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Level 2

China launches first Chinese-made aircraft carrier

28th April, 2017

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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China is growing stronger. On Wednesday, it launched its first aircraft carrier that it built on its own. China now has two aircraft carriers. The first one was built by Russia. Its new carrier weighs 50,000 tons. It was launched at a ceremony in the shipyard. Navy officials followed tradition and broke a bottle of champagne on the carrier's bow. Development of the new carrier started in 2013. The shipyard started building it in 2015. The Chinese Navy will test the new carrier at sea for three years. It will start operating in 2020. All of the airplanes it needs will be ready then.

A spokesperson said he was, "proud of the great achievement made by the country in modernizing the national defense and military". He said the new carrier would strengthen China's ability to protect itself. It will also help China to look after its borders, shipping and trade routes. A social media user said the new carrier was, "a symbol of China's technological power, industrial capability and overall strength". There are reports that China will build at least two and maybe four more carriers. The new ones could be as big as the U.S. Navy carriers. They could weigh up to 100,000 tons.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The first one was | a. for three years |
| 2. It was launched at a | b. tradition |
| 3. Navy officials followed | c. be ready then |
| 4. broke a bottle | d. ceremony |
| 5. The shipyard started building | e. in 2020 |
| 6. test the new carrier at sea | f. it in 2015 |
| 7. It will start operating | g. of champagne |
| 8. All of the airplanes it needs will | h. built by Russia |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. proud of the great | a. four more carriers |
| 2. modernizing the national defense | b. protect itself |
| 3. strengthen China's ability to | c. routes |
| 4. help China to look | d. and military |
| 5. shipping and trade | e. a symbol |
| 6. the new carrier was | f. achievement |
| 7. build at least two and maybe | g. to 100,000 tons |
| 8. They could weigh up | h. after its borders |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China (1) _____. On Wednesday, it launched its first aircraft carrier (2) _____ its own. China now has two aircraft carriers. The first one was built by Russia. Its new carrier weighs 50,000 tons. It was (3) _____ ceremony in the shipyard. Navy officials followed tradition and (4) _____ champagne on the carrier's bow. Development of the new carrier started in 2013. The shipyard started (5) _____ 2015. The Chinese Navy will test the new carrier at sea for three years. It will start operating in 2020. (6) _____ it needs will be ready then.

A spokesperson said he was, "(7) _____ achievement made (8) _____ modernizing the national defense and military". He said the new carrier would strengthen China's ability (9) _____. It will also help China to look after its borders, shipping and trade routes. A social media user said the new carrier (10) _____ China's technological power, industrial capability and overall strength". There are reports that China (11) _____ two and maybe four more carriers. The new ones could be as big as the U.S. Navy carriers. They could (12) _____ 100,000 tons.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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AIRCRAFT CARRIER SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1704/170428-aircraft-carrier-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about aircraft carrier 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) _____

