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Record number of people 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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It's getting crowded in space. A record number of 19 people are in the heavens. A three-person crew on a Russian Soyuz capsule docked at the ISS to break the record. A NASA astronaut and two Russian cosmonauts were on that mission. Chinese astronauts are part of the record. There are three "taikonauts" on the Tiangong Space Station. The remaining four space travellers are part of a SpaceX mission, which saw the first ever civilian spacewalk.

There is disagreement over the record. NASA and the U.S. military say the border between Earth and outer space is 80 km above sea level. With this measure, the record for humans in space was set at 20 in May 2023. However, the conventional definition of the edge of space is the Karman Line. The International Aeronautical Federation puts this at an altitude of 100 km above sea level. The new record uses this definition.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. It's getting crowded | a. Space Station |
| 2. A record number of 19 people are in | b. that mission |
| 3. A three-person | c. spacewalk |
| 4. a Russian Soyuz capsule docked | d. four space travellers |
| 5. two Russian cosmonauts were on | e. crew |
| 6. three "taikonauts" on the Tiangong | f. in space |
| 7. The remaining | g. at the ISS |
| 8. the first ever civilian | h. the heavens |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. There is disagreement | a. 100 km above sea level |
| 2. NASA and | b. and outer space |
| 3. the border between Earth | c. definition |
| 4. the record for humans in space | d. space |
| 5. the conventional | e. the U.S. military |
| 6. the edge of | f. this definition |
| 7. at an altitude of | g. was set at 20 |
| 8. The new record uses | h. over the record |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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It's (1) _____ space. A record number of 19 people are (2) _____. A three-person crew on a Russian Soyuz capsule docked at the ISS to break the record. A NASA astronaut and two Russian cosmonauts were (3) _____. Chinese astronauts are part of the record. (4) _____ "taikonauts" on the Tiangong Space Station. (5) _____ space travellers are part of a SpaceX mission, which saw the first (6) _____.

There (7) _____ the record. NASA and the U.S. military say (8) _____ Earth and outer space is 80 km above sea level. (9) _____, the record for humans in space was set at 20 in May 2023. However, (10) _____ of the edge of space is the Karman Line. The International Aeronautical Federation puts this at (11) _____ 100 km above sea level. The new record (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ASTRONAUTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about astronauts 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) _____

