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Earth safe from asteroid hit for 100 years

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THE ARTICLE

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Scientists from NASA have confirmed that asteroids will not be a danger to Earth for the next 100 years. This is good news for anyone who was worrying about the end of the world. NASA has been monitoring an asteroid called Apophis for 17 years. They discovered the 335-metre space rock in 2004. They thought it could be a danger to our planet, so they put it on their list of the most hazardous asteroids that could threaten Earth. The scientists originally said the asteroid could kill over 10 million people if it hit Earth. They predicted it could hit our planet in 2029. They later changed this to 2068. However, their latest prediction is that Earth will be safe from Apophis for the next 100 years.

The scientists used radar to predict the asteroid's orbit around the sun. NASA scientist Marina Brozovic said: "We were able to acquire incredibly precise information about its distance to an accuracy of about 150 meters." She said the giant space rock is currently "a safe distance of 10.6 million miles away from Earth". However, Apophis will come closer in 2029. It will come within 20,000 miles of Earth on April the 13th in that year. Another scientist was glad Apophis is no longer a danger to us. He said: "There's a certain sense of satisfaction to see it removed from the risk list, and we're looking forward to the science we might uncover during its close approach to Earth in 2029."

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WARM-UPS

1. ASTEROIDS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about asteroids. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

scientists / asteroids / good news / space / rock / hazardous / planet / prediction / radar / precise / information / distance / Earth / danger / satisfaction / approach

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DEFENCE: Students A **strongly** believe we should spend more money on defending against asteroid strikes; Students B **strongly** believe this is a waste of money. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SPACE: What do you know about these celestial objects? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What You Want to Know
The Sun		
The Moon		
Asteroids		
Comets		
Mars		
Black holes		

5. EARTH: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "Earth". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. DANGER: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest dangers to people at the top at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Asteroid strikes
- Global warming
- Nuclear war
- Pandemics
- Overpopulation
- Robots and AI
- Hunger
- Aliens

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. confirmed | a. Risky or dangerous. |
| 2. monitoring | b. Become aware of a fact or situation. |
| 3. discovered | c. Checking something over a period of time. |
| 4. list | d. A thing that is an estimate of something about the future. |
| 5. hazardous | e. Said a report or fact is true. |
| 6. originally | f. A number of connected things or names written or printed one below the other. |
| 7. prediction | g. At first. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. orbit | h. Get. |
| 9. acquire | i. How far it is from A to B. |
| 10. incredibly | j. Happiness |
| 11. precise | k. Very, very, very. |
| 12. distance | l. Feeling |
| 13. sense | m. Accurate. |
| 14. satisfaction | n. The round path of a space object or spacecraft around a star, planet, or moon. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210329-nasa.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Scientists said an asteroid will hit Earth in 100 years from now. **T / F**
- b. Scientists started following an asteroid called Apophos 20 years ago. **T / F**
- c. The asteroid Apophos is on a hazardous asteroid list. **T / F**
- d. Scientists once thought Apophos could hit Earth in 2068. **T / F**
- e. Scientists used radar to track the sun's orbit around the asteroid. **T / F**
- f. Apophos is now 10.6 million miles from Earth. **T / F**
- g. The asteroid will come as close as 20,000 miles away in 2029. **T / F**
- h. A scientist is not satisfied the asteroid is not on the risk list. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------|
| 1. danger | a. endanger |
| 2. monitoring | b. feeling |
| 3. threaten | c. path |
| 4. predicted | d. watching |
| 5. safe | e. find |
| 6. orbit | f. hazard |
| 7. precise | g. presently |
| 8. currently | h. forecast |
| 9. sense | i. accurate |
| 10. uncover | j. secure |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. worrying about the end | a. our planet in 2029 |
| 2. NASA has been monitoring | b. 100 years |
| 3. they put it on | c. list |
| 4. They predicted it could hit | d. information |
| 5. for the next | e. their list |
| 6. predict the asteroid's orbit | f. 10.6 million miles away |
| 7. incredibly precise | g. of the world |
| 8. a safe distance of | h. of satisfaction |
| 9. a certain sense | i. an asteroid |
| 10. removed from the risk | j. around the sun |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210329-nasa.html>

Scientists from NASA have confirmed that asteroids will not be a (1) _____ to Earth for the next 100 years. This is good news for anyone who was worrying about the (2) _____ of the world. NASA has been monitoring an asteroid called Apophis for 17 years. They discovered the 335-metre space (3) _____ in 2004. They thought it could be a danger to our planet, so they put it on their (4) _____ of the most hazardous asteroids that could (5) _____ Earth. The scientists originally said the asteroid could kill over 10 million people if it (6) _____ Earth. They predicted it could hit our planet in 2029. They (7) _____ changed this to 2068. However, their latest prediction is that Earth will be safe from Apophis for the (8) _____ 100 years.

