

Should We Invest In Space Exploration?

Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Humans are curious to find out everything, it's human nature ⇒ It's resulted in inventions in the past (such as teflon, velcro) ⇒ Could result in something positive if we find something amazing (e.g. new planet colonization) ⇒ It provides jobs to an entire industry ⇒ It's becoming privatised (e.g. SpaceX) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ It doesn't benefit us directly ⇒ It's expensive and money could be better spent elsewhere ⇒ Needs of humanity should come first ⇒ Creates unnecessary competition (e.g. Cold War) ⇒ Exploration hasn't resulted in anything - pictures of the moon

Vocabulary:

Spaceshuttle

Astronaut

Starving

Poverty

Exploration / to explore something

Stars

Money well-spent - a waste of money

To invest in something

To research / to develop / investigate

Questions:

- 1) Would you ever be interested in going to space?
- 2) Is it fair to single-out space exploration? Why doesn't the argument "money could be better spent" apply to football salaries?
- 3) What do you think about space tourism? Would you be interested in this?
- 4) Do you think there are too many films/TV series about space? (ET, Star Wars)
- 5) Would you ever be interested in being an astronaut?
- 6) Do you know much about astronomy/stars?
- 7) Do you use telescopes? / Have you ever used a telescope before?