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**Level 5** – 30th October, 2020

## Scientists say there is water on the Moon

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# THE READING

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Scientists have breathtaking news that there is water on the Moon. The Moon may hold water in more places and in larger amounts than they thought. The scientists are from NASA. They analyzed two studies in detail and confirmed the presence of water molecules on the side of the Moon we can see. Ice was thought to exist on the dark side of the Moon, which is blocked from sunlight\*. However, NASA said it found water on the sunlit parts of the Moon. It says it found a third of a litre of water in one area. This was not enough to form ice as the molecules were trapped in rock.

This discovery could be a game-changer in paving the way to explore space. It could mean the building of permanent bases on the Moon because there could be a sustainable source of drinking water. This could make rocket fuel one day. NASA explained the significance of the discovery. It said: "Water is extremely critical for deep space exploration. It's a resource of direct value for our astronauts. Any time we don't need to pack water for our trip, we have an opportunity to take other useful items with us." Astronauts could take heavier materials to do bigger scientific experiments.

\* Error: There is no dark side of the Moon. The side we cannot see actually does get sunlight.

Sources: <https://learningenglish.voanews.com/a/scientists-moon-holds-more-water-than-ever-thought/5637832.html>  
<https://www.npr.org/2020/10/26/927869069/water-on-the-moon-nasa-confirms-water-molecules-on-our-neighbors-sunny-surface>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Scientists have breathtaking | a. in detail         |
| 2. in more places and in larger | b. form ice          |
| 3. They analyzed two studies    | c. parts of the Moon |
| 4. on the dark side             | d. trapped in rock   |
| 5. it found water on the sunlit | e. amounts           |
| 6. it found a third of          | f. of the Moon       |
| 7. This was not enough to       | g. news              |
| 8. the molecules were           | h. a litre of water  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. This discovery could be   | a. other useful items     |
| 2. paving the way            | b. bases                  |
| 3. the building of permanent | c. experiments            |
| 4. a sustainable source      | d. critical               |
| 5. Water is extremely        | e. to explore space       |
| 6. an opportunity to take    | f. take heavier materials |
| 7. Astronauts could          | g. of drinking water      |
| 8. do bigger scientific      | h. a game-changer         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Scientists have breathtaking (1) \_\_\_\_\_ is water on the Moon. The Moon may hold water in more places and in larger amounts (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The scientists are from NASA. They analyzed two studies in detail and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of water molecules on the side of the Moon we can see. Ice was thought (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the dark side of the Moon, which is blocked from sunlight. However, NASA said it found water on the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the Moon. It says it found a third of a litre of water in one area. This was not enough to form ice as the molecules were (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

This discovery could be a game-changer in (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to explore space. It could mean the building (8) \_\_\_\_\_ on the Moon because there could be a sustainable source of drinking water. This could make (9) \_\_\_\_\_ day. NASA explained the significance of the discovery. It said: "Water is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ deep space exploration. It's a resource (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for our astronauts. Any time we don't need to pack water for our trip, we have an opportunity to take (12) \_\_\_\_\_ with us." Astronauts could take heavier materials to do bigger scientific experiments.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# THE MOON SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201030-water-on-the-moon-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about the Moon in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

