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Level 4 – 29th June, 2018

New nation of Asgardia established in space

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A Russian, billionaire scientist is the leader of our first ever nation in space. He set up the space nation of Asgardia at a ceremony in Austria. He stated that: "This day will certainly be recorded in...history as one of the greatest events for humankind." He added: "I can therefore declare with confidence that Asgardia - the first space nation of the united humankind - has been born." He said it was a project that would see human colonies on the Moon.

Asgardia is named after Asgard - a flying city in ancient Scandinavian mythology. Around 200,000 people have signed up to be citizens. Within the next 10 years, this should be 150 million. It will be the ninth most populous country. New citizens must pass an intelligence test and pay an annual membership of 100 euros. Asgardia has a goal to launch high-tech arks in space where Asgardian citizens can live, grow food and be financially successful.

Sources: <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/gadgets-and-tech/news/space-kingdom-asgardia-nation-iq-tests-citizens-a8417276.html>
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/6629190/asgardia-space-kingdom/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. billionaire | a. history |
| 2. He set | b. nation |
| 3. at a ceremony | c. up the space nation |
| 4. be recorded in | d. on the Moon |
| 5. one of the greatest | e. in Austria |
| 6. declare with | f. scientist |
| 7. the first space | g. confidence |
| 8. human colonies | h. events |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. ancient Scandinavian | a. membership |
| 2. signed up | b. mythology |
| 3. Within the | c. arks in space |
| 4. the ninth most populous | d. next 10 years |
| 5. pass an intelligence | e. successful |
| 6. pay an annual | f. country |
| 7. launch high-tech | g. test |
| 8. be financially | h. to be citizens |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A Russian, billionaire scientist is (1) _____ our first ever nation in space. He set up the space nation of Asgardia (2) _____ in Austria. He stated that: "This day will certainly be recorded in...history as one of (3) _____ for humankind." He added: "I can (4) _____ confidence that Asgardia - the first space nation of the united humankind - (5) _____." He said it was a project that would (6) _____ on the Moon.

Asgardia is named after Asgard - a flying (7) _____ Scandinavian mythology. Around 200,000 people (8) _____ to be citizens. Within the next 10 years, this should be 150 million. It will be the ninth (9) _____. New citizens must pass an intelligence test and (10) _____ membership of 100 euros. Asgardia has a goal to launch high-tech (11) _____ where Asgardian citizens can (12) _____ and be financially successful.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SPACE NATIONS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about space nations 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 **space nations** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