rock
hit
danger
end
next
threaten
later
list

The scientists used radar to predict the asteroid's (9) _____ around the sun. NASA scientist Marina Brozovic said: "We were able to acquire incredibly (10) _____ information about its distance to an accuracy of about 150 meters." She said the (11) _____ space rock is currently "a (12) _____ distance of 10.6 million miles away from Earth". However, Apophis will come closer in 2029. It will come (13) _____ 20,000 miles of Earth on April the 13th in that year. Another scientist was glad Apophis is no longer a (14) _____ to us. He said: "There's a certain (15) _____ of satisfaction to see it removed from the risk list, and we're looking forward to the science we might uncover during its (16) _____ approach to Earth in 2029."

precise
safe
close
within
giant
sense
orbit
danger

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Scientists from NASA have confirmed that asteroids will not _____
 - a. be a dangers
 - b. be in danger
 - c. be endanger
 - d. be a danger
- 2) This is good news for anyone who was worrying _____
 - a. about an end
 - b. about then end
 - c. about the end
 - d. about their end
- 3) they put it on their list of the most hazardous asteroids that _____
 - a. could threatens Earth
 - b. could threaten Earth
 - c. could threatened Earth
 - d. could threat on Earth
- 4) The scientists originally said the asteroid could kill over _____
 - a. 10 million people
 - b. 10 billion people
 - c. 100 millions people
 - d. 100 million people
- 5) However, their latest prediction is that Earth will be _____
 - a. safe for Apophis
 - b. safe of Apophis
 - c. safe far Apophis
 - d. safe from Apophis
- 6) The scientists used radar to predict the _____
 - a. asteroid's all bit
 - b. asteroid's orbit
 - c. asteroid's or bit
 - d. asteroid's orb it
- 7) We were able to acquire incredibly precise information _____
 - a. about that distance
 - b. about it distance
 - c. about this distance
 - d. about its distance
- 8) Apophis will come closer in 2029. It will come _____
 - a. within 12,000 miles
 - b. within 2,000 miles
 - c. within 20,000 miles
 - d. within 200,000 miles
- 9) Another scientist was glad Apophis is no longer a _____
 - a. danger too us
 - b. danger two us
 - c. danger to us
 - d. danger tours
- 10) removed from the risk list, and we're looking forward to the science _____
 - a. we might on cover
 - b. we might not cover
 - c. we might uncover
 - d. we might in cover

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210329-nasa.html>

1. What kind of news does the article say there is?
2. What are some people worrying about?
3. How big is the asteroid?
4. How many people did scientists say could die in an asteroid strike?
5. When did scientists change the date of an asteroid strike to?
6. What did scientists use to track the asteroid's orbit around the sun?
7. How accurately can scientists' track the asteroid's path?
8. How far away is the asteroid from Earth?
9. When will the asteroid be 20,000 miles from Earth?
10. How did a scientist feel about the asteroid's removal from a risk list?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210329-nasa.html>

- 1) What kind of news does the article say there is?
 - a) brilliant news
 - b) space news
 - c) good news
 - d) sad news
- 2) What are some people worrying about?
 - a) the end of the world
 - b) asteroids
 - c) space
 - d) space dust allergies
- 3) How big is the asteroid?
 - a) 335 metres
 - b) 355 metres
 - c) 333 metres
 - d) 353 metres
- 4) How many people did scientists say could die in an asteroid strike?
 - a) exactly 10 million
 - b) over 10 million
 - c) around 10 million
 - d) just under 10 million
- 5) When did scientists change the date of an asteroid strike to?
 - a) 2065
 - b) 2066
 - c) 2067
 - d) 2068
- 6) What did scientists use to track the asteroid's orbit around the sun?
 - a) a compass
 - b) radar
 - c) lasers
 - d) maths
- 7) How accurately can scientists' track the asteroid's path?
 - a) to within 150 metres
 - b) to within 250 metres
 - c) to within 350 metres
 - d) to within 550 metres
- 8) How far away is the asteroid from Earth?
 - a) 10.4 million miles away
 - b) 10.2 million miles away
 - c) 10.6 million miles away
 - d) 10.8 million miles away
- 9) When will the asteroid be 20,000 miles from Earth?
 - a) in 2100
 - b) in 2099
 - c) in 2068
 - d) in 2029
- 10) How did a scientist feel about the asteroid's removal from a risk list?
 - a) satisfied
 - b) sad
 - c) angry
 - d) confused

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Asteroid Strikes

You think asteroid strikes are the biggest danger to humans. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): global warming, pandemics or aliens.

