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Jade Rabbit sends photos from the Moon

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THE READING

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China's expedition to the Moon has sent back its first photos of the surface. The Jade Rabbit rover is the first vehicle to drive on the Moon since America's Apollo mission 40 years ago. Chinese scientists were very happy with the first high-quality images. They were of an area of the Moon called the Bay of Rainbows. The photos showed the Chinese flag clearly visible against the dark of space. Jade Rabbit will test soil samples ahead of the possible mining of the Moon's rocks and minerals. China said its mission was "an important component" of exploring "the peaceful use of space".

The South China Morning Post said the Moon landing was a great achievement in Chinese history. It described the importance of China's rise as a space power. It added that nothing compared with the scientific and technological significance of the Moon landing, and that the mission, "has transformed China's dream of putting a man on the moon into a given; sooner rather than later". China's science fiction writers are also happy. One described his vision of the future, saying: "I think everything will look differently when a Chinese person looks at Earth from the Moon. I expect that day will come."

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. China's expedition | a. the dark of space |
| 2. photos of | b. peaceful use of space |
| 3. the first vehicle to | c. the surface |
| 4. high- | d. drive on the Moon |
| 5. clearly visible against | e. soil samples |
| 6. test | f. to the Moon |
| 7. mining of the Moon's | g. quality images |
| 8. exploring the | h. rocks and minerals |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. a great | a. differently |
| 2. China's rise as | b. of the future |
| 3. the scientific and | c. a space power |
| 4. sooner | d. will come |
| 5. his vision | e. achievement |
| 6. everything will look | f. rather than later |
| 7. a Chinese person looks at | g. technological significance |
| 8. I expect that day | h. Earth from the Moon |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China's expedition to the Moon has sent back its first photos (1) _____ . The Jade Rabbit rover is the (2) _____ drive on the Moon since America's Apollo mission 40 years ago. Chinese (3) _____ happy with the first high-quality images. They were of an area of the Moon called the Bay of Rainbows. The photos showed the Chinese (4) _____ against the dark of space. Jade Rabbit will (5) _____ ahead of the possible mining of the Moon's rocks and minerals. China said its mission was "an (6) _____" of exploring "the peaceful use of space".

The South China Morning Post said (7) _____ a great achievement in Chinese history. It described (8) _____ China's rise as a space power. It added that nothing compared with the scientific and (9) _____ of the Moon landing, and that the mission, "has transformed China's (10) _____ a man on the moon into a given; sooner rather than later". China's science fiction writers are also happy. One described his (11) _____, saying: "I think everything will look differently when a Chinese person looks at Earth from the Moon. I (12) _____ will come."

JADE RABBIT SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Jade Rabbit 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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

FREE WRITING

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Write about **Jade Rabbit** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
