

Is their life out there?
“Contact”

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1. Watch the first scene very carefully. As we back away from Earth, the music and radio programs get older and older until there is silence. Why, if you had a radio or TV with you for the trip, would that be true?
2. Why does Ellie’s father think there is life on other planets?
3. Why does David Drumlin think he is doing Ellie a favor by “pulling the plug” on her SETI work in Puerto Rico?
4. Why do the people at Hadden Industries decide at first not to give Ellie money to continue her SETI work?
5. What video is included with the radio signal from space and why did the aliens include it?

6. How does the “bald guy” fit the pages of the alien code together?

7. What is the machine’s purpose? How do the world’s nations determine its occupant?

8. What physics does Palmer remind Ellie about and what does it mean she is willing to risk if she is chosen?

9. What surprise does Ellie learn in her room on a rainy night?

10. Why does Ellie believe that the man on the beach is not who he appears to be?

11. What is the government’s conclusion about Ellie’s trip? What evidence is given and what does it suggest really happened?