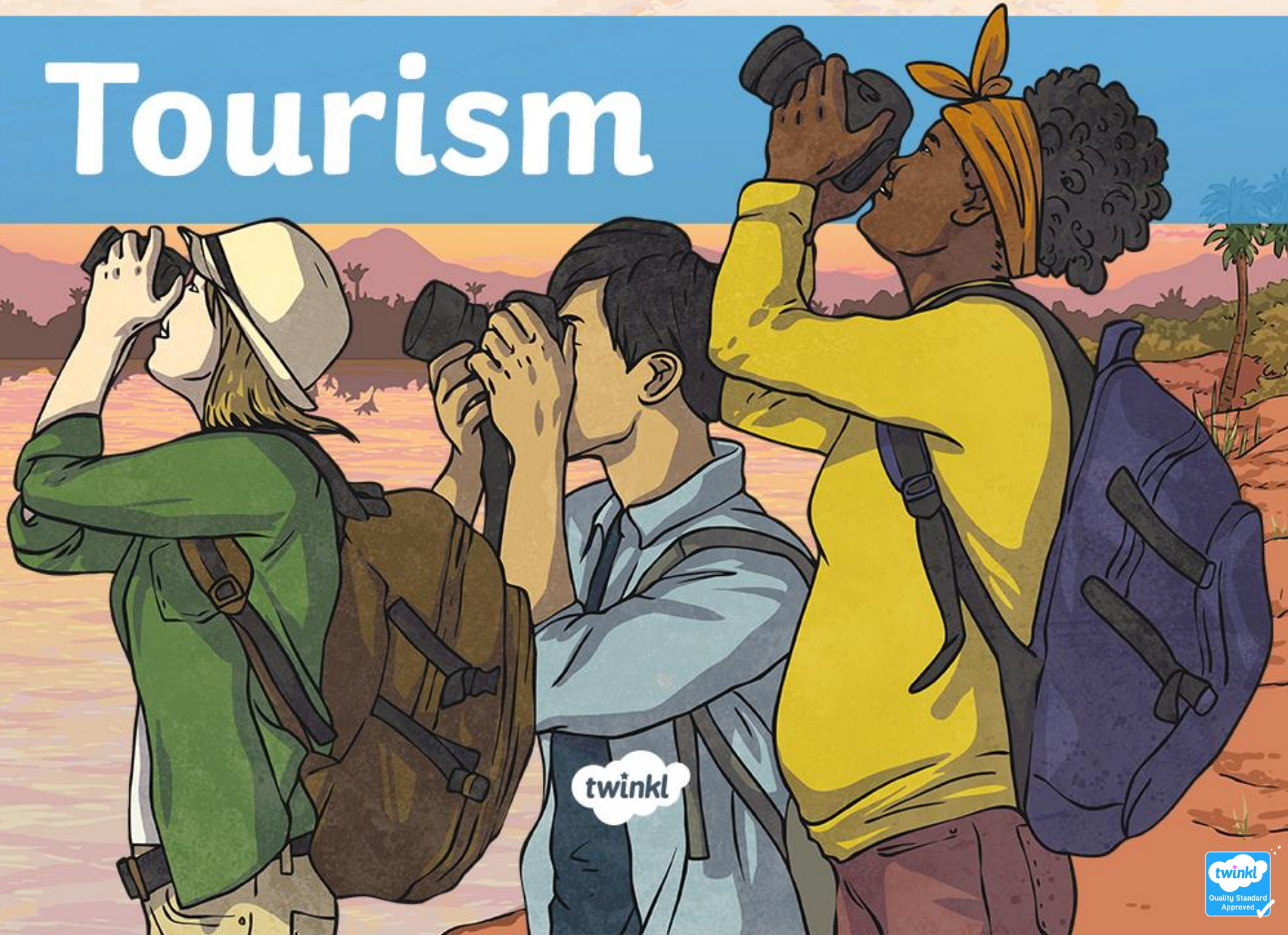


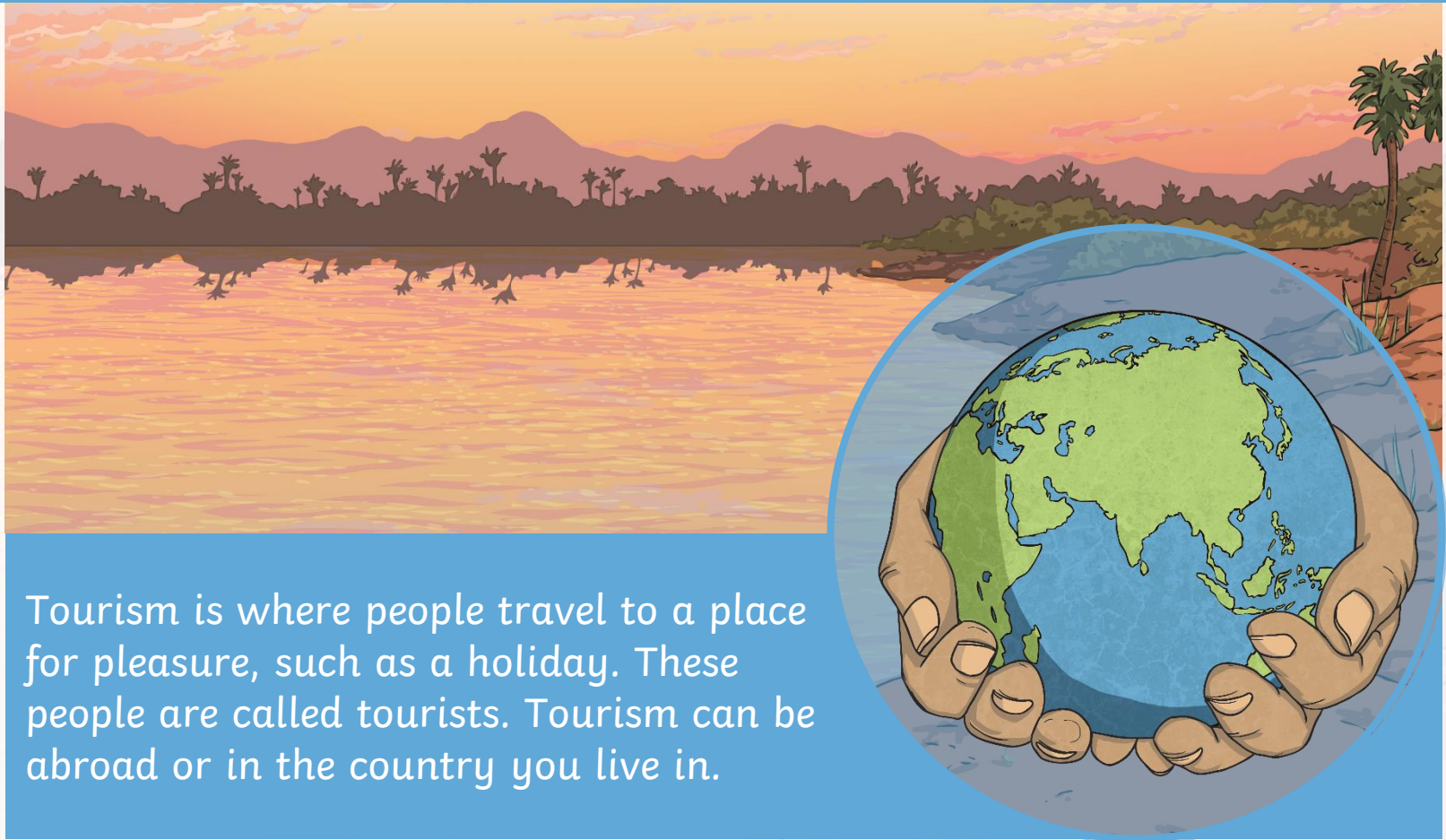
