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Level 5 – 25th December 2023

Jeff Bezos wants a trillion humans in solar system

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Demographers are ringing alarm bells about overpopulation, but Amazon founder Jeff Bezos says we need more people. He wants to populate our solar system. He said that in a thousand years' time, he "would love to see...a trillion humans living in the solar system". He added that 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 and energy". He wants to build the infrastructure that space entrepreneurs will use in the future, "so that ingenuity and imagination can really be unleashed".

Fellow multi-billionaire Elon Musk, owner of X, echoes Mr Bezos' thoughts. In 2021, he said: "We want to be a multi-planet species." Earlier this year, he warned that: "Population collapse due to low birth rates is a much bigger risk to civilization than global warming." Mr Bezos can see people living in giant space stations. He said most inhabitants of these would visit Earth for vacations. He envisions Earth returning to its pristine environment because of factories built in space. He said they would exploit resources on the moon or on asteroids instead of Earth's.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Demographers are ringing | a. the infrastructure |
| 2. Amazon founder | b. really be unleashed |
| 3. He wants to populate | c. and intelligence |
| 4. at any | d. Jeff Bezos |
| 5. full of life | e. entrepreneurs |
| 6. He wants to build | f. our solar system |
| 7. space | g. given time |
| 8. ingenuity and imagination can | h. alarm bells |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Fellow | a. in giant space stations |
| 2. We want to be a | b. due to low birth rates |
| 3. population collapse | c. environment |
| 4. a much bigger | d. would visit Earth |
| 5. people living | e. multi-billionaire Elon Musk |
| 6. inhabitants of these | f. multi-planet species |
| 7. returning to its pristine | g. resources on the moon |
| 8. they would exploit | h. risk to civilization |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Demographers are (1) _____ about overpopulation, but Amazon founder Jeff Bezos says we need more people. He wants to (2) _____. He said that in a thousand years' time, he "would love to see...a trillion humans living in the solar system". He added (3) _____ happened, "we would have at (4) _____ 1,000 Mozarts and 1,000 Einsteins....Space would be (5) _____ and intelligence and energy". He wants to build the infrastructure that space entrepreneurs will use in the future, "so that ingenuity and imagination can (6) _____".

(7) _____ Elon Musk, owner of X, echoes Mr Bezos' thoughts. In 2021, he said: "We want to be a (8) _____." Earlier this year, he warned that: "Population collapse due to low birth rates is a (9) _____ to civilization than global warming." Mr Bezos can see people living in giant space stations. He said most (10) _____ would visit Earth for vacations. He envisions Earth returning to its pristine environment because of factories (11) _____. He said they would (12) _____ the moon or on asteroids instead of Earth's.

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) _____

