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Level 4 – 25th December 2023

Jeff Bezos wants a trillion humans in solar system

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Demographers are worried about overpopulation, but Amazon founder Jeff Bezos wants to populate our solar system. He hopes that in a thousand years' time, a trillion humans would be living in the solar system. He said if that happened, "we would have at any given time 1,000 Mozarts and 1,000 Einsteins....Space would be full of life and intelligence". He wants to build the infrastructure that space entrepreneurs will use in the future.

Elon Musk agrees with Mr Bezos. He said: "We want to be a multi-planet species." He warned that: "Population collapse due to low birth rates is a bigger risk to civilization than global warming." Bezos said people would live in giant space stations, and would visit Earth for vacations. He thinks Earth's environment will be pristine again because of factories built in space. He said they could get resources from asteroids instead of from Earth.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Demographers are worried | a. and intelligence |
| 2. populate our | b. the infrastructure |
| 3. in a thousand | c. in the solar system |
| 4. humans would be living | d. solar system |
| 5. at any given | e. entrepreneurs |
| 6. Space would be full of life | f. about overpopulation |
| 7. He wants to build | g. time |
| 8. space | h. years' time |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Elon Musk agrees | a. of from Earth |
| 2. We want to be a multi- | b. civilization |
| 3. population collapse due to | c. from asteroids |
| 4. a bigger risk to | d. pristine again |
| 5. people would live in | e. low birth rates |
| 6. Earth's environment will be | f. with Mr Bezos |
| 7. they could get resources | g. giant space stations |
| 8. instead | h. planet species |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Demographers (1) _____ overpopulation, but Amazon founder Jeff Bezos wants to (2) _____ system. He hopes that in a (3) _____, a trillion humans would be living in the solar system. He said if that happened, "we would have (4) _____ time 1,000 Mozarts and 1,000 Einsteins....Space would be full of (5) _____". He wants to build the infrastructure that space (6) _____ in the future.

Elon Musk agrees with Mr Bezos. He said: "We want to (7) _____ species." He warned that: "Population collapse due to low birth rates is a (8) _____ civilization than global warming." Bezos said people (9) _____ giant space stations, and would visit (10) _____. He thinks Earth's environment will be pristine again (11) _____ built in space. He said they could get resources from (12) _____ from Earth.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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COLONIZING SPACE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about colonizing space 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) _____

