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Level 2 – 14th July, 2022

Bigger risk of being killed by falling space rocket

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Please try Levels 0, 1 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 high on the list of life's worries. The chance of some space junk hitting us is almost zero. However, that is changing. Scientists say that in the next ten years, there is a growing likelihood that a rocket part could fall from space and kill someone. More countries are sending more rockets into space, so space is becoming crowded. The scientists want nations and rocket companies to be more responsible. They want them to control how rocket parts re-enter our atmosphere.

The scientists researched the number of rockets in space, and the risk of someone being hit by falling debris. There were a record 133 rocket launches in 2021. That record will be broken this year. Scientists say over 60 per cent of rockets are abandoned in space. These abandoned spacecraft can circle the earth for years before they break up and fall back down. Rocket parts are more likely to hit someone in the Global South. However, most rockets are launched from the Global North. The scientists say countries and companies are "exporting risk to the rest of the world".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. worried about a rocket hitting | a. our atmosphere |
| 2. This is not high on the list of | b. hitting us |
| 3. The chance of some space junk | c. likelihood |
| 4. in the next | d. life's worries |
| 5. a growing | e. control how |
| 6. space is becoming | f. you on the head |
| 7. They want them to | g. crowded |
| 8. rocket parts re-enter | h. ten years |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. the number of rockets | a. broken this year |
| 2. the risk of someone | b. earth for years |
| 3. falling | c. risk |
| 4. That record will be | d. abandoned |
| 5. 60 per cent of rockets are | e. of the world |
| 6. circle the | f. being hit |
| 7. companies are exporting | g. in space |
| 8. the rest | h. debris |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Have you ever worried (1) _____ hitting you on the head? This is not high (2) _____ of life's worries. The chance of some space junk hitting us is almost zero. However, that is changing. Scientists say that in the (3) _____, there is a growing likelihood that a rocket part could fall from space (4) _____. More countries are sending more rockets into space, so space is becoming crowded. The scientists (5) _____ rocket companies to be more responsible. They want them (6) _____ rocket parts re-enter our atmosphere.

The scientists researched the (7) _____ in space, and the risk of someone being hit (8) _____. There were a record 133 rocket launches in 2021. That record will be broken this year. Scientists say over 60 per cent of rockets (9) _____ space. These abandoned spacecraft can circle the earth for years before they (10) _____ fall back down. Rocket parts are more (11) _____ someone in the Global South. However, most rockets are launched from the Global North. The scientists say countries and companies are "exporting risk to (12) _____ the world".

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) _____

