XB3 U2 Reading

Learning objectives

By the end of the class, students will be able to:

1. Summarize the main points of the lecture transcript about an astronaut’s life on a space station;
2. Analyse the language features of the lecture transcript;
3. Use pronouns to improve cohesion in writing
4. Appreciate the good qualities of great astronauts.

Teaching procedures

Pre-reading

Have students answer the two questions on p.16 before reading the lecture transcript.

While-reading

Read the lecture transcript again and finish A2 on P.18.

Have students finish B1 on P.19 and answer the following questions:

1. Why are astronauts experimenting on growing vegetables in space?
2. What are the challenges of growing vegetables in space?

Have students find the sentences with pronouns like “it”, “that” and “they” and understand what they refer to?

Post-reading

What questions would like to ask astronauts?

Suppose you are going to stay on the space station for a month, what would you do?

Homework

Watch a video on astronauts’ life in space station and write an article to introduce astronauts’ life.