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Bigger risk of being killed by falling space rocket

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THE ARTICLE

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Have you ever worried about debris from a falling rocket hitting you on the head? That scenario has never been high on the list of life's worries. The chances of a piece of space junk hitting us were almost zero. However, that is changing. Scientists say there is a growing likelihood that rocket parts falling back to Earth could hit and kill someone in the next ten years. This is because more countries are sending more rockets into space. Scientists say space is becoming congested. They are calling on nations and companies that send rockets into space to be more responsible. They want them to control the reentry of any rocket parts floating in the lower atmosphere.

Scientists in Canada did research on the number of rockets launched into space, and the risk of people being hit by falling debris. There were 133 rocket launches in 2021. That was a record. It looks like that record will be broken this year. The scientists said more than 60 per cent of rockets are abandoned in space after they release their satellites. The abandoned spacecraft can circle the earth for years before they fall back down. A key finding of the research is that rocket parts are more likely to hit somewhere (or someone) in the Global South. However, most rockets are launched from the Global North. The scientists say countries and companies are "exporting risk to the rest of the world".

Sources: <https://gizmodo.com/falling-rocket-parts-more-likely-to-cause-deaths-1849165671>
<https://www.newscientist.com/article/2327922-10-per-cent-chance-falling-rockets-will-hit-someone-in-next-decade/>
<https://www.theverge.com/2022/7/11/23199088/uncontrolled-rocket-reentry-casualty-risk-analysis-space-industry>

WARM-UPS

1. SPACE ROCKETS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about space rockets. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

rocket / worries / space junk / zero / Earth / the next ten years / space / atmosphere scientists / falling debris / rocket launches / satellites / the Global South / risk

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ROCKETS: Students A **strongly** believe there should be a limit on the number of rockets sent into space; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. DANGERS: How dangerous are these potential dangers? What can we do to prevent them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Dangerous	What We Can Do
Falling rockets		
Identity theft		
Lightning strikes		
Being hit by a truck		
A broken heart		
Kidnapped by aliens		

5. ZERO: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "zero". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. RISKS: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest risks at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Falling rockets
- Crossing the road
- Eating fast food
- Not exercising
- Flying
- Swimming in a river
- Sky diving
- Smoking

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. debris | a. The area of space that is just above our Earth. |
| 2. scenario | b. Pieces of rubbish / trash that go over a wide area. |
| 3. junk | c. Very crowded with traffic, things or people. |
| 4. likelihood | d. An idea of a possible event or events that someone thinks of. |
| 5. congested | e. The chances of something happening. |
| 6. nation | f. Old things that are useless, broken or of little value. |
| 7. atmosphere | g. A country. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 8. launched | h. Sent a missile, satellite, or spacecraft into the air or into space. |
| 9. risk | i. Send goods, services, ideas or other things to another country, usually for sale. |
| 10. record | j. The possibility that something bad will happen. |
| 11. abandoned | k. Very important. |
| 12. satellite | l. The best performance or most amazing event of its kind. |
| 13. key | m. Left behind by someone who know longer wanted it. |
| 14. exporting | n. A small machine that flies round the earth to collect information or for communication. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220714-falling-rockets.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Falling rockets are high on people's lists of worries. **T / F**
2. Space junk could kill people in the next 10 years. **T / F**
3. More countries are launching more rockets into space. **T / F**
4. Scientists want space rocket companies to be more responsible. **T / F**
5. There were record numbers of rocket launches last year. **T / F**
6. Less than half of the rockets sent into space are abandoned. **T / F**
7. The likeliest place to be hit by space junk is in the Global South. **T / F**
8. Scientists say rocket companies are importing risk to the world. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. worried | a. dumped |
| 2. worries | b. crowded |
| 3. likelihood | c. sent up |
| 4. congested | d. probability |
| 5. control | e. waste |
| 6. launched | f. concerns |
| 7. debris | g. orbit |
| 8. abandoned | h. lost sleep over |
| 9. circle | i. sending overseas |
| 10. exporting | j. direct |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. worried about debris from | a. us were almost zero |
| 2. high on the list of | b. of the research |
| 3. chances of a piece of space junk hitting | c. by falling debris |
| 4. more countries are sending more | d. life's worries |
| 5. the reentry of any rocket parts floating | e. rest of the world |
| 6. the risk of people being hit | f. the earth for years |
| 7. It looks like that record will be | g. rockets into space |
| 8. The abandoned spacecraft can circle | h. broken this year |
| 9. A key finding | i. a falling rocket hitting you |
| 10. companies are exporting risk to the | j. in the lower atmosphere |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220714-falling-rockets.html>

