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Photo of Andromeda Galaxy wins astronomy prize

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French photographer has won a top photography contest. Nicolas Lefaudeux won the prestigious prize in the Astronomy

Photo: Nicolas Lefaudeux Photographer of the Year 2020 competition. This is run by the Royal Observatory in the UK. Mr Lefaudeux won the \$17,000 prize for his photo of our closest galaxy the Andromeda galaxy. Andromeda is two million light years from Earth. It neighbours our Milky Way galaxy. Lefaudeux used a special technique called tilt-shift to take his photo. The result is a spectacular photo that makes Andromeda look amazingly close to us. In the photo, we can clearly see the bright, oval-shaped galaxy in the darkness of space. It is surrounded by countless other stars and celestial objects.

celebrated astronomy Mr Lefaudeux is a His winning photo is titled photographer. "Andromeda Galaxy at Arm's Length". It beat thousands of other photos from the world's leading photographers. The photo won in the "Galaxies" category, as well as the competition's overall best photograph. Lefaudeux told reporters he was very surprised at winning the top prize. He said: "I was really not expecting to be the overall winner. I had some hopes for being placed in the galaxy category, as I liked the sense of depth given to the galaxy. He joked that he was "over the Moon" when he got the news that he had scooped the prize. Reporters said he could now "reach for the stars" and win more prizes.

Sources: livescience.com / forbes.com / dailymail.co.uk

Writing

We should all study astronomy at school. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

photographer / top / prize / royal / galaxy / light years / technique / close / bright / astronomy / reporters / winning / hopes / reporters / sense / depth / Moon / stars

True / False

- A Russian photographer won a top astronomy photo prize. T / F
- b) The photo contest was run by the USA Observatory. T / F
- The Andromeda Galaxy is two million light years from Earth. T / F
- d) The winning photo showed the Andromeda Galaxy with nothing around it. T/F
- e) The winning photo is called "Andromeda Galaxy at Arm's Length". T / F
- f) The winning photographer was not at all surprised he won. T / F
- g) The photographer said he was over the Moon about winning. T / F
- h) Reporters told the photographer to reach for the stars. T/F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- 1. contest
- a. very, very happy
- 2. run

- b. impressive
- 3. closest
- c. heavenly
- 4. spectacular
- d. well-known

organised

- celestial

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- 6. celebrated
- f. feeling
- 7. category
- g. nearest
- 8. sense
- h. won
- 9. over the Moon
- i. class
- 10. scooped
- i. competition

Discussion - Student A

- a) What do you know about astronomy?
- b) How interested are you in space?
- c) Should students study astronomy at school?
- d) How good are you at taking photos?
- e) What do you know about the Milky Way?
- f) What kinds of photos do you like?
- g) What do you think of space?
- h) Would you like to go into space?

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1. Who won this prize?
Where's he from?
How much money did he win?

- 2. What's an observatory?
- 3. Where is Andromeda located?
- 4. What technique did Mr. Lefaudeux use?
- 5. What can you see in the photo?
- 6. What's the title of the winng photo?
- 7.Do you enjoy taking photos? If yes do you use a smart phone or a regular camera?
- 8. Would you like to go into space? Why or why not?
- 9. Have you ever won or competed in any contest? If yes, what was the contest?
- 10. What do you think makes a good photo?