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Jade Rabbit sends photos from the Moon

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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

1. JADE RABBIT: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Jade Rabbit. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

expedition / volcanic ash / ecstatic / flag / the dark of space / mining / explore / space / landmark / achievement / take notice / space power / man on the moon / vision

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

3. MOON: What could we use it for? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Mining minerals		
Space tourism		
Accommodation		
Research		
Future prison		
Leave it alone		

4. SPACE EXPLORATION: Students A **strongly** believe space exploration is necessary; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. EXPEDITION: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the one you most want to go on at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the Moon
- the top of Mount Everest
- the North Pole
- a safari
- Mars
- across the Sahara
- along the Silk Road
- from Cairo to Cape Town

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131218-jade-rabbit.html>

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Jade Rabbit is the first vehicle ever to cross volcanic ash on the Moon. | T / F |
| b. Scientists weren't too happy with the first images Jade Rabbit sent. | T / F |
| c. Jade Rabbit is expected to do tests on the Moon's resources. | T / F |
| d. China said it wants to find peaceful ways to use space. | T / F |
| e. A China newspaper said the Moon landing left a mark on the land. | T / F |
| f. The newspaper said the world had recognized China as a space power. | T / F |
| g. China's science fiction writers said the Moon landing wasn't so special. | T / F |
| h. One writer thinks a Chinese person will visit the moon one day. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. expedition | a. overjoyed |
| 2. traverse | b. picture |
| 3. ecstatic | c. noticeable |
| 4. visible | d. milestone |
| 5. explore | e. importance |
| 6. landmark | f. mission |
| 7. achievement | g. investigate |
| 8. significance | h. travel over |
| 9. vision | i. believe |
| 10. expect | j. triumph |

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

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. scientific expedition | a. peaceful use of space |
| 2. the first vehicle to traverse the | b. China's rapid rise |
| 3. Scientists at China's mission control | c. than later |
| 4. clearly visible against | d. were ecstatic |
| 5. explore the | e. day will come |
| 6. a landmark | f. Moon's volcanic ash |
| 7. took notice of | g. to the Moon |
| 8. sooner rather | h. of the future |
| 9. his vision | i. the dark of space |
| 10. I expect that | j. achievement |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131218-jade-rabbit.html>

China's scientific (1) _____ to the Moon has sent back its first photos of the lunar surface. A robot called the Jade Rabbit became the first vehicle to (2) _____ the Moon's volcanic ash since America's Apollo (3) _____ four decades ago. Scientists at China's mission control were ecstatic as the first high-quality images came through of an area of the Moon (4) _____ as the Bay of Rainbows. The photos showed the rover with the Chinese flag (5) _____ visible against the dark of space. Jade Rabbit is expected to test soil samples (6) _____ of the possible mining of the Moon's rocks and minerals. A Chinese scientist said: "China's lunar programme is an important (7) _____ of mankind's activities to explore the peaceful (8) _____ of space."

known
use
traverse
ahead
expedition
clearly
missions
component

The South China Morning Post described the Moon landing as a (9) _____ achievement in Chinese history. It wrote: "The world long ago sat up and took (10) _____ of China's rapid rise as a space power....But nothing compares with the scientific and technological (11) _____ of the landing on the moon at 9.12 on Saturday night." It said the mission, "has transformed China's dream of putting a man on the moon into a (12) _____; sooner rather than later". China's science fiction writers are also (13) _____ with their country's success. Chen Qiufan described his (14) _____ of the future, saying: "I think everything will look (15) _____ when a Chinese person looks at Earth from the Moon." He added: "I (16) _____ that day will come."