Role B – Global Warming

You think global warming is the biggest danger to humans. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): asteroid strikes, pandemics or aliens.

Role C – Pandemics

You think pandemics are the biggest danger to humans. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): global warming, asteroid strikes or aliens.

Role D – Aliens

You think aliens are the biggest danger to humans. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as dangerous. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): global warming, pandemics or asteroid strikes.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210329-nasa.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'asteroid' and 'Earth'.

asteroid	Earth
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• confirmed• end• 335• 10 million• 2068• latest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• orbit• 150• miles• 13• certain• close
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ASTERIODS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about asteroids 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.

ASTEROIDS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'asteroid'?
3. What do you know about asteroids?
4. Why might an asteroid be dangerous?
5. What might bring about the end of the world?
6. What was the last good news you saw or read about?
7. How interested are you in space?
8. What would it be like to work for NASA?
9. What are your predictions for 2029?
10. How safe is our planet?

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ASTEROIDS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Earth'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you want to know about asteroids?
15. What would happen if an asteroid hit Earth?
16. What would you do if you knew an asteroid would hit Earth tomorrow?
17. What is an asteroid?
18. What three adjectives best describe this story?
19. What science might scientists uncover from a passing asteroid?
20. What questions would you like to ask the scientists?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) conformed | (b) confined | (c) confirmed | (d) conferred |
| 2. | (a) for | (b) as | (c) on | (d) at |
| 3. | (a) monitoring | (b) monitors | (c) monitored | (d) monitor |
| 4. | (a) list | (b) lest | (c) last | (d) lest |
| 5. | (a) die | (b) kill | (c) suicide | (d) murder |
| 6. | (a) safes | (b) safely | (c) safety | (d) safe |
| 7. | (a) predictive | (b) prediction | (c) predict | (d) predicts |
| 8. | (a) acculturate | (b) accurately | (c) accurate | (d) accuracy |
| 9. | (a) distance | (b) distant | (c) far | (d) travel |
| 10. | (a) that | (b) them | (c) then | (d) those |
| 11. | (a) sensor | (b) sense | (c) sensory | (d) cents |
| 12. | (a) of | (b) at | (c) to | (d) in |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Scientists from NASA have ncrodtime that
2. NASA has been mntionrogi an asteroid
3. They seddivrceo the 335-metre space rock
4. the most suaohzdra asteroids
5. The scientists iolgnarily said
6. their latest ritcpioned

Paragraph 2

7. the asteroid's oirtb around the sun
8. incredibly sipceer information
9. to an cucyacra of about 150 meters
10. a safe ictsndae
11. a certain sense of tssnfiicaato
12. its close apohpacr to Earth in 2029

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () monitoring an asteroid called Apophis for 17 years. They discovered the 335-metre space
- () 2068. However, their latest prediction is that Earth will be safe from Apophis for the next 100 years.
- () hazardous asteroids that could threaten Earth. The scientists originally said the asteroid could kill
- (**1**) Scientists from NASA have confirmed that asteroids will not be a danger to Earth for the next
- () to acquire incredibly precise information about its distance to an accuracy of about 150 meters." She said the giant space rock is currently
- () "a safe distance of 10.6 million miles away from Earth". However, Apophis will come
- () to the science we might uncover during its close approach to Earth in 2029."
- () of satisfaction to see it removed from the risk list, and we're looking forward
- () rock in 2004. They thought it could be a danger to our planet, so they put it on their list of the most
- () over 10 million people if it hit Earth. They predicted it could hit our planet in 2029. They later changed this to
- () 100 years. This is good news for anyone who was worrying about the end of the world. NASA has been
- () The scientists used radar to predict the asteroid's orbit around the sun. NASA scientist Marina Brozovic said: "We were able
- () scientist was glad Apophis is no longer a danger to us. He said: "There's a certain sense
- () closer in 2029. It will come within 20,000 miles of Earth on April the 13th in that year. Another

