Inside Writing Competition: Task A

**Level:** Intro  
**Content area:** Biology  
**Genre:** Magazine article

Writing skills practiced in this task:

- Predictions and facts  
- Topic sentences

Language checklist for this task:

- I used target words from the Academic Word List in my paragraph.  
- I used adverbs to show how likely my predictions are to come true.  
- I used the future tense correctly.  
- I used parts of speech correctly in complete sentences.

**Your task**

**Task A: Write a paragraph from a magazine article**

Write a paragraph predicting what life will be like in space. Make at least two predictions about life in space. Provide at least one reason why you believe each prediction will happen. Your reasons may be facts or examples.

Write no more than 250 words. Include at least one word from the Academic Word List.
Teacher’s notes

This task is adapted from *Inside Writing Intro Level, Unit 3: Life in Space*.

You can find the unit assignment that this task is adapted from on page 41 of the unit. You may find it helpful to use the format of the unit assignment to help your students structure their paragraph.

About the task

- There is a word limit of 250 words.
- Entries must be written by one student, not students working together in pairs or groups.
- The entry must include vocabulary from the Academic Word List. You will be asked to list the AWL words that are included in the entry separately, so it is a good idea to ask your students to highlight or list the AWL words they use in their writing as part of the assignment.
- The entry should demonstrate the writing skills that are practiced in the task. It should also attempt to meet the language checklist for the task.
- Creativity is more important than accuracy! The judging panel will be looking for content that is interesting and creative, over and above the correct use of grammatical structures.

Submitting your entry

- Go to [www.oup.com/elt/insidewritingcompetition](http://www.oup.com/elt/insidewritingcompetition) to enter.
- Students must be at least 18 years old to enter the competition.
- Only one entry is allowed per student.
- Entries must be submitted via the online submission form. The writing task must be entered directly into the submission form. We will not accept entries submitted by email, as document attachments, or paper entries.
- Entries may be submitted by either teachers or students. Only one entry can be submitted at a time.
- You may enter the competition on behalf of your student(s) with their permission. As the teacher, you may submit up to three entries per task for our consideration.
- The online submission form requires teacher contact details, so you will need to give your students permission to enter your contact details if they submit their own entries. We will always contact the teacher in the first instance.
- If you have any questions about the competition, you can contact us at insidewriting@oup.com. Please do not email your entry.