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Saturn now the planet with the most moons

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1910/191010-saturn-4.html>

Saturn is now the planet with the most moons. It has overtaken Jupiter as "king of the moons". Astronomers found 20 new moons orbiting Saturn, which now has 82 moons. Jupiter has 79. Each of the newly-discovered moons is at least 5km in diameter. Seventeen of them orbit Saturn backwards. They take three years to complete one orbit of Saturn. The astronomers will now look for moons that are a kilometer in diameter.

An astronomer spoke about the origins of the moons. He said: "We don't think they formed with the planet. We think they were captured by the planet in the past." He thinks Saturn sucked in a mixture of gas and dust to form the moons. He added: "We think these are the last remnants of what formed Saturn." The moons will be named in a competition after giants from Gallic, Inuit and Norse mythology.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-49962134>
<https://www.space.com/saturn-20-newfound-moons-naming-contest.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the planet with the | a. look for moons |
| 2. king | b. discovered moons |
| 3. new moons | c. in diameter |
| 4. Each of the newly- | d. most moons |
| 5. Seventeen of them orbit | e. one orbit |
| 6. take three years to complete | f. of the moons |
| 7. The astronomers will now | g. orbiting Saturn |
| 8. a kilometer | h. Saturn backwards |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. An astronomer spoke | a. a competition |
| 2. We don't think they formed | b. past |
| 3. they were captured | c. mythology |
| 4. in the | d. about the origins |
| 5. Saturn sucked in a mixture | e. with the planet |
| 6. the last remnants of what | f. of gas and dust |
| 7. The moons will be named in | g. by the planet |
| 8. Inuit and Norse | h. formed Saturn |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Saturn is now the planet with the most moons. (1) _____

Jupiter as "king of the moons". Astronomers found 20

(2) _____ Saturn, which now has 82 moons. Jupiter has 79.

Each of the newly-discovered moons (3) _____ 5km in

diameter. Seventeen (4) _____ Saturn backwards. They

take three years (5) _____ orbit of Saturn. The

astronomers will now look for moons that are a (6) _____.

An astronomer spoke (7) _____ of the moons. He said: "We

don't think they (8) _____ planet. We think they were

captured by the planet (9) _____." He thinks Saturn sucked

in a mixture of (10) _____ to form the moons. He added:

"We think these are the (11) _____ what formed Saturn."

The moons will be named in (12) _____ giants from Gallic,

Inuit and Norse mythology.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SATURN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Saturn 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) _____

