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Level 1 – 4th September, 2018

Astronauts plug space station hole with finger

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1809/180904-iss-1.html>

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THE READING

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Astronauts fixed a hole in the International Space Station (ISS). The ISS is a satellite that scientists do scientific experiments in. Last week, NASA told astronauts that the station was slowly leaking air. Six astronauts looked for the leak. One astronaut found it and used a simple and quick way of stopping the leak. He put his finger over the hole. Luckily, the hole was only two millimeters wide. It was not an emergency, but it did need fixing.

NASA said a small piece of space junk may have hit the ISS, which travels at around 28,000 kph. A tiny object can cause a lot of damage. Flight controllers in the USA and Russia worked with the crew to fix the hole. A cosmonaut used a "space repair kit" to do this. He used some "space tape" and a special glue. NASA said the ISS crew are now safe. It 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>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. scientific | a. two millimeters wide |
| 2. the station was slowly | b. way |
| 3. Six astronauts looked | c. fixing |
| 4. a simple and quick | d. leaking air |
| 5. He put his finger | e. an emergency |
| 6. the hole was only | f. experiments |
| 7. It was not | g. over the hole |
| 8. it did need | h. for the leak |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. a small piece of | a. kit |
| 2. travels at around | b. and safe |
| 3. cause a lot | c. space junk |
| 4. Russia worked with the crew | d. air left |
| 5. a space repair | e. of damage |
| 6. some "space tape" and | f. to fix the hole |
| 7. The crew are healthy | g. a special glue |
| 8. weeks of | h. 28,000 kph |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Astronauts (1) _____ in the International Space Station (ISS). The ISS (2) _____ that scientists do scientific experiments in. Last week, NASA told astronauts that the station (3) _____ air. Six astronauts looked for the leak. One astronaut found it and (4) _____ and quick way of stopping the leak. He (5) _____ over the hole. Luckily, the hole was only two millimeters wide. It was not an emergency, but it (6) _____.

NASA said a small piece of (7) _____ have hit the ISS, which (8) _____ 28,000 kph. A tiny object can cause a (9) _____. Flight controllers in the USA and Russia worked with the crew to fix the hole. A cosmonaut used a "(10) _____" to do this. He used some (11) _____ a special glue. NASA said the ISS crew are now safe. It said: "The crew are healthy and safe with weeks (12) _____ in the International Space Station reserves."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

