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**Level 5 – 6th April 2026**

## **Artemis II crew bugged by Microsoft Outlook problems**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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A history-making space mission is under way. NASA's Artemis II spacecraft is travelling to the far side of the Moon. Artemis launched to great fanfare last week. The 10-day odyssey will take its astronauts farther away from Earth than humans have been before. Despite the technical demands of the mission, the crew has had email problems. One astronaut relayed the problems to Mission Control in Texas. He said: "I have two Microsoft Outlooks and neither one of those is working. Reboot it and check our software." NASA reloaded Outlook's files to correct a configuration issue.

Artemis II is the first crewed mission to go beyond low Earth orbit since 1972. It will travel a record-breaking 406,773 km from Earth. It is the beginning of NASA's aim to return humans to the Moon. It wants to establish a long-term presence there. The astronauts are preparing for future Moon landings. They will test life support systems, communications, and navigation. Hopefully, the Outlook problem is a one-off blip. NASA hopes the current mission will pave the way for Artemis IV to land on the Moon. The USA hopes a landing will take place in 2028.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/260406-artemis-ii-microsoft-outlook-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. A history-                  | a. is working           |
| 2. travelling to the far       | b. issue                |
| 3. Artemis launched to great   | c. of the mission       |
| 4. take its astronauts farther | d. our software         |
| 5. the technical demands       | e. away from Earth      |
| 6. neither one of those        | f. making space mission |
| 7. Reboot it and check         | g. fanfare last week    |
| 8. correct a configuration     | h. side of the Moon     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                      |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. travel a record-breaking          | a. future Moon landings |
| 2. NASA's aim to return humans       | b. place in 2028        |
| 3. establish a long-                 | c. systems              |
| 4. astronauts are preparing for      | d. 406,773 km           |
| 5. They will test life support       | e. way for Artemis IV   |
| 6. the Outlook problem is a one-     | f. to the Moon          |
| 7. the current mission will pave the | g. term presence there  |
| 8. a landing will take               | h. off blip             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_ the Moon. Artemis launched to  
great fanfare last week. The 10-day (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
its astronauts farther away from Earth than humans have been  
before. Despite the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the mission, the  
crew has had email problems. One astronaut  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ to Mission Control in Texas. He  
said: "I have two Microsoft Outlooks and neither one of those is  
working. Reboot it and check our software." NASA reloaded  
Outlook's files to correct (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

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Earth orbit since 1972. It will travel a record-breaking 406,773 km  
from Earth. It is the beginning of NASA's  
(8) \_\_\_\_\_ humans to the Moon. It wants to  
establish a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ there. The astronauts  
are preparing for future Moon landings. They will  
(10) \_\_\_\_\_ systems, communications, and  
navigation. Hopefully, the Outlook problem is a  
(11) \_\_\_\_\_. NASA hopes the current mission  
will pave the way for Artemis IV to land on the Moon. The USA  
hopes a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ place in 2028.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SPACE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/260406-artemis-ii-microsoft-outlook-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) \_\_\_\_\_

