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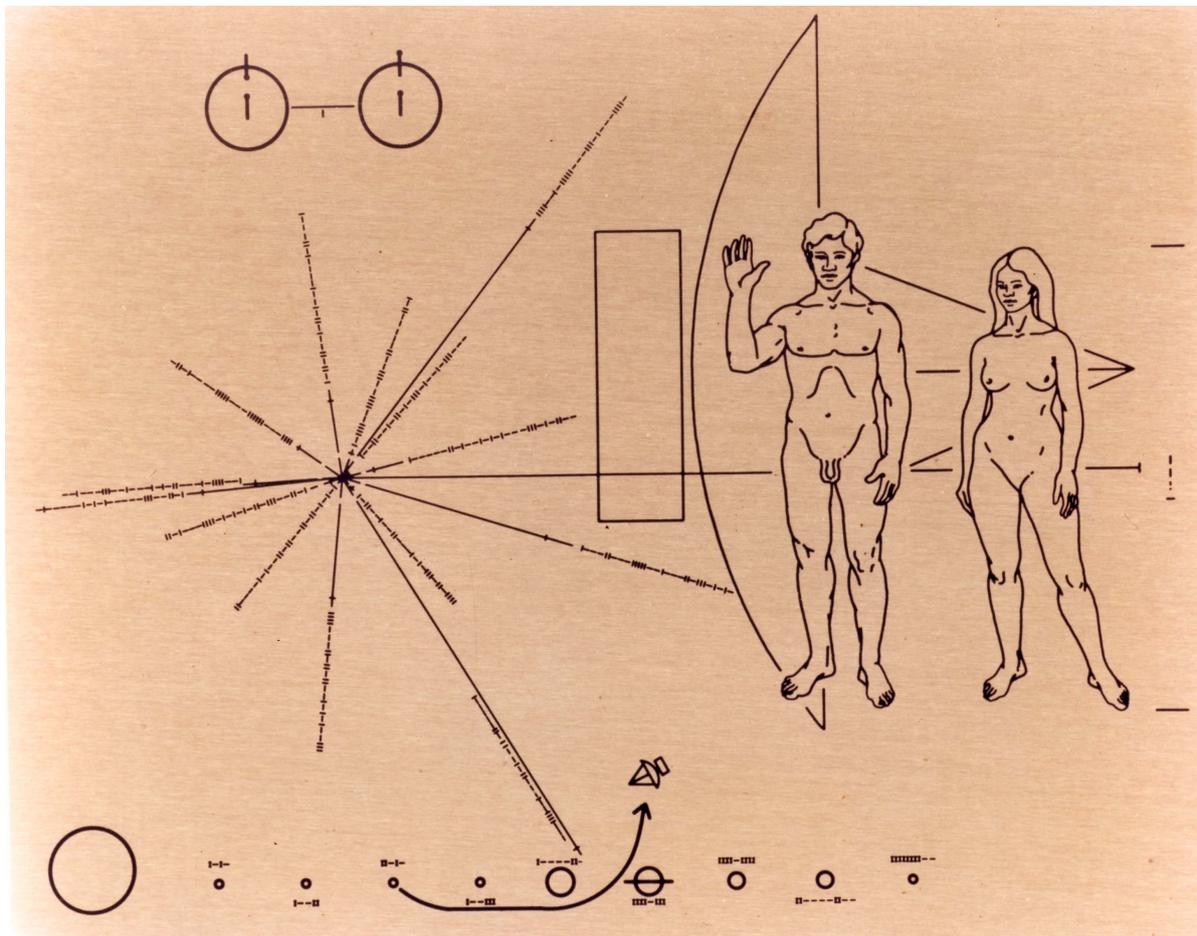
Today I shall be away; see you on Monday! Firstly, I should like you to complete your graphs, if you have not done so already, and stick them into your books.

Communicating with other forms of life

If there are other intelligent forms of life besides our own, and it seems very probable that there are, it is only natural that we should try to look out for signals from them and try to communicate with them. One method of doing this is to send messages out on spacecraft.

The Voyager spacecraft, which some of you looked at in your homeworks, carried a gramophone disc with instructions for its use, and containing a recording of speech and music.

The plaque below was attached to the radio-antenna supports of the Pioneer 10 and 11 spacecrafts. It measured 23×15 cm, and was made from gold-plated aluminium to make it very long-lasting. Can you fathom out what any of the symbols on it mean?



Make up your own picture which could be sent out on a spacecraft to show aliens about human beings on planet Earth. Think carefully about how you can show things: they will be unlikely to understand written English. Let us hope that any aliens who receive our messages are friendly!