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## Script and Word list

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CD: You're listening to Newsreel. I'm Christine Demstader. Coming up in today's programme;

- Are rockets at the ready to take tourists into space?
- Bitcoin - the new virtual currency that is becoming popular
- And which pop star is the first person to reach 50 million followers on Twitter?

### • Lift off likely this year

CD: Could 2014 really be the year that tourists travel into space?

For many years now, we have been hearing about how ordinary people are going to be able to become astronauts and travel into space.

The company Virgin Galactic has chosen two destinations to launch their rockets - New Mexico in the US and Kiruna in Sweden.

The flights were due to start in 2007 but there have been long delays in building and testing spaceships.

Richard Branson who owns Virgin Galactic is confident that the first launch will happen this year. Listen to what he said in an interview with CBS news in America.

“There are only 500 people who have ever been into space and yet if you ask the public 8 out of ten would love to go to space. And so first of all we just want to enable people to become astronauts and experience it.”

But not everyone will be able to afford the experience. The 2-hour flight costs 200,000 US dollars.

### • Buying with Bitcoin – the virtual currency

There's a virtual currency that is becoming popular. It's called Bitcoin.

**space** *rymden*  
**currency** *valuta*  
**to reach** *att nå*

**ordinary** *vanlig*

**to launch** *att skjuta upp*

**delays** *förseningar*

**confident** *säker*

**to enable** *att göra det möjligt*  
**to experience** *att uppleva*

**to afford** *att ha råd*



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Bitcoins are like an online version of money. They are stored in a digital wallet on your mobile phone or computer.

To get Bitcoins, you can either buy them with real cash or sell things to other people who also have a digital wallet. You can't use them in many shops at the moment.

Unlike other kinds of currency, Bitcoins are not controlled by banks or governments and that means you don't have to pay tax on them – for now.

It's very difficult to copy Bitcoins, make fake ones or spend bitcoins you don't own. But if you delete them from your digital wallet by mistake they are lost forever.

**• Diving Daley thanks fans**

CD: British sportsman Tom Daley says he is overwhelmed by the support he has received since he revealed he is in a relationship with a man.

In December last year, Daley who is 19 years old, made a video and posted it on YouTube – this is what he said.

“I met someone and they made me feel so happy, so safe and everything just feels great. And, well, that someone is a guy. And people are going to have their opinions and I think people are going to make a big deal of this. I mean, is it a big deal? I don't think so.”

Tom Daley is a diver and won an Olympic Bronze medal at the London Olympics in 2012.

**• 50 million followers on Twitter**

And finally, which pop star is the first person to reach 50 million followers on Twitter? Have a guess!

No, it's not Justin Bieber. It's Katy Perry, the 29-year-old American singer. Perry has tweeted over 5,000 times and she follows around 130 people at the moment.

Justin Bieber did come in second place in the most followed Twitter accounts of the moment. He was followed by Barack Obama in third place while fourth place went to Lady Gaga.

CD: That's all from Newsreel for now. Until next time, I'm Christine Demstader, thanks for listening.

**stored** *förvarade*  
**wallet** *plånbok*

**cash** *kontanter*

**tax** *skatt*

**fake** *falska*  
**to own** *att äga*  
**delete** *radera*

**overwhelmed** *överbäldigad*  
**support** *stöd*  
**relationship** *förhållande*

**safe** *trygg*  
**opinions** *åsikter*  
**a big deal** *en stor grej*

**diver** *dykare*

**guess** *gissa*