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## DEEP OCEAN OR DEEP SPACE?

## 1 VOCABULARY: Space and ocean exploration

A **Circle** the correct word to complete the sentences.

- 1 Some companies think they will be able to *launch* / *monitor* tourists into space within the next few years.
- 2 The researchers want to *use up* / *preserve* the natural beauty of the ocean.
- 3 Some experts are worried that humans will *use up* / *come across* the Earth's supply of oil one day.
- 4 I bought a telescope so I can *preserve* / *observe* the stars at night.
- 5 The equipment used to *monitor* / *come across* the ocean floor is very expensive.
- 6 Underwater vehicles are often used for ocean *exploration* / *atmosphere*.
- 7 Sometimes, *resources* / *satellites* are used to predict the weather.
- 8 Scientists are continuing their *resources* / *investigation* into why the rocket exploded upon take-off.
- 9 Too much pollution can create a dirty and unpleasant *atmosphere* / *species*.
- 10 The ocean contains many useful *resources* / *investigations*, such as salt, sand, copper, and oil.
- 11 Many *species* / *satellites* that live in the ocean are still being studied by scientists.
- 12 The tourists didn't *launched* / *come across* any rare type of fish on their boat trip.
- 13 I love to float on the *atmosphere* / *surface* of the water. It's so relaxing.

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## 2 GRAMMAR: Comparative structures

A **Circle** the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 1 I prefer learning about recently discovered plants in the ocean rather than        for new types of fish.  
a to search      **b** searching
- 2 The idea of creatures living on Mars isn't realistic enough        searching for them.  
a to continue      b continuing
- 3 It is less important to find new species        it is to save the ones we already know about.  
a then      **b** than
- 4 In the future, there will be more jobs in ocean research than        space exploration.  
a in      **b** will be
- 5 I usually learn more about animals from going to museums        I do from watching movies.  
a than      **b** then
- 6 There is more water on the surface of the earth        land.  
a than      **b** than is

B **Correct the mistake in each sentence.**

- 1 She teaches ~~less~~<sup>fewer</sup> lessons on space than she does on the ocean.
- 2 It seems like there is less money available for space exploration then for ocean exploration.
- 3 Traveling to Mars isn't safe enough justifying sending humans there yet.
- 4 It's much simpler to explore the ocean then to explore space.
- 5 The final exam on the stars and the planets was difficult than the English exam.
- 6 I prefer watching movies about space exploration rather than read about it.



## 3 GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

A **Answer the questions with complete sentences. Explain your answers.**

- 1 Which is more important: observing the effects of space on humans or finding life on other planets?  
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- 2 Should scientists focus more on preserving the ocean's environment than on discovering new species?  
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- 3 Is the International Space Station useful enough to spend government resources on?  
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- 4 Should more researchers be exploring the earth's oceans?  
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