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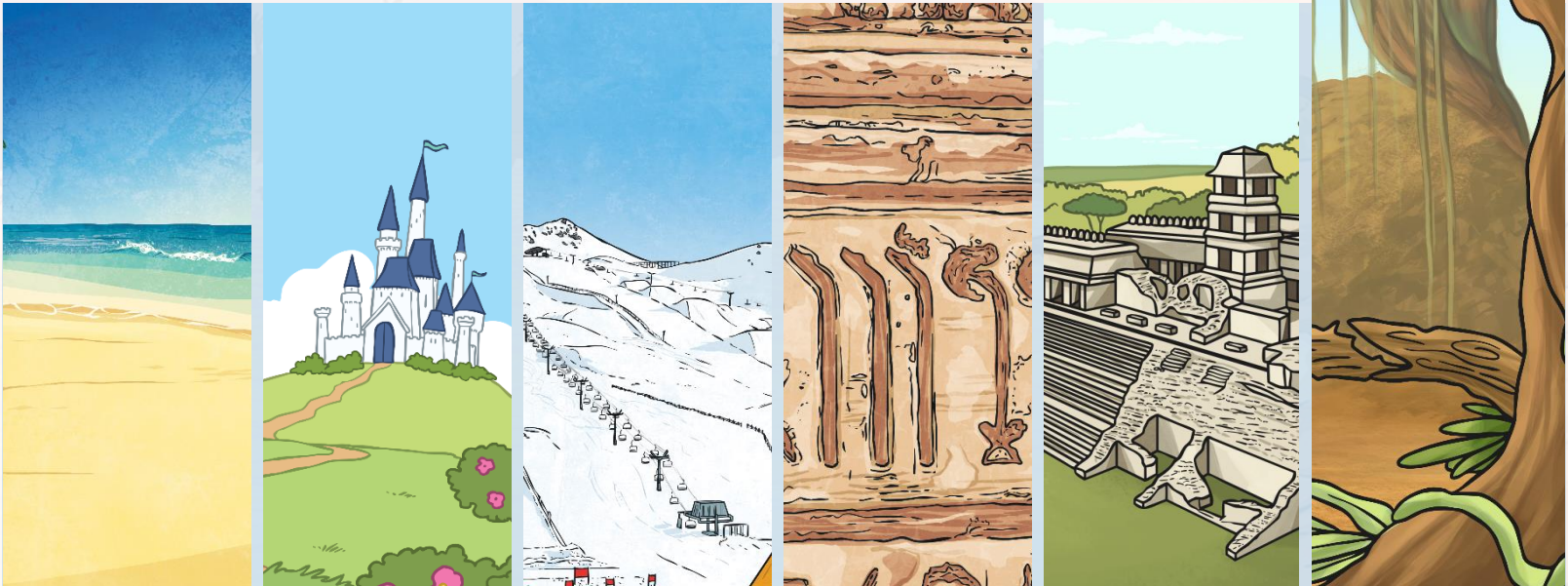
# What Is Tourism?