Have you ever worried about (1) _____ from a falling rocket hitting you on the head? That scenario has never been (2) _____ on the list of life's (3) _____. The chances of a piece of space junk hitting us were almost zero. However, that is (4) _____. Scientists say there is a growing likelihood that rocket parts falling back to Earth could hit and kill someone in the (5) _____ ten years. This is because more countries are sending more rockets into space. Scientists say space is becoming (6) _____. They are calling on nations and companies that send rockets into space to be more (7) _____. They want them to control the reentry of any rocket parts floating in the (8) _____ atmosphere.

changing

high

lower

next

worries

responsible

debris

congested

Scientists in Canada did research on the (9) _____ of rockets launched into space, and the risk of people being (10) _____ by falling debris. There were 133 rocket launches in 2021. That was a record. It looks like that record will be (11) _____ this year. The scientists said more than 60 per cent of rockets are abandoned in space after they (12) _____ their satellites. The abandoned spacecraft can circle the earth for years before they fall (13) _____ down. A key (14) _____ of the research is that rocket parts are more (15) _____ to hit somewhere (or someone) in the Global South. However, most rockets are launched from the Global North. The scientists say countries and companies are "exporting (16) _____ to the rest of the world".

broken

risk

release

back

number

likely

hit

finding

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) That scenario has never been high on the list _____
 - a. of lives worries
 - b. of leaf's worries
 - c. of life's worries
 - d. of loaf's worries
- 2) The chances of a piece of space junk hitting us _____
 - a. were all most zero
 - b. were at most zero
 - c. were almost zero
 - d. were a must zero
- 3) Scientists say space _____
 - a. is become in congested
 - b. is be coming congested
 - c. is beaconing congested
 - d. is becoming congested
- 4) calling on nations and companies that send rockets into space to _____
 - a. be amore responsible
 - b. be more responsible
 - c. be moor responsible
 - d. be more responsibility
- 5) the reentry of any rocket parts floating in _____
 - a. the lower atmosphere
 - b. a lower atmosphere
 - c. the low are atmosphere
 - d. a low are atmosphere
- 6) and the risk of people being hit _____
 - a. by a fall in debris
 - b. by falling debris
 - c. by fouling debris
 - d. by fling debris
- 7) There were 133 rocket launches in 2021. That _____
 - a. was a wreck chord
 - b. was a record
 - c. was a wreck cord
 - d. was a wreak card
- 8) The abandoned spacecraft can circle the _____
 - a. earth four years
 - b. earth for years
 - c. earth fore years
 - d. earth afore years
- 9) A key finding of the research is that rocket parts are more _____
 - a. likely to hit
 - b. liked to hit
 - c. liking to hit
 - d. likelihood to hit
- 10) The scientists say countries and companies _____
 - a. are export in risk
 - b. are export tin risk
 - c. are ex pore tin risk
 - d. are exporting risk

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Scientists in Canada did research on the number of rockets launched into space, and the risk of people (7) _____ falling debris. There were 133 rocket launches in 2021. That was a record. It looks like that record will (8) _____ year. The scientists said more than 60 per cent of rockets are abandoned in space (9) _____ their satellites. The abandoned spacecraft can (10) _____ for years before they fall back down. A key finding of the research is that rocket parts are more (11) _____ somewhere (or someone) in the Global South. However, most rockets are launched from the Global North. The scientists say countries and companies (12) _____ to the rest of the world".

