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Amazon.com testing drone delivery service

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THE READING

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Amazon is testing a new way of delivering parcels. It wants to use drones. It will get packages to customers in 30 minutes. Drones are small, remote-controlled helicopters called 'octocopters'. They look like toys. Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos talked about them on the TV show '60 Minutes'. He said his project wasn't science fiction. He said he could do half-hour delivery and carry objects up to 2.3kg. This covers 86 per cent of the things Amazon delivers. Mr Bezos said: "It won't work for everything. We're not going to deliver kayaks, or table saws this way."

The new delivery system is called 'Prime Air'. It could start before the year 2018. Bezos thinks it will be good for the environment. "It's very green and it's better than driving trucks around," he said. The U.S. government still needs to say OK. Amazon is making sure the 'octocopter' meets America's flying safety standards. Bezos joked that the 'octocopters' couldn't "land on somebody's head while they're walking around." He said Amazon had to find new ways to be number one. Companies can disappear quickly. Other businesses can overtake them, especially if they use technology.

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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. It will get packages to | a. things Amazon delivers |
| 2. remote- | b. fiction |
| 3. They look | c. customers in 30 minutes |
| 4. science | d. to deliver kayaks |
| 5. carry objects | e. controlled helicopters |
| 6. This covers 86 per cent of the | f. up to 2.3kg |
| 7. It won't work for | g. like toys |
| 8. We're not going | h. everything |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. It could start before | a. technology |
| 2. it will be good for the | b. the year 2018 |
| 3. The U.S. government still | c. somebody's head |
| 4. flying safety | d. needs to say OK |
| 5. land on | e. overtake them |
| 6. Amazon had to find new ways | f. standards |
| 7. Other businesses can | g. to be number one |
| 8. especially if they use | h. environment |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Amazon is (1) _____ of delivering parcels. It wants to use drones. It will (2) _____ customers in 30 minutes. Drones are small, remote-controlled helicopters called 'octocopters'. They (3) _____. Amazon's CEO Jeff Bezos talked about them on the TV show '60 Minutes'. He said his project wasn't (4) _____. He said he could do half-hour delivery and (5) _____ to 2.3kg. This covers 86 per cent of the things Amazon delivers. Mr Bezos said: "It won't work for everything. We're (6) _____ deliver kayaks, or table saws this way."

The (7) _____ is called 'Prime Air'. It could start before the year 2018. Bezos thinks (8) _____ the environment. "It's very green and it's better than driving trucks around," he said. The U.S. government (9) _____ OK. Amazon is making sure the 'octocopter' meets America's flying safety standards. Bezos joked that the 'octocopters' couldn't "land (10) _____ while they're walking around." He said Amazon had to (11) _____ be number one. Companies can disappear quickly. Other businesses can overtake them, (12) _____ use 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)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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

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