

Lessons 1–2 **What's out there?**

Listening 23

- 1** Read all the questions and choices, then listen to an interview about the UAE's space programme to find the answers.
 - 1** The UAE space programme started
 - a** with the launch of the first government satellite.
 - b** when the UAE was founded.
 - c** with the discovery of oil.
 - 2** The plans and goals for the space sector
 - a** are confidential and not being shared with the public.
 - b** are public and a lot of people are discussing them.
 - c** are not mentioned in the text.
 - 3** When was the first UAE government satellite launched?
 - a** two years ago
 - b** a few years ago
 - c** in 2009
 - 4** Why was the UAE joining the International Space Exploration Coordination Group an important event?
 - a** It will help the UAE develop.
 - b** The UAE is the first Arab country to join it.
 - c** All other countries in the world are already members.
 - 5** Who will the space lab be valuable for?
 - a** astronauts and researchers
 - b** environmentalists and researchers
 - c** astronauts, students and researchers