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## **Level 1**

### **Amazon.com testing drone delivery service**

**4th December, 2013**

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# THE READING

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Amazon is testing a new way to deliver parcels. It wants to use drones. These will deliver to customers in 30 minutes. Small, remote-controlled helicopters, called 'octocopters,' will carry things up to 2.3kg. About 86% of Amazon's parcels are under this weight. 'Octocopters' look like toys. Amazon's boss talked about them on TV. He said they looked like science fiction. He added: "It won't work for everything. We're not going to deliver kayaks...this way."

The new system could start by 2018. The boss said it will be good for the environment and that "it's better than driving trucks around". The U.S. needs to say OK, so Amazon is making sure the 'octocopter' is safe to fly. Bezos joked that the 'octocopters' couldn't "land on somebody's head". Amazon has to find new ways to be the best. Companies can disappear quickly. Other businesses can overtake Amazon, especially if they use technology.

Sources: <http://news.sky.com/story/1176325/amazon-testing-drone-delivery-system>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. a new way to deliver              | a. on TV                  |
| 2. remote-                           | b. like toys              |
| 3. 86% of Amazon's parcels are under | c. fiction                |
| 4. 'Octocopters' look                | d. controlled helicopters |
| 5. Amazon's boss talked about them   | e. this way               |
| 6. science                           | f. everything             |
| 7. It won't work for                 | g. parcels                |
| 8. We're not going to deliver kayaks | h. this weight            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The new system could start      | a. safe to fly     |
| 2. good for the                    | b. somebody's head |
| 3. better than driving             | c. overtake Amazon |
| 4. making sure the 'octocopter' is | d. trucks around   |
| 5. land on                         | e. technology      |
| 6. find new ways to be             | f. by 2018         |
| 7. Other businesses can            | g. environment     |
| 8. especially if they use          | h. the best        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1312/131204-drone-delivery-service-1.html>

Amazon is testing (1) \_\_\_\_\_ deliver parcels. It wants to use drones. These (2) \_\_\_\_\_ customers in 30 minutes. Small, remote-controlled helicopters, called 'octocopters,' will (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 2.3kg. About 86% of Amazon's parcels are (4) \_\_\_\_\_. 'Octocopters' look like toys. Amazon's boss talked about them on TV. He said they looked like (5) \_\_\_\_\_. He added: "It won't work for everything. We're (6) \_\_\_\_\_ deliver kayaks...this way."

The new system (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 2018. The boss said it will be good for (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and that "it's better than driving trucks around". The U.S. needs to say OK, so Amazon is (9) \_\_\_\_\_ 'octocopter' is safe to fly. Bezos joked that the 'octocopters' couldn't "(10) \_\_\_\_\_ head". Amazon has to find new ways to be the best. Companies can (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Other businesses can overtake Amazon, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ technology.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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