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Level 1 – 14th July, 2022

Bigger risk of being killed by falling space rocket

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Have you ever worried about a rocket hitting you on the head? This is not one of life's big worries. There is an almost zero chance of this happening. However, that is changing. Scientists say that in the next ten years, a part of a rocket could fall from space and kill someone. Space is becoming crowded with space junk. The scientists want rocket companies to be more responsible. They want them to control how space junk re-enters our atmosphere.

The scientists looked at the risk of space junk hitting someone. A record 133 rockets went into space in 2021. That record will be broken this year. Over 60 per cent of rockets are abandoned in space. These circle the earth for years before they break up and fall back down. Space junk is more likely to hit someone in the Global South. However, most rockets are launched from the Global North. The scientists say companies are "exporting risk" to poorer nations.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. This is not one of life's | a. with space junk |
| 2. an almost zero chance | b. control how |
| 3. in the next | c. of this happening |
| 4. fall from space and | d. our atmosphere |
| 5. Space is becoming crowded | e. big worries |
| 6. be more | f. kill someone |
| 7. They want them to | g. responsible |
| 8. how space junk re-enters | h. ten years |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The scientists looked | a. to hit someone |
| 2. That record will be | b. nations |
| 3. These circle the | c. at the risk |
| 4. before they break up and fall | d. the Global North |
| 5. Space junk is more likely | e. broken this year |
| 6. rockets are launched from | f. risk |
| 7. companies are exporting | g. earth for years |
| 8. poorer | h. back down |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Have you (1) _____ a rocket hitting you on the head? This is not one of (2) _____. There is an almost (3) _____ this happening. However, that is changing. Scientists say that in the next ten years, (4) _____ a rocket could fall from space and kill someone. Space is becoming (5) _____ junk. The scientists want rocket companies to be more responsible. They want them (6) _____ space junk re-enters our atmosphere.

The scientists looked at (7) _____ space junk hitting someone. A record 133 rockets went into space in 2021. That record will (8) _____ year. Over 60 per cent of rockets (9) _____ in space. These circle the earth for years before they break up and fall back down. Space junk is more (10) _____ someone in the Global South. However, most rockets (11) _____ the Global North. The scientists say companies (12) _____ to poorer nations.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SPACE ROCKETS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about space rockets 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) _____

