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THE ARTICLE

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The online store Amazon is testing a new method of delivering parcels. It wants to start using drones to get packages to customers, in just 30 minutes. The drones are small, remote-controlled helicopters called 'octocopters'. They look like toys. Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos talked about them on the American TV show '60 Minutes'. He said: "I know this looks like science fiction. It's not." He added: "We can do half-hour delivery...and we can carry objects, we think, up to 2.3kg, which covers 86 per cent of the items that we deliver." He joked that Amazon would not be able to deliver some things. He said: "It won't work for everything. We're not going to deliver kayaks, or table saws this way."

The new delivery system is going to be called 'Prime Air'. It could be in operation before the year 2018. Mr Bezos believes it will be good for the environment. "It's very green and it's better than driving trucks around," he said. The project still needs the green light from the U.S. government. The company is making sure the 'octocopter' meets all of the country's flying safety standards. Bezos only has one concern with his 'octocopters'. He said: "This thing can't land on somebody's head while they're walking around their neighborhood." He said Amazon needed to keep finding new ways to stay ahead. He knows that companies can have a short life span and that other businesses can overtake them, especially those using technology.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1176325/amazon-testing-drone-delivery-system>
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WARM-UPS

1. ONLINE SHOPPING: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about online shopping. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

online store / Amazon / packages / customers / delivery / science fiction / delivery / good for the environment / green / safety standards / neighbourhood / technology

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DRONE DELIVERY: What are the good and bad points about these drones? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Drone:	Good	Bad
Amazon.com		
Taxis for humans		
Pizza		
Ambulance drones		
Olympic drone event		
Personal drones		

4. DRONES: Students A **strongly** believe delivery drones are a great idea; Students B **strongly** believe they aren't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. SHOPPING: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- online shopping
- catalogue shopping
- window shopping
- shopping at sales
- shopping at markets
- food shopping
- shopping at the mall
- department stores

6. AMAZON: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "Amazon". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131204-drone-delivery-service.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Amazon wants customers to get their orders in 30 minutes. | T / F |
| b. The drones Amazon is testing look like things children might play with. | T / F |
| c. Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos said using drones is 100% science fiction. | T / F |
| d. Mr Bezos said the drones would be able to deliver things like kayaks. | T / F |
| e. The new service will be called "Air Amazon". | T / F |
| f. The drones will be better for the environment than delivery by trucks. | T / F |
| g. Bezos hopes the drones do not fall on people's heads. | T / F |
| h. The CEO said no other company can overtake Amazon. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. method | a. things |
| 2. packages | b. guidelines |
| 3. toys | c. send |
| 4. objects | d. beneficial |
| 5. deliver | e. parcels |
| 6. in operation | f. go-ahead |
| 7. good | g. way |
| 8. green light | h. working |
| 9. standards | i. time |
| 10. span | j. playthings |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. testing a new method | a. for the environment |
| 2. start using drones to get | b. controlled helicopters |
| 3. The drones are small, remote- | c. on somebody's head |
| 4. this looks like science | d. that we deliver |
| 5. 86 per cent of the items | e. light |
| 6. It could be in operation | f. of delivering parcels |
| 7. it will be good | g. before the year 2018 |
| 8. The project still needs the green | h. fiction |
| 9. This thing can't land | i. life span |
| 10. companies can have a short | j. packages to customers |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131204-drone-delivery-service.html>

The online store Amazon is testing a new (1) _____ of delivering parcels. It wants to start using drones to get packages to customers, in just 30 minutes. The drones are small, (2) _____ controlled helicopters called 'octocopters'. They look like toys. Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos talked about them on the American TV (3) _____ '60 Minutes'. He said: "I know this looks like science (4) _____. It's not." He added: "We can do half-hour delivery...and we can carry (5) _____, we think, up to 2.3kg, which (6) _____ 86 per cent of the items that we deliver." He (7) _____ that Amazon would not be able to deliver some things. He said: "It won't work for everything. We're not going to deliver (8) _____, or table saws this way."

