The Universe. Season 3 Disc 1

Light Speed

- 1. In one second, light can circle the Earth how many times?
- 2. What is the speed of light?
- 3. You would have to ride a bicycle how long at 12mph to go the distance light travels in one second?
- 4. Why was there a delay in communication with Neil Armstrong while he was on the moon/
- 5. It takes how long for light to reach Earth from the sun?
- 6. As you go further out from Earth it takes longer for signals to get to their destinations. It takes ______ for a signal to reach probes exploring Mars.
- 7. It takes ______ for signals to get to Saturn.
- 8. It takes ______ for signals to get to Voyager 1 which is now heading out of the solar system.
- 9. How far away is Proxima Centauri?
- 10. What is the distance that light actually can travel in one year?
- 11. Sirius is 8.6 light years away. Why do astronomers say we are seeing the history of Sirius when we look at it?
- 12. Vega is how far away?
- 13. Betelgeuse is how far away?
- 14. So when we look at stars we are actually "looking back in _____".
- 15. Crab Nebula is _____ LY away.
- 16. Galactic core is _____ LY away.
- 17. Andromeda Galaxy is ______ LY away.
- 18. What is cosmic background radiation?
- 19. What we can see of the universe is limited by ______
- 20. Describe what "red shift" is.
- 21. What did Edwin Hubble discover in 1926?
- 22. The faster the movement objects are moving away, the greater the ______.
- 23. How long ago is it believed that the universe began?
- 24. So, the farthest astronomers can see in any direction would be ______.
- 25. What is the "light horizon"?
- 26. Galaxies really far away are actually moving away faster than "______".
- 27. Some galaxies we will never see because they are actually moving faster than the speed of light. Explain why we can't see them.
- 28. What does it mean that light speed is a constant?
- 29. How does the speed of an object affect the speed of light coming away from it?
- 30. How many GPS satellites are circling the Earth?
- 31. These satellites are traveling at 7,000 mph. How does the speed of the satellite affect the clock on the satellite?
- 32. Describe some of the affects that would occur if we could travel at the speed of light.
- 33. Light travels 186, 000 mph in a vacuum. What happens to light as it enters other medium?
- 34. What is the "Giggle factor"?
- 35. What is a worm hole and how could one be created?