



Warm-up

1. Match the questions and answers.

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| 1 When did Columbus discover America? | A Jules Verne |
| 2 Which country did Marco Polo visit? | B Polish |
| 3 Who wrote "Around the World in 80 days"? | C 1492 |
| 4 What nationality was Ryszard Kapuściński? | D China |

Reading

2. Read the texts quickly and choose the best title for all three.

FAMOUS POLISH TEACHERS / EXPLORERS / WRITERS

A

MIROSLAW HERMASZEWSKI IS A POLISH ASTRONAUT FROM LIPNIKI. HE WAS BORN DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN 1941. WHEN HE WAS A CHILD, HE LIVED AND STUDIED IN WROCLAW. HE LEARNT TO FLY IN THE 1960s IN THE FAMOUS SCHOOL FOR PILOTS IN DEBLIN, POLAND. IN 1978, HE BECAME THE FIRST POLISH ASTRONAUT IN SPACE. HE SPENT ALMOST EIGHT DAYS ON BOARD OF THE SOYUZ 30. DURING THIS MISSION, HE WENT AROUND THE EARTH 126 TIMES. HE IS NOW RETIRED. HE LIKES SCIENCE FICTION BOOKS AND DOES VARIOUS SPORTS IN HIS FREE TIME. HE'S GOT TWO CHILDREN.

Henryk Arctowski was born in Warsaw on 15 July 1871. His original name was Artzt but he later changed it to Arctowski. He studied in Poland, Belgium and France. Between 1897 and 1899 he was on an important expedition in the Antarctic region. It was the first expedition to spend the winter there. Later worked in Belgium, the United States and Poland. When the Second World War started, he was in the US. He couldn't get back to Poland. He died there in 1958.

B

C

Aleksander Wolszczan is a Polish astronomer. He was born in Szczecinek in 1946 but soon his family moved to Szczecin. When he was a child, he learnt a lot about stars and planets. Then, he studied and taught astronomy in Torun. Soon, he became an astronomy professor there. In the 1980 he went to the USA. Now he's a professor at the Pennsylvania State University. He is very famous because he discovered the first planet outside the solar system. He may win the Nobel Prize in the future.



3. Read the texts and match the questions (1-4) to the profiles (A-C). Two questions match the same text.

Which person ...

1 was abroad during the war?

3 completed his education in Poland?

2 is still working hard in his field?

4 explored very cold regions of our planet?

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with the words in the boxes.

astronaut astronomer

1 An travels and works in a spacecraft.

2 An studies stars and planets.

expedition mission

3 He broke his leg on a(n) to Mount Everest.

4 Would you like to go on a space?

discover explore

5 I was in a hurry because I wanted to go and the city!

6 I'm sure someone will life on the Moon soon.

planets stars

7 Is Mercury the smallest in the solar system?

8 There is too much light and you can't see any in the sky.

retire move

9 We live in a small house but we're going to to a bigger one soon.

10 My grandpa likes his job but he's going to next year.

Use of English

5. Complete the text with three of the words in the box.

astronaut discovered explorer Italian moved Spain

Christopher Columbus

Christopher Columbus, or *Cristóbal Colón* in Spanish, was an **(1)** and navigator. He was born in Genoa, a city in the north of Italy. He wanted to find a new way to go from Europe to Asia. His first voyage took place in 1492 when he got some money from the king and queen of **(2)** However, his ideas were wrong. He didn't get to Asia but he **(3)** America. Now Americans celebrate Columbus Day on October 12th every year.

**Functions****6. Choose the correct response to complete the dialogues.****1****X:** Would you like to climb Mount Everest in the future?**Y:**

- A** No, I'm afraid of heights.
- B** It's too cold to do it today.
- C** Yes, it's 8,848 metres high.

2**X:** I don't like lessons about the solar system.**Y:**

- A** I don't.
- B** Me too.
- C** I love them.

3**X:** Mum, can we buy this book about astronomy?**Y:**

- A** Is it very expensive?
- B** I don't believe in horoscopes.
- C** Sorry, I don't know much about it.