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## NEWSREEL EASY

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### **YouTube or Astronaut?**

- 1) What would young people in the UK and in the US rather want to be – a YouTuber or an astronaut according to new research?

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- 2) What would young Chinese people rather do – be an astronaut or start a YouTube channel?

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- 3) How come young Chinese people think like this? Circle True or False.
- a) They believe that they earn more money as astronauts than as YouTubers. True / False
  - b) Chinese people are more interested in space than other nationalities. True / False
  - c) People can't watch YouTube because of strict Internet laws in China. True / False

### **Amazon fires**

- 4) What is the Amazon?

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- 5) In which country is most of the Amazon located?
- a) Colombia
  - b) Brazil
  - c) Venezuela



6) Why do farmers start fires in the Amazon?

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7) What has happened lately with these fires?

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8) Which of the following statements is true about the Amazon?

- a) Many wild animals live there
- b) The air in the rainforest contains more oxygen and it is therefore difficult to breathe there
- c) Fires in the Amazon reduce climate change

9) What is UK Student Climate Network?

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10) What's the name of the Brazilian President?.....

11) What kind of help to fight the fires did the Brazilian President say no thanks to?

He said no thanks to...

- a) ...planes from Chile which could drop water on the fires
- b) ...volunteer firefighters from other countries who could put out the fire
- c) ...a donation of £18 million pounds from other governments to help fight the fires

### **Optimism and long life**

12) If you have a glass in front of you which you fill up to the middle with water – would you say it's half full or half empty? Tick the box that matches what YOU think.

half full

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half empty

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13) What could your answer say about yourself according to scientists in Boston in the US?

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14) What would an optimist say about the glass? .....

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15) Those who see the glass as half empty – what are they described as?

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16) What have scientists in Boston found out?

- a) That optimists are more likely to forget things
- b) That optimists are always in a good mood
- c) That optimists are more likely to live until they are 85 years old or older



### **10-Minute Discussion**

Are you an optimist or a pessimist? How do you see the world? Do you see possibilities or problems? If you are a pessimist, can you learn to be an optimist? Do you believe optimistic people live longer than pessimistic people? Why? Discuss with your classmates.

### **The Big Debate**

The Amazon rainforest is on fire. Why is it important to stop these fires? How can you help stop the Amazon rainforest from burning? Think of different ways to help.

## **Answers**

### **YouTuber or Astronaut**

- 1) A YouTuber
- 2) An astronaut
- 3) a) False b) False c) True

### **Amazon fires**

- 4) It is the biggest rainforest in the world
- 5) b
- 6) They start fires to make way for their plants
- 7) There have been lots more lately and some are out of control
- 8) a
- 9) It's a network protesting against climate change and organising school strikes
- 10) Bolsonaro
- 11) c

### **Optimism and long life**

- 12) -
- 13) It may affect how long you will live
- 14) He would say that it is half full
- 15) They are described as pessimists
- 16) c