

Watch this Space!

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Activity 1

How much do you know about the universe? With your partner answer the questions below.

1. How many years old is the Earth? a) 4.6 billion b) 46 billion c) 460 million
2. Who was the first man on the moon?
 a) Louis Armstrong b) Neil Armstrong c) Lance Armstrong
3. How long does the Moon take to travel round the Earth?
 a) 27.3 hours b) 27.3 days c) 27.3 weeks
4. What is a black hole?
 a) a dark spot on the sun b) a hole in the ozone layer c) a collapsed star
5. How many planets are there in the Solar System? a) 7 b) 8 c) 9

Activity 2

Read the questions below and use them to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. What is the difference between 'astrology' and 'astronomy'?
2. Are you interested in astrology, the signs of the zodiac, etc? What star sign are you? Do you read your horoscope regularly? Why/not?
3. Would you like to be an astronomer? Why/not?
4. What do you think we can learn from space exploration?
5. Do you think that we should invest large sums of money in the exploration of other planets while some people on this planet are living and dying in poverty?
6. Would you like to travel into space, if it was possible? Where would you go and why?
7. Do you believe that aliens/UFOs have ever visited our planet?
8. Have you ever seen a shooting star, a comet or an eclipse of the moon or sun?
9. How would our lives be different if we still believed that the Earth was at the centre of the universe?
10. Do you think schoolchildren should learn about the universe we live in? Why/not?

Activity 3

*Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.*

1. What was the number of the Apollo space mission that first landed on the Moon?
2. In photos taken on the Moon, what is allegedly 'wrong' with the flag?
3. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 4

Do you believe that alien life forms exist on other planets?

If you would like to express your opinion on this subject go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Discussion' icon to take part in the forum discussion there.

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