Tourism is where people travel to a place for pleasure, such as a holiday. These people are called tourists. Tourism can be abroad or in the country you live in.

# Types of Tourism?

There are different types of tourism. Here are a few examples:



**Talk about it**

Where could you take these different types of holidays?



# The Growth of Tourism

Since the middle of the twentieth century, the number of tourists each year has grown from 25 million to over 1 billion. There are lots of reasons for this:

- People have more money left over after they've paid for important things like food and bills.
- Travel is cheaper and easier; travelling by air in particular has become much more affordable.
- People have more paid time off from their jobs to go on holidays.
- The Internet has made it easier for people to find and book interesting holiday destinations.



# The Advantage of Tourism

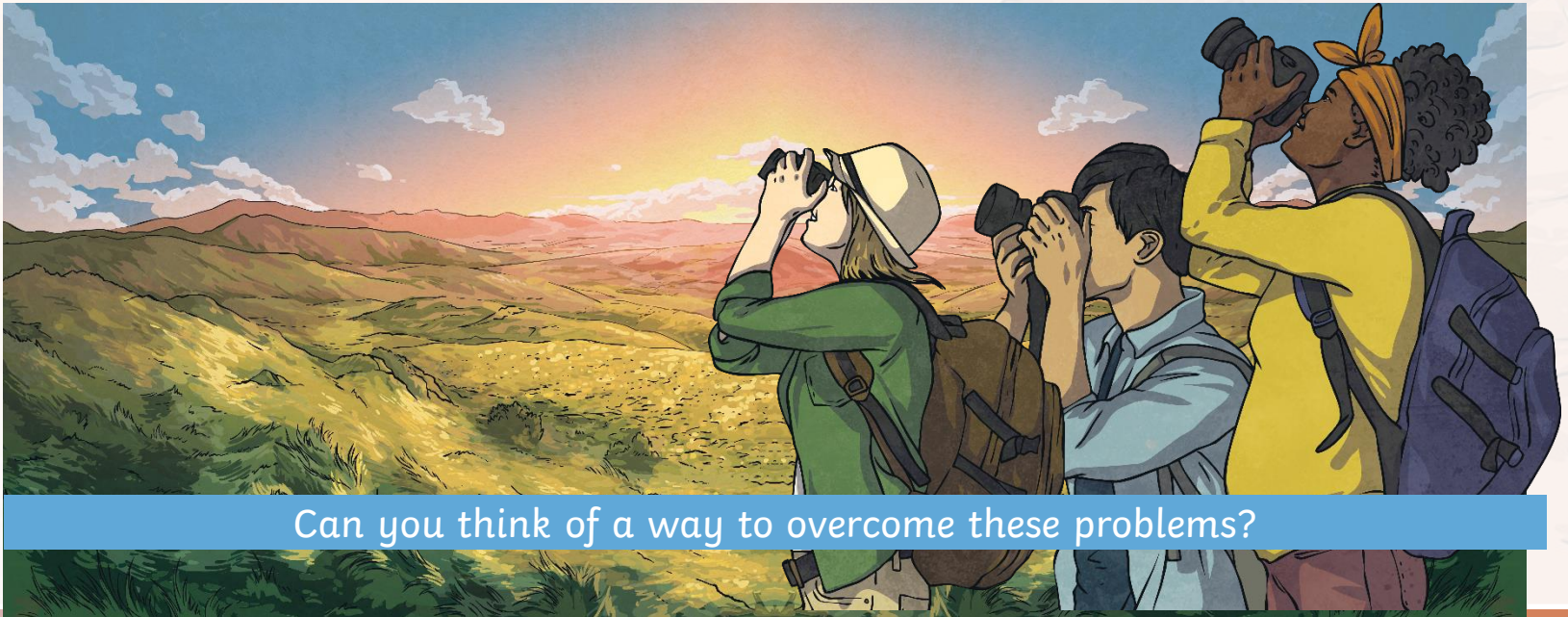


- Traditional food, clothing and art can be appreciated by people from other places so it helps to keep these traditions alive.
- Eco-tourism can improve the local environment.



# The Disadvantage of Tourism

- Jobs in tourism may not last all year. For example, some places are only busy in the summer months. Also, the jobs can sometimes not pay very much money.
- Money generated by tourism often goes to big companies from outside the local area instead of the local people.
- Places can become too busy. Traffic may get bad and make life difficult for local people.
- Travelling can be harmful to the environment, particularly flying by aeroplane.



Can you think of a way to overcome these problems?