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. to will a danger not Asteroids be Earth .
2. the end the worrying world . about Anyone of
3. a be could to danger planet . our It
4. Earth . most could threaten that The hazardous asteroids
5. safe . is will prediction be latest Their Earth
6. orbit . Used predict the radar to asteroid's
7. precise able information . to were We acquire incredibly
8. Apophis glad no He's a is longer danger .
9. it . a There's see sense satisfaction of to
10. science forward we to Looking the might uncover .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Scientists from NASA have *conformed* / *confirmed* that asteroids will not be a *danger* / *dangerous* to Earth for the next 100 years. This is good *newsworthy* / *news* for anyone who was *worrying* / *worry* about the end of the world. NASA has been monitoring an asteroid called Apophis for 17 years. They *discovery* / *discovered* the 335-metre space rock in 2004. They thought it could be a danger to our *plant* / *planet*, so they put it on their *list* / *last* of the most hazardous asteroids that could *treat* / *threaten* Earth. The scientists originally said the asteroid could kill over 10 million people if it hit Earth. They predicted it could *hit* / *hitch* our planet in 2029. They later changed this to 2068. However, their latest prediction is that Earth will be *safely* / *safe* from Apophis for the next 100 years.

The scientists used *radiate* / *radar* to predict the asteroid's orbit around the sun. NASA *science* / *scientist* Marina Brozovic said: "We were able to acquire incredibly precise information about its *distance* / *distant* to an accuracy of about 150 meters." She said the giant space rock is *currency* / *currently* "a safe distance of 10.6 million miles away from Earth". However, Apophis will come *closer* / *closely* in 2029. It will come within 20,000 miles of Earth on April the 13th in *them* / *that* year. Another scientist was *gladly* / *glad* Apophis is no longer a danger to us. He said: "There's a *certainly* / *certain* sense of satisfaction to see it removed from the risk list, and we're looking *forward* / *for* to the science we might uncover during *its* / *that's* close approach to Earth in 2029."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Sc__nt_sts fr_m N_S_ h_v_ c_nf_rm_d th_t _st_r__ds w_ll n_t b_ _ d_ng_r t_ __rth f_r th_ n_xt 100 y__rs. Th_s _s g__d n_ws f_r _ny_n_ wh_ w_s w_rry_ng _b__t th_ _nd _f th_ w_rld. N_S_ h_s b__n m_n_t_r_ng _n _st_r__d c_ll_d _p_ph_s f_r 17 y__rs. Th_y d_sc_v_r_d th_ 335-m_tr_ sp_c_ r_ck _n 2004. Th_y th__ght _t c__ld b_ _ d_ng_r t_ __r pl_n_t, s_ th_y p_t _t _n th__r l_st _f th_ m_st h_z_rd__s _st_r__ds th_t c__ld thr__t_n __rth. Th_ sc__nt_sts _r_g_n_lly s__d th_ _st_r__d c__ld k_ll _v_r 10 m_ll__n p__pl_ _f _t h_t __rth. Th_y pr_d_ct_d _t c__ld h_t __r pl_n_t _n 2029. Th_y l_t_r ch_ng_d th_s t_ 2068. H_w_v_r, th__r l_t_st pr_d_ct__n _s th_t __rth w_ll b_ s_f_ fr_m _p_ph_s f_r th_ n_xt 100 y__rs.

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the scientists used radar to predict the asteroids orbit around the sun nasa scientist marina brozovic said we were able to acquire incredibly precise information about its distance to an accuracy of about 150 meters she said the giant space rock is currently a safe distance of 106 million miles away from earth however apophis will come closer in 2029 it will come within 20000 miles of earth on april the 13th in that year another scientist was glad apophis is no longer a danger to us he said theres a certain sense of satisfaction to see it removed from the risk list and were looking forward to the science we might uncover during its close approach to earth in 2029

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ASTEROIDS: Make a poster about asteroids. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ASTEROID DEFENCE: Write a magazine article about spending more money on asteroid defence. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on asteroids. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on asteroids. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. n 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c T d T e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. a	4. h	5. j
6. c	7. i	8. g	9. b	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Good news
2. The end of the world
3. 335 metres
4. Over 10 million
5. 2068
6. Radar
7. To within 150 metres
8. 10.6 million miles away
9. In 2029
10. Satisfied

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Asteroids will not be a danger to Earth.
2. Anyone worrying about the end of the world.
3. It could be a danger to our planet.
4. The most hazardous asteroids that could threaten Earth.
5. Their latest prediction is Earth will be safe.
6. Used radar to predict the asteroid's orbit.
7. We were able to acquire incredibly precise information.
8. He's glad Apophis is no longer a danger
9. There's a sense of satisfaction to see it.
10. Looking forward to the science we might uncover.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. b 5. d 6. b 7. a 8. c 9. d 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)