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Satellites launched to provide worldwide Internet

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

THE READING

A company has successfully launched six satellites in a multi-billion-dollar project aimed at making "affordable" Internet accessible to every corner of Earth. The company is called OneWeb. Its six satellites were put into orbit in a launch from French Guiana on board a Russian Soyuz rocket. OneWeb said it is planning a space network of 900 satellites. OneWeb will send more Internet satellites into space at the end of this year. The company plans to launch several rockets every month, each carrying 39 satellites. Only 648 satellites are needed to provide global Internet coverage.

OneWeb's CEO was excited about the launch. He said it would greatly transform the lives of millions of people. He told reporters: "We're going to connect lots of people who are not currently connected. We're going to start by focusing on connecting schools...boats...planes, and...huge swathes of the planet." Not everyone is happy with this network. China is supposedly testing jammers to block the network. North Korea might fear the network could damage its national security. Russia is worried that the network could be used to gather intelligence.

PHRASE MATCHING

PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. a multi-billion-	a. of this year
2. accessible to every corner	b. put into orbit
3. Its six satellites were	c. coverage
4. a space network	d. of Earth
5. send more Internet satellites	e. of 900 satellites
6. at the end	f. every month
7. launch several rockets	g. into space
8. provide global Internet	h. dollar project

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. excited about	a. national security
2. greatly transform the lives	b. of the planet
3. people who are not	c. intelligence
4. huge swathes	d. of millions
5. China is supposedly	e. network
6. block the	f. the launch
7. the network could damage its	g. currently connected
8. used to gather	h. testing jammers

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

A company has successfully launched (1) _____ a multi-billion-dollar project aimed at making "affordable" Internet accessible to (2) _____ Earth. The company is called OneWeb. Its six satellites were put (3) _____ a launch from French Guiana on board a Russian Soyuz rocket. OneWeb said it is planning a space (4) _____ satellites. OneWeb will send more Internet satellites into space at the end of this year. The company (5) _____ several rockets every month, each carrying 39 satellites. Only 648 satellites are (6) _____ global Internet coverage.

OneWeb's CEO was excited (7) _____. He said it would greatly transform the (8) _____ of people. He told reporters: "We're going to (9) _____ people who are not currently connected. We're going to start by focusing on connecting schools...boats...planes, and... (10) _____ the planet." Not everyone is happy with this network. China is supposedly (11) _____ block the network. North Korea might fear the network could damage its national security. Russia is worried that the network could be (12) _____ intelligence.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

Acompanyhassuccessfullylaunchedsixsatellitesinamulti-billion-dollarprojectaimedatmaking"affordable"InternetaccessibletoeverycornerofEarth.ThecompanyiscalledOneWeb.ItssixsatelliteswereputintoorbitinalaunchfromFrenchGuianaonboardaRussianSoyuzrocket.OneWebsaiditisplanningaspacenetworkof900satellites.OneWebwillsendmoreInternetsatellitesintospaceattheendofthisyear.Thecompanyplanstolaunchseveralrocketseverymonth,eachcarrying39satellites.Only648satellitesareneededtoprovideglobalInternetcoverage.OneWeb'sCEOwasexcitedaboutthelaunch.Hesaiditwouldgreatlytransformthelivesofmillionsofpeople.Hetoldreporters:"We'regoingtoconnectlotsofpeoplewhoarenotcurrentlyconnected.We'regoingtostartbyfocusingonconnectingschools…boats…planes,and…hugeswathesoftheplanet."Noteveryoneishappywiththisnetwork.Chinaissupposedlytestingjammerstoblockthenetwork.NorthKoreamightfearthenetworkcoulddamageitsnationalsecurity.Russiaisworriedthatthenetworkcouldbeusedtogatherintelligence.

THE INTERNET SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about the Internet 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

Write about **the Internet** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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