vision
significance
notice
overjoyed
landmark
expect
given
differently

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) sent back its first photos of _____
 - a. the lunar surfaces
 - b. the lonely surface
 - c. the loner surface
 - d. the lunar surface
- 2) Scientists at China's mission control _____
 - a. were egg static
 - b. were elastic
 - c. were exactly
 - d. were ecstatic
- 3) The photos showed the rover with the Chinese flag clearly visible against _____
 - a. the dark of spaces
 - b. the dark of space
 - c. the dark of spaced
 - d. the dark of spice
- 4) test soil samples ahead of the possible mining of the Moon's _____
 - a. rocks and minerals
 - b. rocks and miner rails
 - c. rocks and mini rails
 - d. rocks and mine rails
- 5) China's lunar programme is an important component of _____
 - a. mankind's activates
 - b. mankind's active cities
 - c. mankind's activeness
 - d. mankind's activities
- 6) The South China Morning Post described the Moon landing as a _____
 - a. landing mark achievement
 - b. landed mark achievement
 - c. landmark achievement
 - d. land marker achievement
- 7) The world long ago sat up and took notice of _____
 - a. China's rapid rise
 - b. China's rapid raise
 - c. China's rapid risen
 - d. China's rapid rising
- 8) transformed China's dream of putting a man on the moon into a given; sooner _____
 - a. rather than late
 - b. rather than lateness
 - c. rather than later
 - d. rather than lay tar
- 9) China's science fiction writers are _____
 - a. also overjoy
 - b. also overly joyed
 - c. also over joyful
 - d. also overjoyed
- 10) a Chinese person looks at Earth from the Moon. He added: I expect that _____
 - a. day will pass
 - b. day will arrive
 - c. day will appear
 - d. day will come

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The South China Morning Post described the Moon (7) _____ achievement in Chinese history. It wrote: "The world (8) _____ and took notice of China's rapid rise as a space power....But (9) _____ the scientific and technological significance of the landing on the moon at 9.12 on Saturday night." It said the mission, "has transformed China's dream of putting a man on the moon (10) _____ rather than later". China's science fiction writers are also overjoyed with their country's success. Chen Qiufan described his (11) _____, saying: "I think everything will look differently when a Chinese person looks at Earth from the Moon." He added: "I (12) _____ come."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131218-jade-rabbit.html>

1. What did the Jade Rabbit take photos of?

2. What was the name of the last missions to the Moon?

3. What's the name of the area the Jade Rabbit photographed?

4. What will the rover take samples of?

5. What uses of space does China want to explore?

6. What kind of achievement did a newspaper describe the landing as?

7. What kind of rapid rise is China having?

8. What time did the rover touch down on the Moon?

9. Who was overjoyed with China's success?

10. Who does one writer expect will go to the Moon?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1312/131218-jade-rabbit.html>

1. What did the Jade Rabbit take photos of?
 - a) the lunar surface
 - b) volcanoes
 - c) space
 - d) aliens
2. What was the name of the last missions to the Moon?
 - a) Discovery
 - b) Atlantis
 - c) Apollo
 - d) NASA
3. What's the name of the area the Jade Rabbit photographed?
 - a) the Ray of Rainbows
 - b) the Rainbow Bay
 - c) the Volcanic Ash Bay
 - d) the Bay of Rainbows
4. What will the rover take samples of?
 - a) air
 - b) soil
 - c) atmosphere
 - d) water
5. What uses of space does China want to explore?
 - a) peaceful ones
 - b) military ones
 - c) science fiction ones
 - d) information technology ones
6. What kind of achievement did a newspaper describe the landing as?
 - a) land marking
 - b) marked land
 - c) marking land
 - d) landmark
7. What kind of rapid rise is China having?
 - a) a historical one
 - b) a phenomenal one
 - c) as a space power
 - d) a significant one
8. What time did the rover touch down on the Moon?
 - a) 12:09pm
 - b) 9:12pm
 - c) 12:09am
 - d) 9:12am
9. Who was overjoyed with China's success?
 - a) rabbits
 - b) Martians
 - c) science fiction writers
 - d) cosmonauts
10. Who does one writer expect will go to the Moon?
 - a) China's president
 - b) a Chinese person
 - c) his daughter
 - d) prisoners

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – The Moon

You think the Moon is the best place for an expedition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): a Kenyan safari, the Sahara Desert or the Amazon.

