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Japan tycoon needs "life partner" for moon visit

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200116-life-partner-1.html>

We say, "I love you to the moon and back" when we love someone a lot. A Japanese billionaire will go to the moon and back with his love, but he doesn't have one. Yusaku Maezawa, 44, wants to fly to the moon with a woman in 2023. He paid to be the first private passenger to fly to the moon. He will fly with the company SpaceX and will be the first space tourist. He does not want to go alone. He wants to, "visit such a special place with someone special".

Mr Maezawa made a documentary to look for a female friend. It is called "Full Moon Lovers". He wrote: "As feelings of loneliness and emptiness slowly begin to come to me, there's one thing that I think about - continuing to love one woman. I want to find a 'life partner'. With that future partner of mine, I want to shout our love...from outer space." The woman must be over 20, single, positive, and be interested in space and in going to the moon.

Sources: <https://japantoday.com/category/national/fly-me-to-the-moon-japanese-billionaire-maezawa-seeks-girlfriend-for-spacex-voyage>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200116-life-partner-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. I love you to | a. tourist |
| 2. when we love someone | b. billionaire |
| 3. A Japanese | c. fly to the moon |
| 4. the first private passenger to | d. someone special |
| 5. He will fly with the | e. a lot |
| 6. the first space | f. to go alone |
| 7. He does not want | g. company SpaceX |
| 8. visit such a special place with | h. the moon and back |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Mr Maezawa made a | a. be over 20 |
| 2. feelings of loneliness | b. partner |
| 3. continuing to | c. the moon |
| 4. I want to find a life | d. documentary |
| 5. from outer | e. in space |
| 6. The woman must | f. love one woman |
| 7. be interested | g. space |
| 8. going to | h. and emptiness |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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We say, "I love you to (1) _____ back" when we love (2) _____. A Japanese billionaire will go to the moon and back (3) _____, but he doesn't have one. Yusaku Maezawa, 44, wants to fly to the moon with a woman in 2023. He paid to be (4) _____ passenger to fly to the moon. He will fly with the company SpaceX and will be the (5) _____. He does not want to go alone. He wants to, "visit such (6) _____ with someone special".

Mr Maezawa made a (7) _____ for a female friend. It is called "Full Moon Lovers". He wrote: "As feelings of loneliness (8) _____ begin to come to me, there's one thing that I think about - (9) _____ one woman. I want to find a 'life partner'. With (10) _____ of mine, I want to shout our love...from outer space." The woman (11) _____ 20, single, positive, and be interested (12) _____ in going to the moon.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200116-life-partner-1.html>

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ofmine,Iwanttoshoutourlove...fromouterspace."Thewomanmustbe
over20,single,positive,andbeinterestedinspaceandgoingtothemo
on.

LIFE PARTNERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2001/200116-life-partner-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about life partners 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) _____

