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New nation of Asgardia established in space

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A Russian computer scientist is the leader of humankind's first ever nation in space. The Russian, a billionaire, set up the space nation of Asgardia at a ceremony in Austria. In his inauguration address, he stated that: "This day will certainly be recorded in...history as one of the greatest events for humankind. We have established all branches of government. I can therefore declare with confidence that Asgardia - the first space nation of the united humankind - has been born." He said it was a "humanitarian project" that would see the colonization of space and 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 Asgardian citizens. Within the next 10 years, it should have a population of 150 million, making it the ninth most populous country. Would-be Asgard citizens will have to pass an IQ test to prove their intelligence, and pay an annual membership of 100 euros. Asgardia has a long-term goal to launch life-sustaining, 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/>
<http://www.newsweek.com/asgardia-worlds-first-space-nation-inaugurates-head-state-994555>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. at a | a. humankind |
| 2. In his inauguration | b. of space |
| 3. one of the greatest events for | c. address |
| 4. established all branches | d. project |
| 5. declare with | e. colonies on the Moon |
| 6. a humanitarian | f. ceremony in Austria |
| 7. the colonization | g. confidence |
| 8. human | h. of government |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. in ancient Scandinavian | a. their intelligence |
| 2. signed up to be | b. in space |
| 3. the ninth most populous | c. mythology |
| 4. pass an IQ test to prove | d. successful |
| 5. pay an annual | e. country |
| 6. a long- | f. membership |
| 7. high-tech arks | g. Asgardian citizens |
| 8. be financially | h. term goal |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A Russian computer scientist is the (1) _____ first ever nation in space. The Russian, a billionaire, (2) _____ space nation of Asgardia at a ceremony in Austria. In his inauguration address, he stated that: "This day (3) _____ recorded in...history as one of the greatest events for humankind. We have (4) _____ of government. I can therefore declare with confidence that Asgardia - the first space nation (5) _____ humankind - has been born." He said it was a "humanitarian project" that would see the colonization of space and (6) _____ the Moon.

Asgardia is named after Asgard - a flying (7) _____ Scandinavian mythology. Around 200,000 people (8) _____ to be Asgardian citizens. Within the next 10 years, it should have a population of 150 million, making it (9) _____ populous country. Would-be Asgard citizens will have (10) _____ IQ test to prove their intelligence, and pay an annual membership of 100 euros. Asgardia has a long-term (11) _____ life-sustaining, high-tech arks in space where Asgardian citizens can live, grow food and (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SPACE NATIONS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180629-asgardia-4.html>

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) _____