Role B – A Kenyan Safari

You think a Kenyan safari is the best place for an expedition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): the Moon, the Sahara Desert or the Amazon.

Role C – The Sahara Desert

You think the Sahara Desert is the best place for an expedition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): a Kenyan safari, the Moon or the Amazon.

Role D – The Amazon

You think the Amazon is the best place for an expedition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): a Kenyan safari, the Sahara Desert or the Moon.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

mission	control

- 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">• lunar• ago• quality• flag• rocks• use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• history• power• night• later• future• day
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JADE RABBIT SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Jade Rabbit 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.

JADE RABBIT DISCUSSION

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'moon'?
- c) What do you think of China's Moon landing?
- d) What do you hope China will achieve with its Moon landing?
- e) Would you like to go to the Moon? What would you do there?
- f) Why do you think the name of China's rover is Jade Rabbit?
- g) Why has it been 40 years since anyone sent an expedition to the moon?
- h) How excited do you get about space exploration and Moon landings?
- i) Would you be a good astronaut?
- j) What are the "peaceful" uses of space?

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JADE RABBIT DISCUSSION

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) How big an achievement is this for China?
- c) Will China's Moon landing spark a space race?
- d) What could countries achieve in space if they collaborated more?
- e) Would you be excited at watching another person walk on the Moon?
- f) Does your country have a history of exploration?
- g) What is your vision of the future and the Moon?
- h) What would it be like to live on the Moon?
- i) How would Earth look from the Moon?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the head of China's space programme?

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) lunar | (b) solar | (c) stellar | (d) polar |
| 2. | (a) travels | (b) taverns | (c) traverse | (d) travesty |
| 3. | (a) elastic | (b) intact | (c) ecstatic | (d) instinct |
| 4. | (a) visor | (b) visibility | (c) vision | (d) visible |
| 5. | (a) before | (b) prior | (c) ahead | (d) previous |
| 6. | (a) compartment | (b) component | (c) composition | (d) constitution |
| 7. | (a) nought | (b) notice | (c) notation | (d) notion |
| 8. | (a) raise | (b) rise | (c) rising | (d) risen |
| 9. | (a) for | (b) as | (c) of | (d) by |
| 10. | (a) done | (b) taken | (c) been | (d) given |
| 11. | (a) viewing | (b) eyesight | (c) sight | (d) vision |
| 12. | (a) exult | (b) expose | (c) exact | (d) expect |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. China's scientific tpexnoied to the Moon
2. photos of the lunar csfauer
3. the first vehicle to streerav the Moon's volcanic ash
4. Scientists at China's mission control were ecatscit
5. the Moon's rocks and snimearl
6. an important noneptmoc

Paragraph 2

7. a landmark hcteimveaen
8. scientific and technological gnsceiifinca
9. the mission has ntrosardmef China's dream
10. science fniocit writers
11. his svioni of the future
12. everything will look niryletffde

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () samples ahead of the possible mining of the Moon's rocks and minerals. A Chinese scientist said: "China's lunar
- () the rover with the Chinese flag clearly visible against the dark of space. Jade Rabbit is expected to test soil
- () decades ago. Scientists at China's mission control were ecstatic as the first high-
- () called the Jade Rabbit became the first vehicle to traverse the Moon's volcanic ash since America's Apollo missions four
- () rather than later". China's science fiction writers are also overjoyed with their country's
- (**1**) China's scientific expedition to the Moon has sent back its first photos of the lunar surface. A robot
- () compares with the scientific and technological significance of the landing on the moon at 9.12 on Saturday night." It said the
- () programme is an important component of mankind's activities to explore the peaceful use of space."
- () differently when a Chinese person looks at Earth from the Moon." He added: "I expect that day will come."
- () The South China Morning Post described the Moon landing as a landmark achievement in Chinese history. It wrote: "The world
- () long ago sat up and took notice of China's rapid rise as a space power....But nothing
- () mission, "has transformed China's dream of putting a man on the moon into a given; sooner
- () success. Chen Qiufan described his vision of the future, saying: "I think everything will look
- () quality images came through of an area of the Moon known as the Bay of Rainbows. The photos showed

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. photos lunar Sent first the its of surface back.

