

Summative assessment for the unit «Space X»

Grade 10, Book: Action 10

Learning objectives

10.2.2 Understand specific information in unsupported extended talk on a wide range of general and curricular topics, including talk on a limited range of unfamiliar topics

10.4.2 understand specific information and detail in texts on a range of familiar general and curricular topics, including some extended texts

10.4.5 deduce meaning from context in extended texts on a range of familiar general and curricular topics

Assessment criteria

- Identify speaker's opinion in an extended talk on a range of general and curricular topics
- Recognise the main information in extended talks
- Skim the text to identify the main idea

Level of thinking skills

Knowledge and comprehension
Application

Duration 25 minutes

Listening Task 1. Listen to the news report and choose the right answer.

1. What is the text about?
 - a) The Sun
 - b) The solar system
 - c) Planets
2. The author thinks our planet is ...
 - a) One of the best planets
 - b) The best planet
 - c) Looks like a real planet
3. What planet looks like a real planet?
 - a) Saturn
 - b) Earth
 - c) Mercury
4. How much does the author know about Venus, Neptune, Uranus?
 - a) much
 - b) little
 - c) very much
5. Complete the sentence
I wonder why they _____ Pluto.



Reading. Task 2. Read the text “Over 18,300 apply for 14 astronaut jobs”

A record number of people have applied to NASA to be part of its astronaut training program. NASA said it received over 18,300 applications for just 14 jobs. This is a record for the administration. Human resources officials at NASA will now spend the next 18 months looking at the applications to select the best ones. It plans to announce the successful applicants in the middle of 2017. Brian Kelly of NASA said it would be a lot of work. He added: "It's heartening to know so many people recognize what a great opportunity this is to be part of NASA's exciting mission. I look forward to meeting the men and women talented enough to rise to the top of what is always a pool of incredible applicants."

It seems there is a great desire to work on America's space program and perhaps go to Mars. NASA's Charlie Bolden said: "It's not at all surprising to me that so many Americans from diverse backgrounds want to personally contribute to blazing the trail on our journey to Mars." The top applicants will have an interview at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. The chosen candidates will then get two years of initial training. They will learn skills such as spacewalking, teamwork and operating spacecraft systems, and learn Russian. After that, they could go to the International Space Station or work for companies making spacecraft for tourists, such as Boeing and SpaceX.

Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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| a. NASA has received its highest ever number of applicants for jobs. | True | False |
| b. It will take NASA 2 years to announce the best applicants. | True | False |
| c. The top applicants will answer the questions at Cape Canaveral in Florida. | True | False |
| d. The applicants will learn spacewalking after two years of training. | True | False |
| e. The applicants could join private companies such as Boeing. | True | False |

