**More about Space – An Interview with a Young Astronaut**

Have you dreamt of becoming an astronaut? You are going to listen to an interview about joining a camp called “The Young Astronaut Training Camp”.

**Part 1**

Before listening to the interview, watch a short video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ov-6OqjuH98) to get more ideas about the training camp.

Match the words and their meaning.

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**Part 2**

Frankie is a P5 student. He has just interviewed a young astronaut. Listen to the interview and answer the following questions.

1. How many days did the training camp last for?
2. 5 days
3. 9 days
4. 30 days
5. 2000 days
6. When did Laura join the camp?
7. last week
8. last spring
9. last summer
10. next summer
11. Who can apply for the camp? (You can circle more than one answer.)
12. Primary Five students
13. Secondary Two students
14. Secondary Three students
15. Secondary Six students
16. Frankie wants to join the camp. What should he do? (You can circle more than one answer.)
17. learn more about astronomy
18. learn more about business
19. learn Putonghua
20. learn English
21. Where did the young astronauts go? (You can circle more than one answer.)
22. Beijing
23. Hong Kong
24. Singapore
25. Jiuquan
26. What did the young astronauts do there?
27. visited theme parks
28. designed training programme
29. fired a rocket
30. learnt to put on spacesuits
31. How much did Laura pay for the tour?
32. $2009
33. $160
34. $30
35. $0
36. How did Frankie feel at the end of the interview?
37. worried
38. disappointed
39. excited
40. angry

**Part 3 (Optional)**

Based on the information in the interview, choose the one who is suitable for joining ”The Young Astronaut Training Camp” from the two students below. Explain your ideas by completing the passage below.

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Name: | **Leo** | | Age: | **17** | | Level: | **S6** | | Hobbies: | **astronomy, planets and stars**  **flying model planes** | | Describe yourself: | **good examination results**  **team player, the chairperson of Astronomy Club since S4**  **can speak Putonghua** | | Dream job: | **a scientist** | | |  |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Name: | Jason | | Age: | 12 | | Level: | S1 | | Hobbies: | astronomy, e.g. the stars and the moon  making toy rockets | | Describe yourself: | good results at school, e.g. came first in Mathematics in the first term examination  can speak Cantonese and English | | Dream job: | a pilot | |  | |

I think \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is suitable to join the camp because of four reasons. First, he is a secondary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ student. Next, he is interested in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. He has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ results and he can speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is not suitable to join the camp. He is only a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ student. Although he is good at astronomy and his school results are outstanding, he cannot speak \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer Key:**

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**The script for Part 2 is as follows. The answers to the multiple-choice questions are in bold print.**

Interviewer: Frankie

Interviewee: Laura

How can we get more information about becoming an astronaut?

You can join the Young Astronaut Training Camp.

The Hong Kong Space Museum has organised a training camp for young astronauts since 2009. Thirty Hong Kong secondary students went on the nine-day training programme last summer. We are going to interview one of the young astronauts.

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| Frankie: (a P5 student) | Hi Laura! I’m Frankie, a Primary Five student from Sunshine Primary School. Can I ask you a few questions about the young astronaut camp? |
| Laura: (the young astronaut) | Sure! I joined the camp **last summer**. I’m happy to share my experience with you! |
| Frankie: | Can you tell me how you applied for the camp? |
| Laura: | Certainly! The camp is open to **Secondary two to Secondary six students**. This year, 160 students applied for the camp and 30 students became young astronauts in the end. |
| Frankie: | I know you need to attend interviews. How did you prepare for the interviews? |
| Laura: | Well, there were a few interviews for board members to select the outstanding students. You have to **learn more about astronomy**, which is about the stars, the moon and space science. |
| Frankie: | What other qualities are they looking for? |
| Laura: | You should be 12 years old or above, healthy and clever. Being an astronaut, you need to think and act fast, so good results in school are important to show that you are smart enough. If you can **speak in Putonghua**, it would be even better. |
| Frankie: | I see. How much did you pay for the tour? |
| Laura: | Well, the Space Museum has organised the camp for 11 years. It is sponsored by a business organisation, so **it is free of charge**! |

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| Frankie: | That’s great! Where did you go? |
| Laura: | We went to **Beijing and Jiuquan**. There are a number of space facilities that are worth visiting, such as the satellite launch centre in Jiuquan and the aviation museum in Beijing. |

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| Frankie: | What else did you do in the camp? |
| Laura: | We had some physical training, made model rockets and **learnt to put on the spacesuits.** These activities helped us understand the challenge of being an astronaut. |
| Frankie: | Wow, it sounds interesting! Who did you meet in the tour? Did you talk to someone important? |
| Laura: | Yes, we did! We met Mr Yang Liwei, the first Chinese astronaut and Miss Liu Yang, the first Chinese woman astronaut. |
| Frankie: | **What a wonderful experience!** Thank you very much for your sharing. |
| Laura: | You’re most welcome. |

**Part 3 (Optional)**

I think Leo is suitable to join the camp because of four reasons. First, he is a Secondary six student. Next, he is interested in astronomy. He has good examination/school results and he can speak Putonghua.

Jason is not suitable to join the camp. He is only a Secondary one student. Although he is good at astronomy and his school results are outstanding, he cannot speak Putonghua.