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Scientists puzzled by flashes on the moon

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THE READING

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Scientists are puzzled at flashes of light on the moon. This strange situation is happening several times a week. Sometimes the flashes are short; at other times they are long. On occasion, there are places on the moon that become darker. Experts are wondering what is causing the flashes. A meteorite strike can make the moon's surface glow briefly. The flashes could occur when electrically charged particles of solar wind hit moon dust.

A telescope has been set up to look at the moon. A professor said that seismic activities on the moon move its surface. He said gases that reflect sunlight could escape from the interior and cause the flashes. He added that the moon flashes have been happening since the 1950s, "but they have not been sufficiently observed". The professor said countries that want to build a base on the moon should be "familiar with the local conditions".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. happening several | a. of solar wind |
| 2. Sometimes the flashes | b. strike |
| 3. places on the moon that | c. occur |
| 4. A meteorite | d. dust |
| 5. make the moon's surface | e. are short |
| 6. The flashes could | f. become darker |
| 7. charged particles | g. glow briefly |
| 8. moon | h. times a week |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. A telescope has been set | a. surface |
| 2. seismic | b. conditions |
| 3. move its | c. since the 1950s |
| 4. gases that reflect | d. up |
| 5. the moon flashes have been happening | e. on the moon |
| 6. they have not been sufficiently | f. sunlight |
| 7. build a base | g. activities |
| 8. familiar with the local | h. observed |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A telescope has been (7) _____ look at the moon. A professor said that (8) _____ the moon move its surface. He said gases that (9) _____ escape from the interior and cause the flashes. He added that the moon flashes have (10) _____ the 1950s, "but they have (11) _____ observed". The professor said countries that want to build a base on the moon should be "familiar with (12) _____".

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **the moon** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
