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Level 0 – 19th December 2024

Mystery drones in USA causing alarm

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2412/241219-mystery-drones-0.html>

Hundreds of people have seen "mystery drones" in the USA. People are worried because the drones are flying over army bases. A drone was also seen near a Donald Trump golf course. A New York airfield closed for an hour last week because of "suspicious" drone activity. The government said the drones were not a danger to people.

There are many drone conspiracy theories on social media. Some people are saying Russia and China are spying on the USA. A US politician said the drones were from Iran. The US said it would tell the American people if this was true. The FBI said most of the drone sightings were people making mistakes with what they saw.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c62785697v0o>
<https://edition.cnn.com/2024/12/15/us/drone-sightings-east-coast/index.html>
<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/schumer-requests-360-degree-radar-system-ny-nj-detect-drones>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Hundreds | a. activity |
| 2. People are | b. also seen |
| 3. drones are flying over | c. people |
| 4. A drone was | d. worried |
| 5. closed for | e. were not |
| 6. "suspicious" drone | f. army bases |
| 7. The government said the drones | g. an hour last week |
| 8. a danger to | h. of people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. There are many drone conspiracy | a. the American people |
| 2. on social | b. from Iran |
| 3. spying | c. they saw |
| 4. the drones were | d. on the USA |
| 5. The US said it would tell | e. media |
| 6. if this was | f. sightings |
| 7. most of the drone | g. theories |
| 8. making mistakes with what | h. true |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Hundreds (1) _____ seen "mystery drones" in the USA. People (2) _____ the drones are flying over army bases. A drone was (3) _____ a Donald Trump golf course. A New York (4) _____ an hour last (5) _____ "suspicious" drone activity. The government said the drones were (6) _____ to people.

There are many drone conspiracy (7) _____ media. Some (8) _____ Russia and China are (9) _____ USA. A US politician said the drones were from Iran. The US said it (10) _____ American people if this was true. The FBI said (11) _____ drone sightings were people making mistakes with (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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edroneswerenotadangertopeople.Therearemanydroneconspiracyth
oriesonsocialmedia.SomepeoplearesayingRussiaandChinaarespyi
ngontheUSA.AUSpoliticiansaidthedroneswerefromIran.TheUSSaidit
wouldtelltheAmericanpeopleifthiswasttrue.TheFBI saidmostofthedro
nesightingswerepeoplemakingmistakeswithwhatthey saw.

DRONES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about drones 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) _____

