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**Level 4 – 3rd February, 2020**

## **Critics unimpressed by U.S. Space Force uniform**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms-4.html>

The USA has shown off uniforms for its new Space Force. The U.S. Space Force (USSF) was created in December alongside the U.S. Space Command. The uniforms were designed for Space Force personnel. The design has created quite a stir on social media. It is the regular green, black and brown army camouflage. It is not camouflaged for space. The Space Force Twitter account said the uniforms had "touched down in the Pentagon".

The USSF is the USA's first new armed service since its Air Force started in 1947. President Trump said it would help stop aggression from, "the ultimate high ground". He said: "Amid grave threats to our national security, American superiority in space is absolutely vital." Many people think the uniform should be black to blend in with the dark of space. The military said new uniforms would waste taxpayers' money. No soldiers will go into space any time soon.

Sources: <https://www.businessinsider.com/space-force-uniforms-camo-camouflage-print-pentagon-command-2020-1>  
<https://www.newsweek.com/space-force-camo-uniform-twitter-1482906>  
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-space-force-uniform-camouflage-trump-a9289731.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The USA has shown             | a. a stir                |
| 2. created in December alongside | b. personnel             |
| 3. designed for Space Force      | c. down                  |
| 4. The design has created quite  | d. brown army camouflage |
| 5. It is the regular             | e. the US Space Command  |
| 6. black and                     | f. space                 |
| 7. It is not camouflaged for     | g. green                 |
| 8. touched                       | h. off uniforms          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the USA's first new                | a. should be black   |
| 2. the ultimate high                  | b. taxpayers' money  |
| 3. grave threats to our               | c. ground            |
| 4. American superiority in space is   | d. time soon         |
| 5. Many people think the uniform      | e. national security |
| 6. blend in with                      | f. armed service     |
| 7. new uniforms would waste           | g. absolutely vital  |
| 8. No soldiers will go into space any | h. the dark of space |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The USA has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for its new Space Force. The U.S. Space Force (USSF) (2) \_\_\_\_\_ December alongside the U.S. Space Command. The (3) \_\_\_\_\_ for Space Force personnel. The design has created (4) \_\_\_\_\_ on social media. It is the regular green, black and (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It is not camouflaged for space. The Space Force Twitter account said the uniforms (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Pentagon".

The USSF is the USA's first (7) \_\_\_\_\_ since its Air Force started in 1947. President Trump said it would (8) \_\_\_\_\_ from, "the ultimate high ground". He said: "(9) \_\_\_\_\_ to our national security, American superiority in space (10) \_\_\_\_\_." Many people think the uniform should be (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in with the dark of space. The military said new uniforms (12) \_\_\_\_\_ money. No soldiers will go into space any time soon.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TheUSAhasshownoffuniformsforitsnewSpaceForce.TheU.S.SpaceForce(USSF)wascreatedinDecemberalongsidetheU.S.SpaceCommand.Theuniformswere redesignedforSpaceForcepersonnel.Thedesignhascreatedquiteastironsocialmedia.Itistheregulargreen,blackandbrownarmycamouflage.Itisnotcamouflagedforspace.TheSpaceForceTwitteraccountsaidtheuniformshad"toucheddowninthePentagon".TheUSSFistheUSA'sfirstnewarmedservicesinceitsAirForcestartedin1947.PresidentTrumpsaiditwouldhelpstopaggressionfrom,"theultimatehighground".Hesaid:"Amidgravethreatstoournationalsecurity,Americansuperiorityinspaceisabsolutelyvital."Manypeoplethinktheuniformsshouldbeblacktoblendinwiththedarkofspace.Themilitarysaidnewuniformswouldwastetaxpayers'money.Nosoldierswillgointospaceanytimesoon.

# SPACE FORCES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2002/200203-space-force-uniforms-4.html>

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

