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We may not meet aliens until the year 3500

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THE READING

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Scientists say it could be 1,500 years before humans make contact with aliens, or for them to communicate with us. Astronomers from Cornell University combined two theories about the possibility of life existing on other planets to form a new one. One of these theories is the Fermi Paradox. This states that while billions of Earth-like planets exist in our galaxy, not one has made contact with Earth yet. The other, the mediocrity principle, suggests that because there is life on Earth, it will exist on Earth-like planets throughout the universe.

Researcher Evan Solomonides will present a paper on his theory. He said: "We haven't heard from aliens yet, as space is a big place, but that doesn't mean no one is out there." He said extraterrestrials could have received signals from Earth, but they may not have decoded them. He said they would need to decode and analyse 3,000 human languages to understand any messages. Signals from Earth have only reached about 8,500 stars; the Milky Way galaxy alone contains 200 billion stars. Solomonides said: "If we stop listening or looking, we may miss the signals, so we should keep looking."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Scientists say it could be | a. universe |
| 2. make contact | b. is the Fermi Paradox |
| 3. combined | c. our galaxy |
| 4. the possibility of life existing | d. with aliens |
| 5. One of these theories | e. on Earth |
| 6. Earth-like planets exist in | f. on other planets |
| 7. there is life | g. 1,500 years |
| 8. Earth-like planets throughout the | h. two theories |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. present a | a. contains 200 billion stars |
| 2. We haven't heard | b. received signals |
| 3. that doesn't mean | c. looking |
| 4. extraterrestrials could have | d. have decoded them |
| 5. they may not | e. no one is out there |
| 6. the Milky Way galaxy alone | f. the signals |
| 7. we may miss | g. paper on his theory |
| 8. we should keep | h. from aliens yet |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists (1) _____ 1,500 years before humans make contact with aliens, (2) _____ communicate with us. Astronomers from Cornell University combined two theories about the possibility (3) _____ other planets to form a new one. One of these theories is the Fermi Paradox. This states that while billions of Earth-like planets (4) _____, not one has made contact with Earth yet. The other, the mediocrity principle, (5) _____ there is life on Earth, it will exist on Earth-like planets (6) _____.

Researcher Evan Solomonides will present a paper (7) _____. He said: "We haven't heard from aliens yet, as space is a big place, but that (8) _____ one is out there." He said extraterrestrials could have (9) _____ Earth, but they may not have decoded them. He said they (10) _____ and analyse 3,000 human languages to understand any messages. Signals from Earth have only reached about 8,500 stars; the Milky Way galaxy alone contains (11) _____. Solomonides said: "If we stop listening or looking, we may miss the signals, so we (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ALIENS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about aliens 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) _____

