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Level 0 – 24th April 2025

U.K. Army tests anti-drone radio-wave weapon

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The UK tested a weapon to destroy drones. The weapon uses radio waves to knock drones out of the sky. Many armies use drones to attack enemies. Drones cause a lot of damage. The UK's new weapon uses radio waves to damage computer chips inside drones. This can make 100 drones crash at the same time.

The UK spent \$53 million on its anti-drone weapon. It costs 18 cents to fire one shot at drones. A bullet costs ten times more. The UK wanted to find cheaper ways to defend its soldiers. Drones are seen more and more in combat. Last year, Ukraine had to defend itself against attacks from more than 18,000 drones.

Sources: <https://www.defensenews.com/global/europe/2025/04/17/in-first-british-army-uses-radio-wave-weapon-to-knock-out-drone-swarm/>
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/uk-new-radio-wave-weapon-rapiddestroyer-takes-down-drone-swarms/>
<https://www.ft.com/content/41703199-201e-4702-b34a-a0a633cdfcf5>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. The UK tested | a. waves |
| 2. knock drones out | b. crash |
| 3. armies use drones to attack | c. of the sky |
| 4. Drones cause a lot of | d. time |
| 5. The UK's new weapon uses radio | e. damage |
| 6. damage computer chips | f. a weapon |
| 7. This can make 100 drones | g. enemies |
| 8. at the same | h. inside drones |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The UK spent | a. one shot |
| 2. anti-drone | b. more in combat |
| 3. It costs 18 cents to fire | c. ways |
| 4. A bullet costs ten | d. weapon |
| 5. The UK wanted to find cheaper | e. against attacks |
| 6. defend its | f. times more |
| 7. Drones are seen more and | g. soldiers |
| 8. defend itself | h. \$53 million |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK (1) _____ to destroy drones. The weapon (2) _____ to knock drones out (3) _____. Many armies use drones to attack enemies. Drones (4) _____ of damage. The UK's new weapon uses radio waves to (5) _____ inside drones. This can make 100 drones crash at (6) _____.

The UK spent \$53 million on its (7) _____. It costs 18 cents to (8) _____ at drones. A bullet (9) _____ more. The UK wanted to find cheaper (10) _____ its soldiers. Drones are seen more and (11) _____. Last year, Ukraine had to defend (12) _____ from more than 18,000 drones.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TheUKtestedaweapontodestroydrones.Theweaponusesradiowaves
toknockdronesoutofthesky.Manyarmiesusedronestoattackenemies
.Dronescausealotofdamage.TheUK'snewweaponusesradiowavesto
damagecomputerchipsinsidedrones.Thiscanmake100dronescrasha
tthesametime.TheUKspent\$53milliononitsanti-droneweapon.Itco
sts18centstofireoneshotatdrones.Abulletcoststentimesmore.TheU
Kwantedtofindcheaperwaystodefenditssoldiers.Dronesareseenmor
eandmoreincombat.Lastyear,Ukrainehadtodefenditselfagainstattac
ksfrommorethan18,000drones.

DRONES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about drones 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **drones** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