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220714-falling-rockets.html>

1. What is being hit by space debris not high on a list of?
2. When might someone be killed by space junk?
3. What do scientists say space is becoming?
4. What do scientists want rocket makers to be?
5. What do scientists want companies to control the re-entry of?
6. How many space rockets went into space in 2021?
7. What percentage of space rockets are abandoned in space?
8. For how long can space rockets circle the earth?
9. Where will people most likely be hit by space junk?
10. What do scientists say companies are exporting?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220714-falling-rockets.html>

- 1) What is being hit by space debris not high on a list of?
 - a) life's worries
 - b) problems
 - c) environmental problems
 - d) to-dos
- 2) When might someone be killed by space junk?
 - a) April the 8th, 2031
 - b) 2027
 - c) in the next ten years
 - d) in the decade after next
- 3) What do scientists say space is becoming?
 - a) dark
 - b) congested
 - c) light
 - d) lonely
- 4) What do scientists want rocket makers to be?
 - a) banned
 - b) more profitable
 - c) faster
 - d) more responsible
- 5) What do scientists want companies to control the re-entry of?
 - a) rocket parts
 - b) astronauts
 - c) satellites
 - d) space dust
- 6) How many space rockets went into space in 2021?
 - a) 130
 - b) 131
 - c) 132
 - d) 133
- 7) What percentage of space rockets are abandoned in space?
 - a) exactly 60%
 - b) over 60%
 - c) around 60%
 - d) just under 60%
- 8) For how long can space rockets circle the earth?
 - a) centuries
 - b) months
 - c) decades
 - d) years
- 9) Where will people most likely be hit by space junk?
 - a) on the head
 - b) in their garden
 - c) the Global South
 - d) in wide open spaces
- 10) What do scientists say companies are exporting?
 - a) technology
 - b) risk
 - c) space fuel
 - d) space

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220714-falling-rockets.html>

Role A – Crossing the Road

You think crossing the road is the riskiest thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as risky. Also, tell the others which is the least risky of these (and why): eating fast food, flying or crossing the road.

Role B – Eating Fast Food

You think eating fast food is the riskiest thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as risky. Also, tell the others which is the least risky of these (and why): crossing the road, flying or crossing the road.

Role C – Flying

You think flying is the riskiest thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as risky. Also, tell the others which is the least risky of these (and why): eating fast food, crossing the road or crossing the road.

Role D – Not Exercising

You think crossing the road is the riskiest thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as risky. Also, tell the others which is the least risky of these (and why): eating fast food, flying or crossing the road.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220714-falling-rockets.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'space' and 'rocket'.

space	rocket

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• debris• space• junk• zero• likelihood• atmosphere	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• research• record• rockets• satellites• the Global South• risk
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SPACE ROCKETS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about space rockets 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.

SPACE ROCKETS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'space'?
3. What do you know about space rockets?
4. Do you ever worry about something falling onto your head?
5. What do you know about space junk?
6. What are the dangers of space junk?
7. Why are there so many rockets going into space?
8. How can we protect ourselves from falling space junk?
9. What problems are there if space is congested?
10. How can companies stop their rockets from hitting people?

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SPACE ROCKETS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'rocket'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of space rockets?
15. Should there be a yearly limit on the rockets going into space?
16. Why do most rockets fall on the poorer areas of Earth?
17. Would you like to go to space in a rocket?
18. What do you think of exporting risk to the Global South?
19. When will we all travel using space rockets?
20. What questions would you like to ask the space companies?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Scientists in Canada did research (7) _____ the number of rockets launched into space, and the (8) _____ of people being hit by falling debris. There were 133 rocket launches in 2021. That was a record. It looks like that record will be (9) _____ this year. The scientists said more than 60 per cent of rockets are abandoned in space after they release their satellites. The abandoned spacecraft can (10) _____ the earth for years before they fall back down. A key finding of the research is that rocket parts are more (11) _____ to hit somewhere (or someone) in the Global South. However, most rockets are launched from the Global North. The scientists say countries and companies are "exporting risk to the (12) _____ of the world".

