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# Reasons Aliens May Not Be Visiting Earth

## Description

The US government recently released many previously classified Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena (UAP) cases from the 1940s to today. This release, along with the new movie *Disclosure Day* by Steven Spielberg about aliens, has sparked discussions about whether extraterrestrial life visits Earth. Surveys in Australia, the US, and other countries show that about a third of people believe aliens are here.

Despite the possibility of alien life, there are strong reasons to think they are not visiting us. Firstly, space is enormous. Proxima Centauri, the closest star to our Sun, is around 40 trillion kilometres away. Our current spacecraft travel much slower than light, making it impossible to reach such distances within human lifetimes.

Another challenge is the energy needed for interstellar travel. As a spacecraft speeds up, it becomes heavier and requires even more energy. At light speed, the energy needed becomes infinite, which is not feasible. Additionally, space is not completely empty; particles can damage spacecraft moving at high speeds.

Finally, Earth's environment is unique. The oxygen in our atmosphere can be harmful to aliens. Although they might wear protective suits, reports of visiting aliens never mention these suits.

Scientists continue to search for extraterrestrial intelligence. They have found thousands of exoplanets, but none like Earth. Ongoing research into potential life on Mars and other moons in our solar system may help answer these questions in the future.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **classified** //ˈklæsɪˌfaɪd// (adjective): kept secret by the government or officials
2. **anomalous** //əˈnɒmələs// (adjective): not normal; different from what usually happens
3. **extraterrestrial** //ˌɛkstrətəˈrɛstriəl// (adjective): from outside Earth; not from our planet
4. **interstellar** //ˌɪntərˈstɛləɹ// (adjective): between or among the stars in space
5. **feasible** //ˈfiːzəbəl// (adjective): possible to do; likely to work
6. **exoplanets** //ˈɛksəʊˌplænəts// (noun): planets that orbit stars outside our solar system

## Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. What recently released cases are being discussed in relation to extraterrestrial life?

- Option: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena
- Option: Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena
- Option: Unidentified Alien Phenomena
- Option: Unidentified Astral Phenomena

2. Who directed the movie 'Disclosure Day'?

- Option: James Cameron
- Option: Christopher Nolan
- Option: Steven Spielberg
- Option: George Lucas

3. How far is Proxima Centauri from our Sun?

- Option: 40 trillion kilometres
- Option: 4 trillion kilometres
- Option: 400 billion kilometres
- Option: 40 billion kilometres

4. What is the primary challenge for interstellar travel mentioned?

- Option: Time dilation
- Option: Energy requirements
- Option: Lack of technology
- Option: Radiation exposure

5. What do scientists continue to search for?

- Option: Extraterrestrial intelligence
- Option: New spacecraft technology
- Option: Alien spacecraft
- Option: Interstellar communication

6. What unique aspect of Earth's environment can be harmful to aliens?

- Option: Water pressure
- Option: Oxygen in the atmosphere
- Option: Temperature fluctuations
- Option: Radiation levels



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### True-False

7. Surveys in Australia and the US show that almost half of people believe aliens are here.
8. Space is completely empty, allowing spacecraft to travel without any obstacles.
9. Interstellar travel would require an infinite amount of energy to achieve light speed.
10. Reports of visiting aliens frequently mention them wearing protective suits.
11. Scientists have found thousands of exoplanets, but none resemble Earth.
12. The closest star to our Sun is Proxima Centauri.

### Gap-Fill

13. The US government released many previously classified \_\_\_\_\_ cases.
14. Surveys show that about a third of people believe \_\_\_\_\_ are here.
15. Proxima Centauri is around 40 trillion \_\_\_\_\_ away.
16. The energy needed for interstellar travel becomes \_\_\_\_\_ at light speed.
17. Earth's environment is unique due to the \_\_\_\_\_ in our atmosphere.
18. Scientists are searching for extraterrestrial \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena 2. Steven Spielberg 3. 40 trillion kilometres  
4. Energy requirements 5. Extraterrestrial intelligence 6. Oxygen in the atmosphere

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. UAP 14. aliens 15. kilometres 16. infinite 17. oxygen 18. intelligence

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