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Level 1

Man to take rocket trip to show Earth is flat

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1711/171124-flat-earth-1.html>

A scientist wants to prove that the Earth is flat. Mike Hughes, 61, is a flat-Earther – someone who believes that the Earth is not round. He taught himself how to make a rocket for \$20,000. He will get into his rocket and fire it hundreds of meters in the air. It is powered by steam and can fly at 800 kmh. He told reporters: "I like to do extraordinary things....No one in the history of mankind has designed, built and launched himself in his own rocket."

Mr Hughes will take photos to prove that the Earth is flat. He said the Earth is land with walls of ice at the edges. He said his project will "shut the door on this ball-Earth" idea. He is a little worried and said the flight is, "as scary as hell, but none of us are getting out of this world alive". Hughes hopes his flat-Earth discovery will help him run for California Governor. The flight will be on his website on Saturday. He fed his four cats, just in case something goes wrong.

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/>
<http://metro.co.uk/2017/11/22/flat-earth-er-will-launch-himself-into-the-sky-on-steam-powered-rocket-this-week-7098673/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| 1. someone who believes that the Earth | a. things |
| 2. He taught himself how | b. is not round |
| 3. fire it hundreds of meters | c. steam |
| 4. It is powered by | d. own rocket |
| 5. fly at | e. in the air |
| 6. I like to do extraordinary | f. of mankind |
| 7. No one in the history | g. to make a rocket |
| 8. launched himself in his | h. 800 kmh |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Earth is land with walls of | a. his website |
| 2. shut the door on this ball-Earth | b. of this world alive |
| 3. the flight is as | c. goes wrong |
| 4. none of us are getting out | d. will help him |
| 5. his flat-Earth discovery | e. idea |
| 6. The flight will be on | f. four cats |
| 7. He fed his | g. scary as hell |
| 8. just in case something | h. ice at the edges |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A scientist wants to (1) _____ Earth is flat. Mike Hughes, 61, is a flat-Earther – someone (2) _____ the Earth is not round. He taught himself how to make a rocket for \$20,000. He (3) _____ his rocket and fire it hundreds of meters in the air. It is powered by steam (4) _____ at 800 kmh. He told reporters: "I (5) _____ extraordinary things....No one in the history of mankind has designed, built and (6) _____ his own rocket."

Mr Hughes will take photos to (7) _____ Earth is flat. He said the Earth is land with (8) _____ at the edges. He said his project will "(9) _____ on this ball-Earth" idea. He is a little worried and said the flight is, "as (10) _____, but none of us are getting out of this world alive". Hughes (11) _____-Earth discovery will help him run for California Governor. The flight will be on his website on Saturday. He fed his four cats, just in case (12) _____.

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Earth** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
