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Level 1

Scientists say there could be life on TRAPPIST-1

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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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Scientists have been discussing whether some of the seven planets in the TRAPPIST-1 solar system could contain life. TRAPPIST-1 is a small sun with seven Earth-sized planets, like our own solar system. A NASA scientist said three of the planets get as much heat as the Earth. He said this provides an environment for life to exist. TRAPPIST-1 is nearly 40 light-years away from Earth. Its sun is smaller and less bright than our Sun, but it could support life.

The NASA scientist said you would have a wonderful view of the other planets if you were on any of the TRAPPIST-1 planets. They would not be like dots of light. They would look bigger than our Moon. You would see things on them. Another scientist said life can live in caves that are 130-degrees centigrade and at the bottom of the ocean where there is no light. She said it is possible that life is on some of the TRAPPIST-1 planets.

Sources: <http://sciexaminer.com/news/space/earth-2-0-trappist-1-host-another-earth-2357.html>
<http://www.csmonitor.com/Science/2017/0227/Could-the-TRAPPIST-1-worlds-harbor-alien-life>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. the TRAPPIST-1 solar system could | a. to exist |
| 2. a small sun with seven Earth- | b. bright than our Sun |
| 3. like our own solar | c. sized planets |
| 4. three of the planets get as much | d. system |
| 5. an environment for life | e. life |
| 6. TRAPPIST-1 is nearly 40 light-years | f. heat as the Earth |
| 7. Its sun is smaller and less | g. contain life |
| 8. it could support | h. away from Earth |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. you would have a wonderful view | a. of light |
| 2. They would not be like dots | b. of the ocean |
| 3. They would look bigger | c. centigrade |
| 4. You would see things | d. of the other planets |
| 5. live in caves that are 130-degrees | e. light |
| 6. at the bottom | f. than our Moon |
| 7. where there is no | g. is possible |
| 8. She said it | h. on them |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists have been discussing whether (1) _____ seven planets in the TRAPPIST-1 solar system (2) _____. TRAPPIST-1 is a small sun with seven Earth-sized planets, (3) _____ solar system. A NASA scientist said three of the planets (4) _____ heat as the Earth. He said this provides an environment (5) _____. TRAPPIST-1 is nearly 40 light-years away from Earth. Its (6) _____ less bright than our Sun, but it could support life.

The NASA scientist said you would (7) _____ view of the other planets if you (8) _____ the TRAPPIST-1 planets. They would not be (9) _____ light. They would look bigger than our Moon. You would see (10) _____. Another scientist said life can live in caves that are 130-degrees centigrade and at the bottom of the ocean where (11) _____. She said it is possible that life is on (12) _____ TRAPPIST-1 planets.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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PLANETS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about planets 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) _____

