andromeda. This is two million light years from Earth. He used (4) _____ to take his photo. It makes Andromeda look (5) _____ us. In the photo, we can clearly see the bright galaxy in the darkness of space, surrounded (6) _____.

Mr Lefaudeux (7) _____ photographer. His photo is titled "Andromeda Galaxy at Arm's Length". (8) _____ of other photos. Lefaudeux was very surprised (9) _____ top prize. He said: "I was really not expecting to be (10) _____. I had some hopes for being (11) _____ galaxy category." He joked that he was "over the Moon" when he got the news. Reporters said he could now "(12) _____ 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **astronomy** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
