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## Level 4

### Mysterious space object could be monitoring us

16th December, 2017

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171216-space-object-4.html>

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# THE READING

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Astronomers think that aliens could be listening to us on Earth. The astronomers look for signs of alien life beyond Earth. They are excited about a giant space object that just passed Earth. It is 800 meters long and 80 meters wide. The rock has many straight lines so it might not have come from nature. It could have been made by alien life. The scientists called the rock Oumuamua. This means 'messenger' in Hawaiian.

The astronomers first spotted Oumuamua travelling at great speed past Earth. It was about 85 times the distance to the Moon, which is very near if you think about the size of the universe. Oumuamua is the first object in our solar system that appears to come from another galaxy. Its high speed suggests it is outside the pull of the Sun. It is unlikely that Oumuamua proves that aliens exist. The rock is a unique event that could offer new secrets.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171216-space-object-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. aliens could be listening to   | a. rock Oumuamua  |
| 2. look for signs of alien life   | b. us on Earth    |
| 3. a giant space object that just | c. from nature    |
| 4. The rock has many              | d. in Hawaiian    |
| 5. it might not have come         | e. passed Earth   |
| 6. It could have been made        | f. beyond Earth   |
| 7. The scientists called the      | g. by alien life  |
| 8. This means 'messenger'         | h. straight lines |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. travelling at great           | a. another galaxy    |
| 2. about 85 times the distance   | b. system            |
| 3. think about the size of the   | c. offer new secrets |
| 4. the first object in our solar | d. of the Sun        |
| 5. come from                     | e. to the Moon       |
| 6. it is outside the pull        | f. aliens exist      |
| 7. Oumuamua proves that          | g. speed past Earth  |
| 8. a unique event that could     | h. universe          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Astronomers think that (1) \_\_\_\_\_ listening to us on Earth.

The astronomers look for (2) \_\_\_\_\_ life beyond Earth. They

are excited about (3) \_\_\_\_\_ object that just passed Earth.

It is 800 meters long and 80 meters wide. The (4) \_\_\_\_\_

straight lines so it might not (5) \_\_\_\_\_ nature. It could

have been made by alien life. The scientists (6) \_\_\_\_\_

Oumuamua. This means 'messenger' in Hawaiian.

The astronomers first spotted Oumuamua travelling (7) \_\_\_\_\_

past Earth. It was about 85 times (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the Moon,

which is very near if you think about the (9) \_\_\_\_\_

universe. Oumuamua is the first object in our solar system that appears

(10) \_\_\_\_\_ another galaxy. Its high speed suggests it is

outside the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ Sun. It is unlikely that Oumuamua

proves that aliens exist. The rock is a unique event that

(12) \_\_\_\_\_ secrets.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SPACE OBJECTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1712/171216-space-object-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about space objects 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) \_\_\_\_\_