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show
objects
kayaks
method
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joked
fiction

The new delivery (9) _____ is going to be called 'Prime Air'. It could be in (10) _____ before the year 2018. Mr Bezos believes it will be good for the environment. "It's very (11) _____ and it's better than driving trucks around," he said. The project still needs the green light from the U.S. government. The company is (12) _____ sure the 'octocopter' meets all of the country's flying safety standards. Bezos only has one (13) _____ with his 'octocopters'. He said: "This thing can't (14) _____ on somebody's head while they're walking around their neighborhood." He said Amazon needed to keep finding new ways to stay (15) _____. He knows that companies can have a short life span and that other businesses can overtake them, (16) _____ those using technology.

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ahead
operation
land
system
especially
green
concern

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131204-drone-delivery-service.html>

- 1) The online store Amazon is testing a new method of _____.
 - a. delivery in parcels
 - b. delivering pass sells
 - c. delivering parcels
 - d. delivery in pass sells
- 2) small, remote-controlled helicopters called 'octocopters'. They _____.
 - a. looked like toys
 - b. look like toys
 - c. looks like toys
 - d. lookalike toys
- 3) He said: "I know this looks like _____. It's not."
 - a. sciences fictional
 - b. scientific fiction
 - c. science fiction
 - d. science fictional
- 4) He added: "We can do half-hour delivery...and we _____.
 - a. can curry objects
 - b. can carry object
 - c. can curry object
 - d. can carry objects
- 5) We're not going to deliver kayaks, or table _____.
 - a. saws this weigh
 - b. soars this way
 - c. sores this weigh
 - d. saws this way
- 6) It's very green and it's better than driving _____.
 - a. trucks a round
 - b. trucks around
 - c. trucks are round
 - d. tracks around
- 7) The company is making sure the 'octocopter' meets all of the country's _____.
 - a. flying safety standard
 - b. flying safety standardise
 - c. flying safety standards
 - d. flying safety standardises
- 8) This thing can't land on somebody's head while they're walking around _____.
 - a. their neighboring hood
 - b. their neighbor's hood
 - c. their neighborhood
 - d. their neighborhoods
- 9) He knows that companies can have a _____.
 - a. short life span
 - b. short live span
 - c. short life's pan
 - d. short life's span
- 10) other businesses can overtake them, especially _____.
 - a. these using technology
 - b. those using technology
 - c. dose using technology
 - d. days using technology

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The new delivery system is going to be called 'Prime Air'. It could be in (7) _____ year 2018. Mr Bezos believes it will be good for the environment. "It's (8) _____ better than driving trucks around," he said. The project still needs (9) _____ the U.S. government. The company is making sure the 'octocopter' meets all of the country's flying (10) _____. Bezos only has one concern with his 'octocopters'. He said: "This thing can't land on somebody's head while they're walking around (11) _____." He said Amazon needed to keep finding new ways to stay ahead. He knows that companies can have (12) _____ that other businesses can overtake them, especially those using technology.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131204-drone-delivery-service.html>

1. How long might it take for customers to receive their orders?

2. What has Amazon called its drones?

3. What did Jeff Bezos say his project looks like?

4. What is the weight limit for Amazon's drone delivery?

5. Bezos joked that the drones couldn't deliver table saws and _____.

6. What will Amazon call the new delivery service?

7. What did Mr Bezos say the delivery service would be good for?

8. What is Amazon waiting for from the U.S. government?

9. Where is Mr Bezos worried about a drone landing?

10. What does Amazon need to keep finding?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131204-drone-delivery-service.html>

1. How long might it take for customers to receive their orders?
 - a) 30 minutes
 - b) one hour
 - c) 90 minutes
 - d) 2 hours
2. What has Amazon called its drones?
 - a) Bill and Selina
 - b) quadrocopters
 - c) octocopters
 - d) Amazopters
3. What did Jeff Bezos say his project looks like?
 - a) a crazy idea
 - b) science fiction
 - c) fun
 - d) a helicopter
4. What is the weight limit for Amazon's drone delivery?
 - a) 3.2kg
 - b) 32kg
 - c) 23kg
 - d) 2.3kg
5. Bezos joked that the drones couldn't deliver table saws and _____.
 - a) kayaks
 - b) creeks
 - c) crackers
 - d) koalas
6. What will Amazon call the new delivery service?
 - a) Air Prime
 - b) Amazon Air
 - c) Air Amazon
 - d) Prime Air
7. What did Mr Poulter say was "totally unacceptable"?
 - a) helicopters
 - b) the environment
 - c) trucks
 - d) packages
8. What is Amazon waiting for from the U.S. government?
 - a) a delivery
 - b) an order
 - c) payment
 - d) the green light
9. Where is Mr Bezos worried about a drone landing?
 - a) in a neighbourhood
 - b) companies
 - c) on someone's head
 - d) on a helicopter
10. What does Amazon need to keep finding?
 - a) new helicopters
 - b) new ways to stay ahead
 - c) new products
 - d) new ways to protect heads

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Online shopping

You think online shopping is the best kind of shopping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their kinds of shopping. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): window shopping, food shopping or shopping for presents.

