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Astronauts plug space station hole with finger

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THE READING

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Astronauts on the International Space Station fixed a hole in its outer wall. The ISS is a large satellite that scientists live in to do scientific experiments. It was first put into space in 1998. Last week, NASA told ISS astronauts that the station was slowly leaking air. Six astronauts started looking for the leak. Astronaut Alexander Gerst found it. He quickly used a simple and effective way of stopping the leak - he put his finger over the hole. Luckily, the hole was only two millimeters wide. It was not a major emergency, but it did need fixing.

The hole was in a Soyuz MS-09 spacecraft. NASA said a small piece of space junk or a small meteorite may have hit it. The ISS travels at around 28,000 kph, so a tiny object hitting it can cause a lot of damage. Flight controllers in the USA and Russia worked with the crew to fix the hole. Cosmonaut Sergey Prokopyev used a "space repair kit" to do the job - some "space tape" and a special glue. A NASA official said the crew on the ISS are safe after the repair. He said: "The crew are healthy and safe with weeks of air left in the International Space Station reserves."

Sources: <https://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/space/blogs/astronaut-uses-finger-plug-hole-space-station>
<https://www.yahoo.com/news/space-station-alert-crew-forced-073544223.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. fixed a hole in | a. for the leak |
| 2. The ISS is | b. into space in 1998 |
| 3. do scientific | c. emergency |
| 4. It was first put | d. a large satellite |
| 5. the station was slowly | e. and effective way |
| 6. Six astronauts started looking | f. its outer wall |
| 7. He quickly used a simple | g. leaking air |
| 8. It was not a major | h. experiments |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. a small piece of space | a. around 28,000 kph |
| 2. a small meteorite may | b. left |
| 3. The ISS travels at | c. fix the hole |
| 4. cause a lot of | d. have hit it |
| 5. worked with the crew to | e. safe |
| 6. a space repair | f. junk |
| 7. the crew on the ISS are | g. damage |
| 8. weeks of air | h. kit |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Astronauts on the International Space Station (1) _____ in its outer wall. The ISS is a large satellite that scientists (2) _____ do scientific experiments. It was first (3) _____ in 1998. Last week, NASA told ISS astronauts that the station was slowly leaking air. Six astronauts (4) _____ the leak. Astronaut Alexander Gerst found it. He quickly used a simple and effective way of stopping the leak - he (5) _____ over the hole. Luckily, the hole was only two millimeters wide. It was not a major emergency, (6) _____ need fixing.

The (7) _____ a Soyuz MS-09 spacecraft. NASA said a small piece of space junk or a small meteorite (8) _____ it. The ISS travels at around 28,000 kph, so a tiny object hitting (9) _____ a lot of damage. Flight controllers in the USA and Russia worked with the crew to fix the hole. Cosmonaut Sergey Prokopyev used a "space repair kit" to (10) _____ - some "space tape" and a special glue. A NASA official said the crew on the ISS are safe (11) _____. He said: "The crew are healthy and safe with (12) _____ left in the International Space Station reserves."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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heleak.AstronautAlexanderGerstfoundit.Hequicklyusedasimpleand
effectivewayofstoppingtheleak-heputhisfingeroverthehole.Luckily,
theholewasonlytwomillimeterswide.Itwasnotamajoremergency,but
itdidneedfixing.TheholewasinaSoyuzMS-09spacecraft.NASAsaidas
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sataround28,000kph,soatinyobjecthittingitcancausealotofdamage.
FlightcontrollersintheUSAandRussiaworkedwiththecrewtofixthehol
e.CosmonautSergeyProkopyevuseda"spacerepairkit"todothejob-s
ome"spacetape"andaspecialglue.ANASAofficialsaidthecrewontheIS
Saresafeaftertherepair.Hesaid:"Thecrewarehealthyandsafewithwe
eksofairleftintheInternationalSpaceStationreserves."

SPACE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180904-iss-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Space 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) _____