2. China's at Scientists ecstatic were control mission.

3. soil the Test of ahead mining samples possible.

4. component important an is programme lunar China's.

5. explore space the peaceful Activities use to of.

6. history A achievement Chinese landmark in.

7. a space power Took notice of China's rapid rise as.

8. dream a the China's putting on of man moon.

9. writers fiction science China's overjoyed also are.

10. come ." He added : " I expect that day will

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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China's *scientific / scientifically* expedition to the Moon has sent back its first photos of the lunar *surface / surfaced*. A robot called the Jade Rabbit became the first vehicle to *converse / traverse* the Moon's volcanic ash since America's Apollo missions four decades ago. Scientists at China's mission control were *ecstasy / ecstatic* as the first high-quality images came through of an area of the Moon *known / knowing* as the Bay of Rainbows. The photos *showed / showered* the rover with the Chinese flag clearly *visibility / visible* against the dark of space. Jade Rabbit is expected to test *soiled / soil* samples ahead of the *possibility / possible* mining of the Moon's rocks and minerals. A Chinese scientist said: "China's lunar programme is an important *component / compartment* of mankind's activities to explore the peaceful use of space."

The South China Morning Post described the Moon landing as a *bookmark / landmark* achievement *in / on* Chinese history. It wrote: "The world *length / long* ago sat up and *took / gave* notice of China's rapid rise as a space power....But nothing *compares / comparisons* with the scientific and technological *significance / significant* of the landing on the moon at 9.12 on Saturday night." It said the mission, "has transformed China's *dreamy / dream* of putting a man on the moon into a *taken / given*; sooner rather than later". China's science fiction writers are also overjoyed with their country's *successful / success*. Chen Qiufan described his vision of the future, saying: "I think everything will look differently when a Chinese person looks at Earth from the Moon." He added: "I *expectant / expect* that day will come."

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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Ch_n_'s sc__nt_f_c__xp_d_t__n t__th__M__n h_s s__nt
b_ck__ts f_rst ph_t_s__f th__l_n_r s_rf_c__._r_b_t
c_ll_d th__J_d__R_bb_t b_c_m__th__f_rst v_h_cl__t__
tr_v_rs__th__M__n's v_lc_n_c__sh s_nc__m_r_c_'s
_p_ll__m_ss__ns f__r d_c_d_s__g__. Sc__nt_sts__t
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v_s_bl__g__nst th__d_rk__f sp_c__. J_d__R_bb_t__s
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n_th_ng__c_m_p_r_s__w_th th__sc__nt_f_c__nd
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l_t_r". Ch_n_'s sc__nc__f_ct__n wr_t_rs__r__ls__
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **Jade Rabbit** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

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Outline the pros and cons of mining the Moon's resources. Should it go ahead?

HOMework

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 Jade Rabbit. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. JADE RABBIT: Make a poster about Jade Rabbit and China's Moon landing. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. MOON MINING: Write a magazine article about mining the Moon's resources. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 a Moon expert. Ask him/her three questions about Jade Rabbit. Give him/her three of your opinions on the Moon landing. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. expedition | a. mission |
| 2. traverse | b. travel over |
| 3. ecstatic | c. overjoyed |
| 4. visible | d. noticeable |
| 5. explore | e. investigate |
| 6. landmark | f. milestone |
| 7. achievement | g. triumph |
| 8. significance | h. importance |
| 9. vision | i. picture |
| 10. expect | j. believe |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The lunar surface
2. Apollo
3. The Bay of Rainbows
4. Soil
5. Peaceful ones
6. A landmark achievement
7. As a space power
8. 9:12pm
9. Science fiction writers
10. A Chinese person

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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