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Level 0

Luxembourg to develop asteroid mining

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Luxembourg is putting money into the asteroid mining industry. Companies will mine for water and minerals. This will help trips into space. Luxembourg wants to be a leader in this new space race. It wants to find lots of resources "on lifeless rocks". It said this would help to save natural resources on Earth.

In 2015, the USA made a law to let companies mine in space. The European Space Agency plans a research base on the Moon. Asteroid mining will help the exploration of space, and protect resources on Earth. However, the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 protects natural resources in space.

Sources: <http://mashable.com/2016/02/04/luxembourg-asteroid-mining-initiative/#bOJUuel.UgqM>
<http://www.mining-technology.com/news/newsluxembourg-plans-legal-framework-asteroid-mining-4801653>
http://www.spacedaily.com/reports/Luxembourgs_ultimate_offshore_investment_Space_mining_999.html

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. putting money | a. race |
| 2. mine for water | b. on Earth |
| 3. Luxembourg wants to be | c. and minerals |
| 4. this new space | d. of resources |
| 5. It wants to find lots | e. help |
| 6. lifeless | f. a leader |
| 7. It said this would | g. into the asteroid mining industry |
| 8. save natural resources | h. rocks |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the USA made | a. resources on Earth |
| 2. European Space | b. a law |
| 3. a research | c. in space |
| 4. Asteroid mining will | d. space |
| 5. the exploration of | e. Agency |
| 6. protect | f. Treaty of 1967 |
| 7. the Outer Space | g. base |
| 8. natural resources | h. help |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Luxembourg (1) _____ money into the asteroid mining industry. Companies (2) _____ water and minerals. This will help (3) _____. Luxembourg wants (4) _____ in this new space race. It wants to (5) _____ resources "on lifeless rocks". It said this would (6) _____ natural resources on Earth.

In 2015, the USA (7) _____ let companies mine in space. The European Space Agency (8) _____ base (9) _____. Asteroid mining will help the (10) _____ space, and protect resources on Earth. However, the (11) _____ Treaty of 1967 protects (12) _____ in space.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 **asteroid mining** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