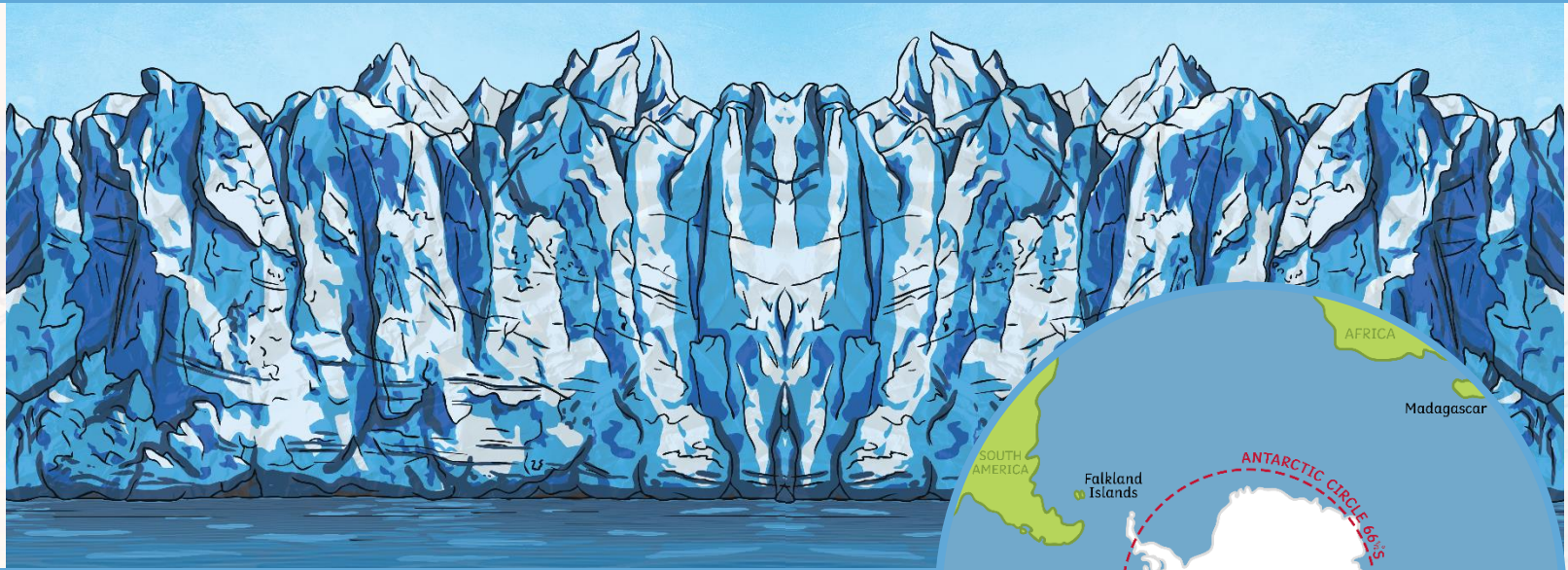
# Tourism in Antarctica



One place where tourism is a **controversial** (something that will cause disagreement) issue is Antarctica. As people have become more adventurous in where they take trips, Antarctica has become viewed as an exciting place to go. Around five thousand people visit the area every year. However, many feel that Antarctica is not a suitable place for tourists.



# Tourism in Antarctica



Antarctica is uninhabited and pretty much untouched by humans. Many people feel that tourism would change the area too much. Tourists could leave litter behind that could damage Antarctica.



# Tourism in Antarctica



Pollution caused by transport to Antarctica (for example oil spills from boats) could damage wildlife and marine life. However, those in favour of tourism in Antarctica say visits to the area will encourage people to support its conservation.

