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We may not meet aliens until the year 3500

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THE READING

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It could be 1,500 years before humans make contact with aliens. Astronomers joined two theories about the possibility of life on other planets. One theory is the Fermi Paradox. This states that while billions of Earth-like planets exist in our galaxy, not one has made contact yet. The other is the mediocrity principle. This suggests that because there is life on Earth, it will exist on Earth-like planets in the universe.

Researcher Evan Solomonides said: "We haven't heard from aliens yet, as space is a big place, but that doesn't mean no one is out there." He said extraterrestrials may not have decoded the signals we sent. They would also need to decode 3,000 human languages. Signals from Earth have reached 8,500 stars; our Milky Way galaxy has 200 billion stars. Solomonides said: "If we stop listening or looking, we may miss the signals, so we should keep looking."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. It could be | a. two theories |
| 2. make contact | b. universe |
| 3. astronomers joined | c. contact yet |
| 4. the possibility of life | d. with aliens |
| 5. billions of Earth- | e. on Earth |
| 6. not one has made | f. 1,500 years |
| 7. because there is life | g. like planets |
| 8. planets in the | h. on other planets |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. We haven't heard from | a. the signals |
| 2. space is a | b. one is out there |
| 3. that doesn't mean no | c. 200 billion stars |
| 4. extraterrestrials may not have decoded | d. reached 8,500 stars |
| 5. Signals from Earth have | e. aliens yet |
| 6. our Milky Way galaxy has | f. looking |
| 7. we may miss | g. big place |
| 8. we should keep | h. the signals |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ years before humans make contact with aliens.

Astronomers joined (2) _____ the possibility of life on

other planets. (3) _____ Fermi Paradox. This states that

while billions of Earth-like planets (4) _____, not one has

made contact yet. (5) _____ mediocrity principle. This

suggests that because there is life on Earth, (6) _____

Earth-like planets in the universe.

Researcher Evan Solomonides said: "We (7) _____ aliens

yet, as space is a big place, but that doesn't (8) _____ out

there." He said extraterrestrials may not have decoded

(9) _____. They would also need to decode 3,000 human

languages. Signals from Earth have (10) _____; our Milky

Way galaxy has (11) _____. Solomonides said: "If we stop

listening or looking, (12) _____ signals, so we should keep

looking."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ALIENS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about aliens 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) _____