Role B – Window shopping

You think window shopping is the best kind of shopping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their kinds of shopping. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): online shopping, food shopping or shopping for presents.

Role C – Food shopping

You think food shopping is the best kind of shopping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their kinds of shopping. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): online shopping, window shopping or shopping for presents.

Role D – Shopping for presents

You think shopping for presents is the best kind of shopping. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their kinds of shopping. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): online shopping, food shopping or window shopping.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131204-drone-delivery-service.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'online' and 'store'.

online	store
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• method• start• toys• carry• 86• work	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2018• good• trucks• safety• head• life
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ONLINE SHOPPING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about online shopping 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.

(ONLINE) SHOPPING DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'shopping'?
- c) How important is shopping to you?
- d) What was your best time shopping?
- e) Do you like online shopping?
- f) What do you think of Amazon's 30-minute drone delivery service?
- g) Do you think delivery by drone is science fiction?
- h) Would you use the drone delivery service or go to a store?
- i) Why do people like shopping?
- j) Who do you like going shopping with and why?

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(ONLINE) SHOPPING DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Is online shopping better than going to a real store?
- c) Should everyone use drone delivery if it's good for the environment?
- d) Do you think all shopping will be online one day?
- e) What do some people dislike about shopping?
- f) What would it be like if all real stores disappeared?
- g) Do you think the drones might be dangerous?
- h) What will happen if the skies are filled with drones?
- i) What do you think of Amazon.com?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. | (a) methodical | (b) methods | (c) methodology | (d) method |
| 2. | (a) met | (b) set | (c) let | (d) get |
| 3. | (a) controlling | (b) controlled | (c) controls | (d) controllers |
| 4. | (a) scientific | (b) sciences | (c) science | (d) scientifically |
| 5. | (a) moves | (b) delivers | (c) covers | (d) packages |
| 6. | (a) way | (b) weight | (c) whey | (d) wait |
| 7. | (a) of | (b) in | (c) up | (d) to |
| 8. | (a) driving | (b) driven | (c) drove | (d) drives |
| 9. | (a) ensure | (b) sure | (c) surely | (d) ensures |
| 10. | (a) at | (b) as | (c) with | (d) of |
| 11. | (a) take | (b) deliver | (c) keep | (d) move |
| 12. | (a) use | (b) used | (c) uses | (d) using |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. testing a new tmodhe
2. rvegeinldi parcels
3. emoetr-controlled helicopters
4. get packages to ocuestsmr
5. eiescnc fiction
6. we can carry tjsoecb

Paragraph 2

7. It could be in neiaoptro before the year 2018
8. it will be good for the iotnmevenrn
9. meets all of the country's flying efytas standards
10. Bezos only has one ccrnnoe
11. keep finding new ways to stay aadeh
12. especially those using holygconte

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131204-drone-delivery-service.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () 2.3kg, which covers 86 per cent of the items that we deliver." He joked that Amazon would not be able to deliver some
- () controlled helicopters called 'octocopters'. They look like toys. Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos talked about them
- () trucks around," he said. The project still needs the green light from the U.S. government. The company is
- () fiction. It's not." He added: "We can do half-hour delivery...and we can carry objects, we think, up to
- () on the American TV show '60 Minutes'. He said: "I know this looks like science
- () using drones to get packages to customers, in just 30 minutes. The drones are small, remote-
- () things. He said: "It won't work for everything. We're not going to deliver kayaks, or table saws this way."
- (**1**) The online store Amazon is testing a new method of delivering parcels. It wants to start
- () making sure the 'octocopter' meets all of the country's flying safety standards. Bezos only has one
- () concern with his 'octocopters'. He said: "This thing can't land on somebody's head while they're walking around
- () companies can have a short life span and that other businesses can overtake them, especially those using technology.
- () their neighborhood." He said Amazon needed to keep finding new ways to stay ahead. He knows that
- () The new delivery system is going to be called 'Prime Air'. It could be in operation before the
- () year 2018. Mr Bezos believes it will be good for the environment. "It's very green and it's better than driving

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. parcels testing a delivering is method of Amazon new.

