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Level 0 – 29th March, 2021

Earth safe from asteroid hit for 100 years

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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NASA said asteroids will not be a danger to Earth for 100 years. Some people worried about the end of the world. NASA has been checking a 335-metre asteroid called Apophis. In 2004, they thought it could be dangerous. They thought it could kill over 10 million people. They thought it could hit Earth in 2068.

The scientists used radar to look at the asteroid's path. They got very precise information about its distance. Apophis is now 10.6 million miles away from us. It will come within 20,000 miles of Earth in 2029. Another scientist was happy that Apophis is no longer dangerous. He said he was looking forward to studying it.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2021/mar/27/much-feared-asteroid-apophis-wont-hit-earth-for-at-least-100-years-nasa-says>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. asteroids will not be a | a. checking |
| 2. Some people | b. 10 million people |
| 3. the end | c. worried |
| 4. NASA has been | d. Earth |
| 5. a 335-metre asteroid | e. of the world |
| 6. it could | f. called Apophis |
| 7. it could kill over | g. danger to Earth |
| 8. They thought it could hit | h. be dangerous |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The scientists used | a. from us |
| 2. look at the asteroid's | b. dangerous |
| 3. They got very | c. happy |
| 4. 10.6 million miles away | d. to studying it |
| 5. It will come within | e. precise information |
| 6. Another scientist was | f. radar |
| 7. Apophis is no longer | g. 20,000 miles of Earth |
| 8. he was looking forward | h. path |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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NASA said asteroids will (1) _____ danger to Earth for 100 years. Some people worried (2) _____ of the world. NASA has (3) _____ 335-metre asteroid called Apophis. In 2004, (4) _____ could be dangerous. They thought it (5) _____ 10 million people. They thought (6) _____ Earth in 2068.

The scientists used radar (7) _____ the asteroid's path. They (8) _____ information about its distance. Apophis (9) _____ million miles (10) _____. It will come within 20,000 miles of Earth in 2029. Another scientist (11) _____ Apophis is no longer dangerous. He said he was looking (12) _____ it.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ASTERIODS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about asteroids 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) _____

