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Saturn now the planet with the most moons

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THE READING

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Astronomers say Saturn is now the planet with the most moons. It has overtaken Jupiter as the "king of the moons". The astronomers found 20 new moons orbiting Saturn, which brings the planet's total to 82. Jupiter has 79 celestial bodies. Each of the newly-discovered moons is at least 5km in diameter. Seventeen of them orbit Saturn backwards and take over three years to complete one orbit of Saturn. The astronomers found the moons using a powerful telescope in Hawaii. The research team will now look for moons that are a kilometer in diameter.

Lead astronomer Dr Scott Sheppard commented on 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 moons interacted with that gas and dust. These were comets or asteroids that happened to be passing by.... 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>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the planet with the | a. celestial bodies |
| 2. It has overtaken Jupiter as the | b. telescope |
| 3. astronomers found 20 new moons | c. in diameter |
| 4. Jupiter has 79 | d. look for moons |
| 5. three years to complete | e. orbiting Saturn |
| 6. using a powerful | f. most moons |
| 7. The research team will now | g. one orbit of Saturn |
| 8. a kilometer | h. "king of the moons" |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the origins | a. be passing by |
| 2. they were captured by the | b. mythology |
| 3. Saturn sucked in a mixture | c. planet in the past |
| 4. these moons interacted with | d. of gas and dust |
| 5. asteroids that happened to | e. in a competition |
| 6. the last remnants of what | f. that gas and dust |
| 7. The moons will be named | g. of the moons |
| 8. Inuit and Norse | h. formed Saturn |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ Jupiter as the "king of the moons". The astronomers found 20 (2) _____ Saturn, which brings the planet's total to 82. Jupiter has (3) _____. Each of the newly-discovered moons is at least 5km in diameter. Seventeen of them orbit Saturn (4) _____ over three years to complete one orbit of Saturn. The astronomers found the moons (5) _____ telescope in Hawaii. The research team will now look for moons that are a (6) _____.

Lead astronomer Dr Scott Sheppard commented (7) _____ of the moons. He said: "We don't think they formed with the planet. We think they (8) _____ the planet in the past." He thinks Saturn sucked in a (9) _____ and dust to form the moons. He added: "We think these moons interacted with that gas and dust. These were (10) _____ that happened to be passing by.... We think these are the (11) _____ what formed Saturn." The moons will be named (12) _____ after 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) _____

