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Level 4 – 7th January, 2019

China first to land on dark side of the moon

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THE READING

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China is the first nation to land on the far side of the moon. The spaceship, Chang'e 4, touched down on the moon on Thursday. A professor said the mission was a major milestone for China. He said China is now a pioneer in space exploration. He said: "We Chinese people have done something that the Americans have not dared try." The chief designer of Chang'e-4, said: "Landing on the far side of the moon is more risky than landing on the near side."

The Chang'e-4 probe sent photographs to Earth soon after it landed. China said the mission had, "lifted the mysterious veil" from the far side of the moon and "opened a new chapter in human lunar exploration". A spokesman said it would, "help lay the foundation for future space exploration." He added that China would explore the moon, asteroids, "and even the whole solar system". China has plans to launch a returnable spacecraft (Chang'e 5) by 2020.

Sources: <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/2180594/change-4-landing-dark-side-moon-marks-start-chinas-space-race-us>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. China is the first | a. designer |
| 2. touched down | b. exploration |
| 3. the mission was a major | c. on the moon |
| 4. a pioneer in space | d. on the near side |
| 5. We Chinese people have done | e. milestone |
| 6. the Americans have not | f. something |
| 7. the chief | g. nation to land |
| 8. more risky than landing | h. dared try |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. soon after it | a. returnable spacecraft |
| 2. lifted the mysterious | b. landed |
| 3. opened a new | c. the moon |
| 4. it would help lay | d. chapter |
| 5. future space | e. system |
| 6. China would explore | f. veil |
| 7. the whole solar | g. exploration |
| 8. China has plans to launch a | h. the foundation |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China is (1) _____ to land on the far side of the moon. The spaceship, Chang'e 4, touched (2) _____ moon on Thursday. A professor said the mission was (3) _____ for China. He said China is now a pioneer (4) _____. He said: "We Chinese people have done something that the Americans have (5) _____." The chief designer of Chang'e-4, said: "Landing on the far side of the moon is (6) _____ landing on the near side."

The Chang'e-4 probe sent photographs to Earth (7) _____ landed. China said the mission (8) _____ mysterious veil" from the far side of the moon and "(9) _____ chapter in human lunar exploration". A spokesman said it would, "help lay the foundation (10) _____ exploration." He added that China would explore the moon, asteroids, "and even (11) _____ system". China has plans (12) _____ returnable spacecraft (Chang'e 5) by 2020.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE MOON SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the moon 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) _____