# Sustainable Tourism



- Learning about the people and the culture of the place being visited.
- Being environmentally friendly while on holiday.
- Supporting a local charity while on holiday.

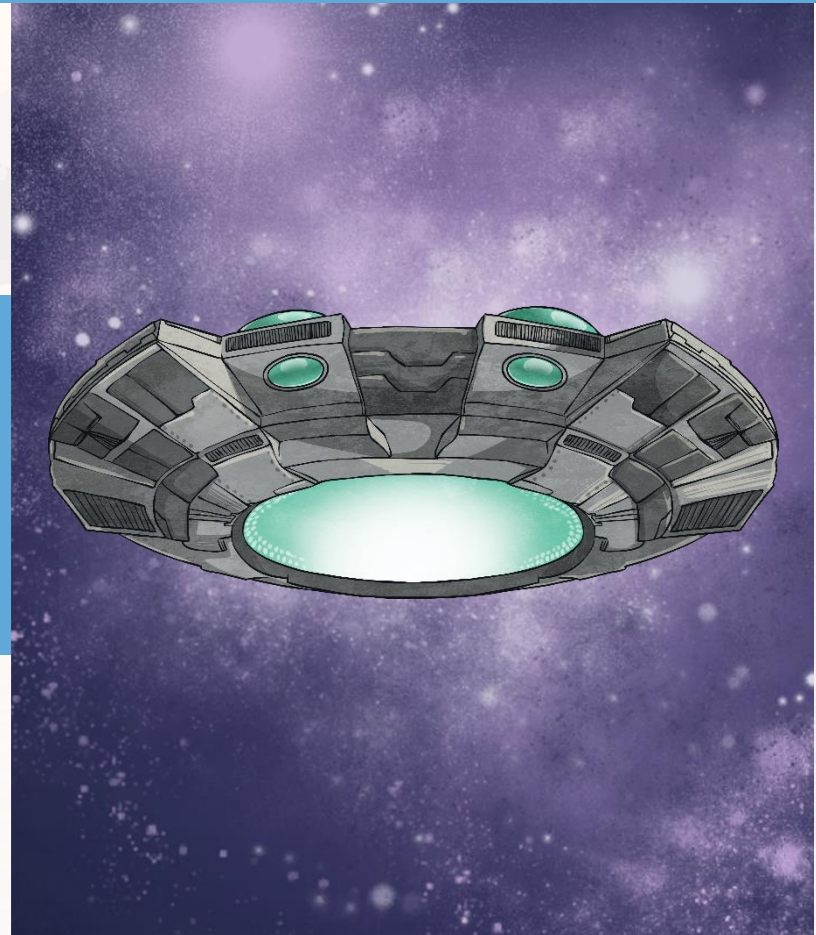


# Where Next?

As most places in the world have been explored, people are now looking further afield for their holiday destinations.

Several companies have already taken bookings for future journeys into space. To book your place on a space flight, you need to put down a deposit of £200,000. And the date for take-off hasn't even been set yet!

Would you like to go on holiday to space? Why or why not?





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