2. drones customers to get Start packages using to.

3. controlled The small - are remote helicopters drones , .

4. know I fiction science like looks this.

5. able some Amazon be deliver not to things would.

6. year It in the be before 2018 could operation.

7. still project The light green the needs.

8. while Land they're on walking somebody's around head.

9. needed to keep finding new ways to stay ahead Amazon.

10. He knows that companies can have a short life span.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131204-drone-delivery-service.html>

The online store Amazon is [*testing / tested*] a new method of delivering parcels. It wants to start using drones to [*get / let*] packages to customers, in just 30 minutes. The drones are small, remote-controlled helicopters called 'octocopters'. They look like [*toy / toys*]. Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos talked about them [*on / at*] the American TV show '60 Minutes'. He said: "I know this looks like science [*fictional / fiction*]. It's not." He added: "We can do half-hour delivery...and we can carry [*subjects / objects*], we think, up to 2.3kg, which covers 86 per cent of the [*itemise / items*] that we deliver." He joked that Amazon would not be [*able / ability*] to deliver some things. He said: "It won't work [*for / from*] everything. We're not going to deliver kayaks, or table saws this [*weigh / way*]."

The new delivery system is going to be called 'Prime Air'. It could be [*on / in*] operation before the [*yearly / year*] 2018. Mr Bezos believes it will be good for the [*environment / environmental*]. "It's very green and it's better than [*driven / driving*] trucks around," he said. The project still needs the green [*lighting / light*] from the U.S. government. The company is making [*sure / ensure*] the 'octocopter' [*meets / meetings*] all of the country's flying safety standards. Bezos only has [*once / one*] concern with his 'octocopters'. He said: "This thing can't land on somebody's head while they're walking around their [*neighbours / neighborhood*]." He said Amazon needed to keep finding new ways to stay ahead. He knows that companies can have a short [*life / live*] span and that other businesses can overtake them, especially those using technology.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ _nl_n_ st_r_ _m_z_n_ s t_st_ng _ n_w m_th_d _f
d_l_v_r_ng p_rc_ls. _t w_nts t_ st_rt _s_ng dr_n_s t_
g_t p_ck_g_s t_ c_st_m_rs, _n j_st 30 m_n_t_s. Th_
dr_n_s _r_ sm_ll, r_m_t_-c_ntr_ll_d h_l_c_pt_rs c_ll_d
'_ct_c_pt_rs'. Th_y l__k l_k_ t_ys. _m_z_n's C__ J_ff
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d_l_v_r." H_ j_k_d th_t _m_z_n w__ld n_t b_ _bl_ t_
d_l_v_r s_m_ th_ngs. H_ s__d: "_t w_n't w_rk f_r
_v_ryth_ng. W_'r_n_t g__ng t_ d_l_v_r k_y_ks, _r
t_bl_ s_ws th_s w_y."

Th_ n_w d_l_v_ry syst_m _s g__ng t_ b_ c_ll_d 'Pr_m_
__r'. _t c__ld b_ _n _p_r_t__n b_f_r_ th_ y__r 2018.
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dr_v_ng tr_cks _r__nd," h_ s__d. Th_ pr_j_ct st_ll
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Amazon's 'octocopters'. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ONLINE SHOPPING: Make a poster about online shopping. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. DRONE DELIVERY SERVICE: Write a magazine article about Amazon's drone delivery service. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to Amazon's boss. Ask him three questions about online shopping. Give him three ideas on how to make it better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T b T c F d F e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. method | a. way |
| 2. packages | b. parcels |
| 3. toys | c. playthings |
| 4. objects | d. things |
| 5. deliver | e. send |
| 6. in operation | f. working |
| 7. good | g. beneficial |
| 8. green light | h. go-ahead |
| 9. standards | i. guidelines |
| 10. span | j. time |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. 30 minutes
2. Octopcopters
3. Science fiction
4. 2.3kg
5. Kayaks
6. Prime Air
7. The environment
8. The green light
9. On someone's head
10. New ways to stay ahead

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)