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) debut | (b) Debbie | (c) debris | (d) debates |
| 2. | (a) worries | (b) worrier | (c) worry | (d) worried |
| 3. | (a) junk | (b) bunk | (c) funk | (d) dunk |
| 4. | (a) in | (b) of | (c) at | (d) on |
| 5. | (a) became | (b) becoming | (c) becomes | (d) become |
| 6. | (a) lowering | (b) lowers | (c) lowered | (d) lower |
| 7. | (a) as | (b) to | (c) on | (d) of |
| 8. | (a) gamble | (b) chanced | (c) opportunity | (d) risk |
| 9. | (a) damaged | (b) hurt | (c) upset | (d) broken |
| 10. | (a) circle | (b) oval | (c) square | (d) parallel |
| 11. | (a) likeable | (b) likely | (c) liking | (d) likes |
| 12. | (a) best | (b) lest | (c) rest | (d) guest |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. That crnaeiso has never been high on the list
2. a piece of space kjun
3. there is a growing lkhiooleid
4. space is becoming ongtsceed
5. be more sbnrpeliseo
6. rocket parts floating in the lower taehoresmp

Paragraph 2

7. Scientists in Canada did rcsaerh
8. being hit by falling rbdesi
9. rockets are oadnbaned in space
10. spacecraft can rcilec the earth
11. most rockets are eucladnh
12. xtingoerp risk to the rest of the world

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220714-falling-rockets.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) Have you ever worried about debris from a falling rocket hitting you on the head? That scenario has never been high
- () zero. However, that is changing. Scientists say there is a growing likelihood that rocket parts falling
- () will be broken this year. The scientists said more than 60 per cent of rockets are abandoned in
- () Scientists in Canada did research on the number of rockets launched into space, and the risk of people being
- () likely to hit somewhere (or someone) in the Global South. However, most rockets are launched from the Global North. The scientists
- () control the reentry of any rocket parts floating in the lower atmosphere.
- () say countries and companies are "exporting risk to the rest of the world".
- () sending more rockets into space. Scientists say space is becoming congested. They are calling
- () years before they fall back down. A key finding of the research is that rocket parts are more
- () on the list of life's worries. The chances of a piece of space junk hitting us were almost
- () back to Earth could hit and kill someone in the next ten years. This is because more countries are
- () space after they release their satellites. The abandoned spacecraft can circle the earth for
- () on nations and companies that send rockets into space to be more responsible. They want them to
- () hit by falling debris. There were 133 rocket launches in 2021. That was a record. It looks like that record

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. on list of High worries . the life's
2. is likelihood . a there say growing Scientists
3. countries space . more are into sending rockets More
4. rockets into send Nations companies that space . and
5. parts floating lower the in Rocket atmosphere .
6. the Scientists on number . in research did Canada
7. risk by debris . of people hit The being
8. hit likely are somewhere . to Rocket more parts
9. Global the are North . launched from Most rockets
10. world . risk the Exporting to of the rest

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220714-falling-rockets.html>

Have you ever worried about *debut* / *debris* from a falling rocket hitting you on the head? That scenario has never been high *in* / *on* the list of life's worries. The chances of a piece of space junk hitting *us* / *them* were almost zero. However, that *is* / *has* changing. Scientists say there is a *grown* / *growing* likelihood that rocket parts falling back to Earth could hit and kill someone *on* / *in* the next ten years. This is because more countries are *sending* / *seeding* more rockets into space. Scientists say space is becoming *congested* / *congestion*. They are calling on nations and companies that send rockets into space to *be* / *have* more responsible. They want them to control the reentry of any rocket parts floating in the *lowering* / *lower* atmosphere.

