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Level 0 – 4th September, 2018

Astronauts plug space station hole with finger

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180904-iss-0.html>

Astronauts fixed a hole in the International Space Station (ISS). Scientists usually do scientific experiments on the ISS. Last week, NASA said the station was slowly leaking air. An astronaut found the hole. He used a simple and quick way of doing this. He put his finger over the hole. Luckily, it was only two millimeters wide.

A small piece of space junk may have hit the ISS, which travels at around 28,000 kph. Flight controllers in the USA and Russia helped the crew. A cosmonaut used a "space tape" and a special glue from a "space repair kit". NASA said: "The crew are healthy and safe with weeks of air left in the International Space Station reserves."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Astronauts fixed a | a. way of doing this |
| 2. Scientists usually | b. hole |
| 3. scientific | c. wide |
| 4. the station was slowly | d. experiments |
| 5. An astronaut found | e. over the hole |
| 6. a simple and quick | f. do |
| 7. He put his finger | g. the hole |
| 8. it was only two millimeters | h. leaking air |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. A small piece | a. kit |
| 2. travels at | b. the crew |
| 3. Flight | c. around 28,000 kph |
| 4. Russia helped | d. left |
| 5. space tape and | e. of space junk |
| 6. a space repair | f. and safe |
| 7. The crew are healthy | g. controllers in the USA |
| 8. weeks of air | h. a special glue |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Astronauts (1) _____ in the International Space Station (ISS). Scientists (2) _____ experiments on the ISS. Last week, NASA said the (3) _____ leaking air. An astronaut (4) _____. He used a simple and quick (5) _____ this. He put his finger over the hole. Luckily, it (6) _____ millimeters wide.

A small piece (7) _____ may have hit the ISS, which (8) _____ 28,000 kph. Flight controllers in the USA and Russia (9) _____. A cosmonaut used a "space tape" and (10) _____ from a "space repair kit". NASA said: "The (11) _____ and safe with weeks of (12) _____ the International Space Station reserves."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SPACE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180904-iss-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about space 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) _____

