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Level 1 – 17th November, 2022

Our Sun will die in 10 billion years from now

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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 know when our Sun will die. It will be in 10 billion years. The scientists say that in about 5 billion years, the Sun will turn into a "red giant". This is the science name for a star at the end of its life. Its centre will get smaller and its outer layers will travel as far as Mars. This means Earth will burn and disappear. It will then become a bubble of gas and space dust. Humans will disappear in around one billion years from now.

The Sun is 4.6 billion years old. It is only one third into its lifespan. A professor said when a star dies, it throws gas and dust into space. This reveals the star's centre. At this point, it is running out of fuel. The star turns off and dies. The professor was happy that he could work out many things about space. He said we can work out what stars are in distant galaxies. He said: "We have even found out what the Sun will do when it dies".

Sources: <https://www.sciencealert.com/scientists-figured-out-when-and-how-our-sun-will-die-and-it-will-be-epic>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Scientists know when | a. far as Mars |
| 2. It will be in | b. of its life |
| 3. the Sun will turn into a | c. space dust |
| 4. a star at the end | d. 10 billion years |
| 5. Its centre will | e. and disappear |
| 6. travel as | f. "red giant" |
| 7. Earth will burn | g. get smaller |
| 8. a bubble of gas and | h. our Sun will die |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The Sun is 4.6 billion | a. galaxies |
| 2. It is only one third | b. dust into space |
| 3. when a star | c. off and dies |
| 4. it throws gas and | d. into its lifespan |
| 5. it is running | e. what the Sun will do |
| 6. The star turns | f. years old |
| 7. stars are in distant | g. out of fuel |
| 8. We have even found out | h. dies |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists know when our Sun will die. It (1) _____ 10 billion years. The scientists say that in about 5 billion years, the Sun (2) _____ a "red giant". This is the science name for a star (3) _____ of its life. Its centre will get smaller and its outer layers (4) _____ far as Mars. This means Earth (5) _____ disappear. It will then become a bubble of gas (6) _____. Humans will disappear in around one billion years from now.

The Sun is 4.6 billion years old. It (7) _____ third into its lifespan. A professor said (8) _____ dies, it throws gas and dust into space. This reveals the star's centre. (9) _____, it is running out of fuel. The star turns off and dies. The professor was happy that he could work out many (10) _____. He said we can work out what stars are (11) _____. He said: "We have even found out what the Sun (12) _____ it dies".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE SUN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the Sun 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **the Sun** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
