

# Questions

1. Do you enjoy looking at the stars in the sky?
2. Would you like to travel to outer space?
3. Have you ever learnt about the stars or space?
4. Can you see the moon and stars at night where you live?
5. Do you think it's important to study the stars?

**Please Note:**

Our model answers teach you useful language and give you ideas. However, it is not a good idea to try and memorise them and repeat them in the IELTS exam.

**I guess I do** = used when saying something that is probably true

**I'm not into** = I'm not really interested in

**astronomy** = the study of objects in space

**an astrophile** = a lover of the stars

**spectacular** = beautiful in a dramatic and eye-catching way

**To gaze at something** = to look at something for a long time, in surprise or admiration

**A storm is brewing** = an idiomatic expression that means that there is going to be a storm

## 1. Do you like to look at the sky?

**Yes, I guess I do. I'm not into astronomy or an astrophile**, but if the sky is looking **spectacular** then I like **to gaze at it**. For example, if it's a dark sky **when a storm is brewing**.



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**I'm in two minds** = I'm unable to choose between things

**my bucket list** = a list of things I want to do

**if I was given** the opportunity to go into space, then **it would be** difficult to turn it down – good example of the second conditional

**to turn it down** = to say no

## 2. Would you like to travel to outer space?

**I'm in two minds** about this. It's not something on **my bucket list** and I have a fear of flying, but **if I was given** the opportunity to go into space, then **it would be** difficult **to turn it down**.



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**to have a vague memory of doing something** = to have an unclear memory of something

**when I was growing up** – good use of the past continuous

**to recall** = to remember

3. Have you ever learnt about the stars or space?

**I have a vague memory of studying** the stars and space **when I was growing up**... it might have been when I was in primary school. I can't **recall** much though.



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**cloudy** = lots of clouds in the sky

**overcast** = lots of clouds in the sky

**obviously not** = clearly not

**a clear night** = no clouds in the sky

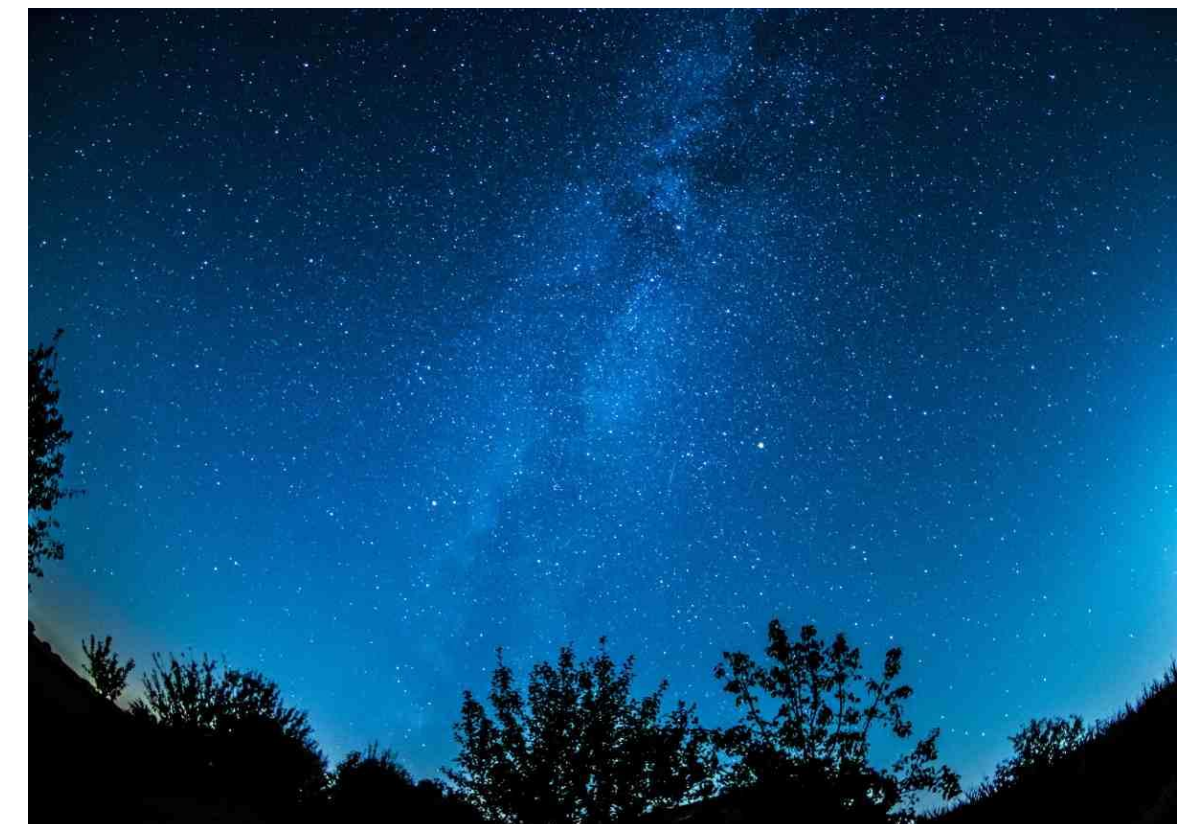
#### 4. Can you see the moon and stars at night where you live?

Well, it depends on what the weather is like. If it is **cloudy** or **overcast**, then **obviously not**; however, if it is **a clear night** with no clouds then the moon and stars can be clearly seen.



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**climate** = weather

**off the top of my head** = without  
careful thought or investigation

**to list** = to make a list of them

## 5. Do you think it's important to study the stars?

Oh yes, absolutely. The sun and the moon are stars and studying them helps us to understand the earth's **climate** and how it affects the weather. I'm sure there are other reasons, but **off the top of my head**, I can't **list** them.



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