Scientists in Canada did research *on* / *at* the number of rockets launched into space, and the risk of people *being* / *been* hit by falling debris. There were 133 rocket launches in 2021. That was a *recording* / *record*. It looks like that record will be *broken* / *breaking* this year. The scientists said more than 60 per cent of rockets are *abandoned* / *abandon* in space after they release their satellites. The abandoned spacecraft can *square* / *circle* the earth for years before they fall back *up* / *down*. A *lock* / *key* finding of the research is that rocket parts are more likely to hit somewhere (or someone) in the Global South. However, most rockets are *lunched* / *launched* from the Global North. The scientists say countries and companies are "exporting risk to the *rests* / *rest* of the world".

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220714-falling-rockets.html>

H_v_ y_ _v_r w_rr__d _b__t d_br_s fr_m _ f_ll_ng
r_ck_t h_tt_ng y_ _n th_ h__d? Th_t sc_n_r__ h_s
n_v_r b__n h_gh _n th_ l_st _f l_f_'s w_rr__s. Th_
ch_nc_s _f _ p__c_ _f sp_c_ j_nk h_tt_ng _s w_r_
_lm_st z_r_. H_w_v_r, th_t _s ch_ng_ng. Sc__nt_sts
s_y th_r_ _s _ gr_w_ng l_k_l_h__d th_t r_ck_t p_rts
f_ll_ng b_ck t_ __rth c__ld h_t _nd k_ll s_m__n_ _n
th_ n_xt t_n y__rs. Th_s _s b_c__s_ m_r_ c__ntr__s
r s_nd_ng m_r_ r_ck_ts _nt_ sp_c_. Sc__nt_sts s_y
sp_c_ _s b_c_m_ng c_ng_st_d. Th_y _r_ c_ll_ng _n
n_t__ns _nd c_m_p_n__s th_t s_nd r_ck_ts _nt_ sp_c_
t_ b_ m_r_ r_sp_ns_bl_. Th_y w_nt th_m t_ c_ntr_l
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_n sp_c_ _ft_r th_y r_l__s_ th__r s_t_ll_t_s. Th_
_b_nd_n_d sp_c_cr_ft c_n c_rcl_ th_ __rth f_r y__rs
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220714-falling-rockets.html>

have you ever worried about debris from a falling rocket hitting you on the head that scenario has never been high on the list of life's worries the chances of a piece of space junk hitting us were almost zero however that is changing scientists say there is a growing likelihood that rocket parts falling back to earth could hit and kill someone in the next ten years this is because more countries are sending more rockets into space scientists say space is becoming congested they are calling on nations and companies that send rockets into space to be more responsible they want them to control the reentry of any rocket parts floating in the lower atmosphere

scientists in Canada did research on the number of rockets launched into space and the risk of people being hit by falling debris there were 133 rocket launches in 2021 that was a record it looks like that record will be broken this year the scientists said more than 60 per cent of rockets are abandoned in space after they release their satellites the abandoned spacecraft can circle the earth for years before they fall back down a key finding of the research is that rocket parts are more likely to hit somewhere or someone in the global south however most rockets are launched from the global north the scientists say countries and companies are exporting risk to the rest of the world

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

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Write about **space rockets** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2207/220714-falling-rockets.html>

There are too many space rockets and too much space junk in space. Discuss.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SPACE ROCKETS: Make a poster about space rockets. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SPACE JUNK: Write a magazine article about making countries and companies responsible for making falling space rockets safe. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on space rockets. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how they can fall to Earth without hitting anyone. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. d 3. f 4. e 5. c 6. g 7. a
8. h 9. j 10. l 11. m 12. n 13. k 14. i

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 T 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. f	3. d	4. c	5. j
6. c	7. e	8. a	9. g	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Life's worries
2. In the next ten years
3. Congested
4. More responsible
5. Rocket parts
6. 133
7. Over 60%
8. Years
9. The Global South
10. Risk

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. High on the list of life's worries.
2. Scientists say there is a growing likelihood.
3. More countries are sending more rockets into space.
4. Nations and companies that send rockets into space.
5. Rocket parts floating in the lower atmosphere.
6. Scientists in Canada did research on the number.
7. The risk of people being hit by debris.
8. Rocket parts are more likely to hit somewhere.
9. Most rockets are launched from the Global North.
10. Exporting risk to the rest of the world.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. b 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)