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Level 2

New NASA job – to protect Earth from aliens

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THE READING

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There is an exciting new job at NASA. It is for a Planetary Protection Officer (PPO). The successful applicant will have to make sure no life forms from outer space come to Earth. The PPO will check astronauts and space equipment for any alien bacteria. The position is on the usajobs.gov website. The post says the PPO will get a yearly salary of up to \$187,000. The job contract is for three years, but could be extended by two years. It is one of the most unique jobs in the world. NASA only employs two PPOs. The job is only open to U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals.

People who want the job must be well qualified. They must have "broad engineering expertise" and a degree in physical science, engineering or mathematics. Candidates must show they have experience in planning, carrying out, or managing parts of important American space programs. Finally, the candidate must have skills in diplomacy that lead to "win-win solutions during extremely difficult and complex...discussions". The new PPO will help to plan some future NASA missions. One of these is a trip to one to Jupiter's icy moons 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 an exciting new | a. for three years |
| 2. life forms | b. two PPOs |
| 3. check astronauts and space | c. salary |
| 4. the PPO will get a yearly | d. to U.S. citizens |
| 5. The job contract is | e. from outer space |
| 6. extended | f. job at NASA |
| 7. NASA only employs | g. equipment |
| 8. The job is only open | h. by two years |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. People who want the job must be | a. moons |
| 2. a degree in | b. programs |
| 3. they have experience | c. solutions |
| 4. important American space | d. life |
| 5. the candidate must have skills | e. physical science |
| 6. win-win | f. in planning |
| 7. a trip to one of Jupiter's icy | g. in diplomacy |
| 8. search for alien | h. well qualified |

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 (2) _____ will have to make sure no life forms (3) _____ come to Earth. The PPO will check astronauts and space equipment for any alien bacteria. The (4) _____ the usajobs.gov website. The post says the PPO will get a yearly salary of up to \$187,000. The job (5) _____ three years, but could be extended by two years. It is one of the most unique jobs in the world. NASA only employs two PPOs. The job (6) _____ to U.S. citizens and U.S. nationals.

People who want the job (7) _____ qualified. They must have "broad engineering expertise" and (8) _____ physical science, engineering or mathematics. Candidates must show they have experience in planning, (9) _____ managing parts of important American space programs. Finally, the candidate must have skills in diplomacy (10) _____ "win-win solutions during extremely difficult and complex...discussions". The new PPO will help to plan some future NASA missions. One (11) _____ trip to one to Jupiter's icy moons to search (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ALIENS SURVEY

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **aliens** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
