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## Level 0

### Man to take rocket trip to show Earth is flat

24th November, 2017

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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/1711/171124-flat-earth-0.html>

A scientist says the Earth is flat and not round. Mike Hughes, 61, taught himself how to make a rocket for \$20,000. He will fly it hundreds of meters in the air. It uses steam and can fly at 800 kmh. He said: "I like to do extraordinary things....No one in the history of mankind has...launched himself in his own rocket."

Mr Hughes will take photos to prove the Earth is flat and has walls of ice at the edges. He said his project will "shut the door on this ball-Earth" idea. He said the flight is, "as scary as hell, but none of us are getting out of this world alive". He will be live on his website on Saturday. He already gave lots of food to his four cats.

Sources: <http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/world/2017/11/stuntman-taking-rocket-trip-to-prove-earth-is-flat.html>.  
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/4955648/flat-earth-self-taught-scientist-mad-mike-launch-california-home-made-rocket/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171124-flat-earth-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. the Earth is flat and      | a. 800 kmh      |
| 2. how to make a rocket       | b. mankind      |
| 3. fly it hundreds of meters  | c. for \$20,000 |
| 4. It uses                    | d. own rocket   |
| 5. fly at                     | e. in the air   |
| 6. I like to do extraordinary | f. steam        |
| 7. the history of             | g. not round    |
| 8. launched himself in his    | h. things       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                        |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. take photos to prove the     | a. on his website      |
| 2. walls of ice                 | b. door                |
| 3. shut the                     | c. to his four cats    |
| 4. this ball-Earth              | d. scary as hell       |
| 5. the flight is as             | e. Earth is flat       |
| 6. none of us are getting out   | f. at the edges        |
| 7. The flight will be live      | g. of this world alive |
| 8. He already gave lots of food | h. idea                |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A scientist says the Earth is flat (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Mike Hughes, 61, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to make a rocket for \$20,000. He (3) \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of meters in the air. It uses steam and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 800 kmh. He said: "I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ extraordinary things....No one in the history of mankind has...launched himself (6) \_\_\_\_\_ rocket."

Mr Hughes will take (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth is flat and has (8) \_\_\_\_\_ at the edges. He said his project will "(9) \_\_\_\_\_ on this ball-Earth" idea. He said the flight is, "as (10) \_\_\_\_\_, but none of us are getting out of (11) \_\_\_\_\_". The will be live on his website on Saturday. He already gave (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to his four cats.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# EARTH SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171124-flat-earther-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Earth 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) \_\_\_\_\_

