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Level 4 – 16th March, 2019

Boeing grounds 737 Max aircraft worldwide

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THE READING

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Boeing has grounded the fleet of its 737 Max aircraft after last week's fatal Ethiopian Airlines crash. Two 737 Max's have crashed in five months. In October, a plane from Indonesia crashed. Aviation experts say the circumstances are similar. Investigators have the black boxes from Ethiopia and will study their data to find reasons for the crash. The USA's aviation administration said it was clear the Ethiopian Airlines and Lion Air flights behaved very similarly.

Boeing hopes the 737 Max is a key part of its future. It has received 5,000 orders for the aircraft and has delivered 371. The grounding has seen its market value drop by nearly \$26 billion. Boeing's president said: "We are doing everything...to understand the cause of the accidents, deploy safety enhancements, and help ensure this does not happen again." Boeing said that it "continues to have full confidence in the safety of the 737 Max".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. grounded the | a. data |
| 2. aviation | b. clear |
| 3. Investigators have the black | c. fleet |
| 4. study their | d. similarly |
| 5. find reasons | e. boxes |
| 6. The USA's aviation | f. experts |
| 7. it was | g. for the crash |
| 8. flights behaved very | h. administration |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a key part of its | a. of the accidents |
| 2. seen its market | b. confidence in |
| 3. We are doing | c. value drop |
| 4. understand the cause | d. the 737 Max |
| 5. deploy safety | e. everything |
| 6. ensure this does not | f. future |
| 7. have full | g. enhancements |
| 8. the safety of | h. happen again |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Boeing has grounded (1) _____ its 737 Max aircraft after (2) _____ Ethiopian Airlines crash. Two 737 Max's have (3) _____ months. In October, a plane from Indonesia crashed. Aviation experts say the circumstances are similar. Investigators have (4) _____ from Ethiopia and will study their data to find reasons (5) _____. The USA's aviation administration said it was clear the Ethiopian Airlines and Lion Air flights (6) _____.

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AIRPLANES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about airplanes 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 **airplanes** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
