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Level 5 – 7th January, 2019

China first to land on dark side of the moon

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THE READING

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China is the first nation to land a spacecraft on the far side of the moon. A Chinese television station announced that the lunar spaceship, Chang'e 4, touched down on the moon on Thursday. Professor Zhu Menghua said the success of the mission was a major milestone for China. He said it means China is a pioneer in space exploration. He told reporters: "We Chinese people have done something that the Americans have not dared try." Sun Zezhou, chief designer of Chang'e-4, said: "Landing on the far side of the moon is more risky than landing on the near side."

The Chang'e-4 probe sent photographs back to Earth soon after it landed on the moon. China's space administration said the mission had, "lifted the mysterious veil" from the far side of the moon and "opened a new chapter in human lunar exploration". Mr Zezhou spoke about the significance of the program. He said it would, "help lay the foundation for future space exploration." He added that China would explore the moon, asteroids, "and even the whole solar system". China also has plans to launch a returnable spacecraft (Chang'e 5) by 2020.

Sources: <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/science/article/2180594/change-4-landing-dark-side-moon-marks-start-chinas-space-race-us>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the first nation to | a. dared try |
| 2. touched | b. land a spacecraft |
| 3. a major milestone | c. moon is more risky |
| 4. China is a pioneer in space | d. for China |
| 5. We Chinese people have done | e. designer |
| 6. the Americans have not | f. down on the moon |
| 7. chief | g. something |
| 8. Landing on the far side of the | h. exploration |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. soon after it landed | a. explore the moon |
| 2. the mission had lifted | b. lunar exploration |
| 3. a new chapter in human | c. spacecraft |
| 4. it would help lay | d. on the moon |
| 5. future space | e. system |
| 6. China would | f. the mysterious veil |
| 7. the whole solar | g. exploration |
| 8. plans to launch a returnable | h. the foundation |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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THE MOON SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about the moon 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) _____

