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## **Level 1**

### **New NASA job – to protect Earth from aliens**

**4th August, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1708/170804-alien-attack-1.html>

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

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# THE READING

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There is a great new job at NASA. It is for a Planetary Protection Officer (PPO). The new PPO will have to make sure no alien life comes to Earth. The PPO will check astronauts and space equipment for alien bacteria. The job is on the [usajobs.gov](http://usajobs.gov) website. The new PPO will get paid up to \$187,000 a year. The job is for three to five years. It is a unique job. NASA only has two PPOs. The job is only for U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals.

People must be well qualified for the job. They must have a degree in physical science, engineering or maths. People must have experience in planning and managing important American space programs. Finally, people must have discussion skills that lead to "win-win solutions". The new PPO will help to plan some future NASA missions. One of these is a trip to one to Jupiter's icy moon's Europa. This is to search for alien life.

Sources: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/474414000>  
<http://nypost.com/2017/08/01/nasa-job-opening-to-protect-earth-from-aliens-has-6-figure-salary/>  
<http://www.newsweek.com/nasa-hiring-planetary-protection-officer-save-earth-aliens-645254>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. There is a great new job     | a. to five years       |
| 2. make sure no alien           | b. astronauts          |
| 3. The PPO will check           | c. U.S. citizens       |
| 4. The job is on the            | d. job                 |
| 5. The new PPO will get paid up | e. usajobs.gov website |
| 6. The job is for three         | f. at NASA             |
| 7. It is a unique               | g. life comes to Earth |
| 8. The job is only for          | h. to \$187,000 a year |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. People must be well               | a. maths                  |
| 2. They must have a degree           | b. NASA missions          |
| 3. engineering or                    | c. in physical science    |
| 4. People must have                  | d. programs               |
| 5. managing important American space | e. qualified for the job  |
| 6. discussion skills that lead to    | f. life                   |
| 7. plan some future                  | g. experience in planning |
| 8. This is to search for alien       | h. "win-win solutions"    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There (1) \_\_\_\_\_ new job at NASA. It is for a Planetary Protection Officer (PPO). The new PPO will have to make (2) \_\_\_\_\_ life comes to Earth. The PPO will (3) \_\_\_\_\_ space equipment for alien bacteria. The job is on the usajobs.gov website. The new PPO will get (4) \_\_\_\_\_ \$187,000 a year. The job is for three to five years. It (5) \_\_\_\_\_ job. NASA only has two PPOs. The (6) \_\_\_\_\_ for U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals.

People must be well qualified (7) \_\_\_\_\_. They must have (8) \_\_\_\_\_ physical science, engineering or maths. People must have experience (9) \_\_\_\_\_ managing important American space programs. Finally, people must have discussion skills that lead to "(10) \_\_\_\_\_". The new PPO will help to plan some future NASA missions. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ is a trip to one to Jupiter's icy moons. This is to search (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ALIENS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1708/170804-alien-attack-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about aliens 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) \_\_\_\_\_

