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China grows plants on the moon

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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/1901/190117-ecology-0.html>

Plants are growing on the far side of the moon. China's space agency showed photos of cotton seeds growing. It is part of a "moon surface micro-ecological circle". Cotton and potatoes are growing. They are both small and strong. They could grow in the difficult conditions on the moon.

Researchers want to understand how plants grow in space. His team is looking at our future survival in space. They could start a space base. Fruit flies and yeast are part of the project. The plants will make oxygen and food for the fruit flies; the yeast could change the dead plants into more food.

Sources: <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/2182111/chinese-lunar-landers-cotton-seeds-lead-way-plant-life-germinates>
<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2190704-first-moon-plants-sprout-in-chinas-change-4-biosphere-experiment/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190117-ecology-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Plants are growing on | a. are growing |
| 2. space | b. seeds |
| 3. photos of cotton | c. on the moon |
| 4. a moon surface micro- | d. agency |
| 5. Cotton and potatoes | e. grow |
| 6. They are both | f. ecological circle |
| 7. They could | g. the far side |
| 8. difficult conditions | h. small |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Researchers want to understand | a. make oxygen |
| 2. plants grow in | b. in space |
| 3. our future survival | c. plants |
| 4. They could start a space | d. how |
| 5. Fruit flies and yeast are | e. fruit flies |
| 6. The plants will | f. space |
| 7. food for the | g. base |
| 8. dead | h. part of the project |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Plants are growing (1) _____ side of the moon.

China's (2) _____ showed photos

(3) _____ growing. It is (4) _____

"moon surface micro-ecological circle". Cotton and potatoes are

growing. They (5) _____ and strong. They could

grow in the difficult conditions (6) _____.

Researchers (7) _____ how plants grow in space.

His team (8) _____ our future survival in space.

They could (9) _____ base. Fruit flies and yeast

are part (10) _____. The plants will make oxygen

and (11) _____ fruit flies; the yeast could change

the (12) _____ more food.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ECOLOGY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190117-ecology-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about ecology 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) _____

