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China first to land on dark side of the moon – 7th January, 2019

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China is the first nation to land a spacecraft on the far side of the moon. A Chinese television station announced that the lunar spaceship, Chang'e 4, touched down on the moon on Thursday. Professor Zhu Menghua said the success of the mission was a major milestone for China. He said it means China is a pioneer in space exploration. He told reporters: "We Chinese people have done something that the Americans have not dared try." Sun Zezhou, chief designer of Chang'e-4, said: "Landing on the far side of the moon is more risky than landing on the near side."

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Level 6

China has become the first nation ever to successfully land a spacecraft on the far side of the moon. The official China Central Television station announced that the lunar explorer spaceship, Chang'e 4, touched down at 10:26am on Thursday. Professor Zhu Menghua, from Macau University of Science and Technology, said the success of the mission was a major milestone for China and established the nation as a pioneer in space exploration. He told the New York Times: "We Chinese people have done something that the Americans have not dared try." Sun Zezhou, chief designer of Chang'e-4, said: "Landing on the far side of the moon is more risky than landing on the near side."

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