

Immersive Reading

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Discussion Builders

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Prepare

In pairs or groups, come up with as many words as possible on the topic of **asteroids**.

meteor

orbit

impact

**Describe**

Look at the image on page 1. What does it depict?

Pre-Listening Discussion

Discuss the following.

1. What do you know about dinosaurs and their extinction?
2. How fast do you think asteroids travel?
3. What do you think happens to the Earth when it is hit by an asteroid?
4. How would such an impact affect life on the planet?
5. Do you think humans could survive an event similar to the dinosaur extinction? Why or why not?
6. Why do you think studying past events like asteroid impacts is important for scientists?
7. What do you know about the efforts to track asteroids that could come close to Earth?
8. What do you think could be done to protect Earth from potential asteroid impacts?
9. Why is it important for scientists to understand events that led to mass extinctions?
10. How might learning about past mass extinctions help us in the future?

Final Discussion

Discuss the following.

1. How can studying big asteroid hits help us prepare for future dangers?
2. What methods do we use to find and stop dangerous asteroids?
3. What does a big asteroid hit teach us about life's safety on Earth?
4. Why is it good to spend money on space research to prevent asteroid hits?
5. How can countries work together better to handle space threats?

Student A

Unit 1

Reading Comprehension

Quiz your partner on the following.

1. What was the size of the asteroid that impacted Earth 66 million years ago?
 - a. The size of a large city
 - b. Twice the size of Mount Everest*
 - c. Similar to a small island
2. What were the immediate consequences of the asteroid impact?
 - a. Tsunamis and fires across continents*
 - b. Rapid global freezing
 - c. Volcanic eruptions worldwide
3. What was one major long-term effect of the asteroid impact?
 - a. Extended darkness and cold*
 - b. Permanent changes in Earth's rotation
 - c. Total destruction of the ozone layer
4. What evidence shows that the crater was caused by an asteroid?
 - a. Dinosaur fossils found in the crater
 - b. High levels of iridium in soil layers*
 - c. Asteroid remnants found with dinosaur bones
5. Why is the discovery of the Chicxulub crater significant?
 - a. It is the deepest crater on Earth.
 - b. It links the asteroid impact to the mass extinction.*
 - c. It demonstrates that asteroids can cause craters.

Student B

Unit 1

Reading Comprehension

Quiz your partner on the following.

6. How does studying the Chicxulub impact help us today?
 - a. It provides clues to prevent natural disasters.
 - b. It helps us understand mass extinctions and prepare for asteroid threats.*
 - c. It offers insights into reviving extinct species.
7. What is one lesson about life on Earth that the Chicxulub impact teaches us?
 - a. Life can adapt to any changes.
 - b. Life is vulnerable to cosmic events.*
 - c. Life forms are resilient to environmental changes.
8. What is the role of modern technology in monitoring asteroids?
 - a. It predicts weather changes.
 - b. It tracks asteroids and assesses collision threats.*
 - c. It enhances communication with space stations.
9. What would be the potential consequences if a similar asteroid impact occurred today?
 - a. It would cause massive destruction and possible extinctions.*
 - b. It would have minimal impact due to advanced technology.
 - c. It would increase mineral deposits on Earth.
10. How can international collaboration enhance asteroid-monitoring efforts?
 - a. By funding space exploration
 - b. By sharing data and resources for threat management*
 - c. By constructing more space observatories



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