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Level 1 – 29th March, 2021

Earth safe from asteroid hit for 100 years

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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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NASA confirmed that asteroids will not be a danger to Earth for 100 years. This is good news for people worried about the end of the world. NASA has been checking a 335-metre asteroid called Apophis for 17 years. They thought it could be dangerous. They put it on their list of the most dangerous asteroids. They thought it could kill over 10 million people. They said it could hit Earth in 2068. Their latest prediction is that Earth will be safe for the next 100 years.

The scientists used radar to predict the asteroid's path. A scientist said: "We were able to acquire incredibly precise information about its distance to an accuracy of about 150 meters." Apophis is now 10.6 million miles away from us. It will come within 20,000 miles of Earth in 2029. Another scientist was glad Apophis is no longer dangerous. He said he was looking forward to the science scientists might uncover from 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. worried about the end |
| 2. good news for people | b. prediction |
| 3. a 335-metre asteroid | c. 10 million people |
| 4. They put it on their | d. 100 years |
| 5. it could kill over | e. called Apophis |
| 6. They said it could hit | f. a danger to Earth |
| 7. Their latest | g. Earth in 2068 |
| 8. safe for the next | h. list |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The scientists used | a. precise information |
| 2. predict the asteroid's | b. dangerous |
| 3. incredibly | c. from us |
| 4. an accuracy of | d. path |
| 5. 10.6 million miles away | e. to the science |
| 6. It will come within 20,000 | f. radar |
| 7. Apophis is no longer | g. about 150 meters |
| 8. He said he was looking forward | h. miles of Earth |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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NASA confirmed that asteroids will not (1) _____ to Earth for 100 years. This is (2) _____ people worried about the end (3) _____. NASA has been checking a 335-metre asteroid called Apophis for 17 years. They thought it could be dangerous. They put it (4) _____ of the most dangerous asteroids. They thought it (5) _____ 10 million people. They said it could hit Earth in 2068. Their latest prediction is that Earth will be safe for the (6) _____.

The scientists (7) _____ predict the asteroid's path. A scientist said: "We were (8) _____ incredibly precise information about its distance (9) _____ of about 150 meters." Apophis is now 10.6 million miles (10) _____. It will come within 20,000 miles of Earth in 2029. Another (11) _____ Apophis is no longer dangerous. He said he was looking forward to the science scientists (12) _____ it.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ASTEROIDS 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **asteroids** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
