

### Space junk

Countless of un-natural items are zipping 1)..... our planet—these include dead satellites to seemingly insignificant nuts and bolts. This may not be considered 2)..... a problem to you and I, but it could have a knock effect to our daily lives.

Space junk is 3)..... man-made items that have been discarded by astronauts and space agencies since the 1950's when we first took a trip into orbit.

The most catastrophic incident took 4)..... in 2006, 5)..... two satellites collided at a speed of 22,300 mph, bursting 6)..... a cloud of thousands of pieces of rubbish flying around space. These pieces of trash can 7)..... serious problems to working navigation satellites by damaging telescopes or even disabling them altogether.

After almost 4,700 launches, it is estimated that there are around 23,000 pieces of debris that are 4 inches or bigger. There is, 8)....., a minimal risk to us on planet earth, as it is 9)..... that most of the junk will burn up when re-entering the earth's atmosphere. This does not reduce the risk to future space travellers and the equipment we 10)..... on each already orbiting our planet.

**Fill in each gap with the correct word (A,B,C or D)**

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|-----|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| 1)  | A. along    | B. through | C. around  | D. up     |
| 2)  | A. be       | B. to      | C. as      | D. for    |
| 3)  | A. unwanted | B. undone  | C. unfound | D. unused |
| 4)  | A. part     | B. up      | C. in      | D. place  |
| 5)  | A. when     | B. where   | C. that    | D. who    |
| 6)  | A. in       | B. to      | C. into    | D. for    |
| 7)  | A. make     | B. cause   | C. do      | D. put    |
| 8)  | A. however  | B. whereas | C. also    | D. and    |
| 9)  | A. told     | B. said    | C. speak   | D. say    |
| 10) | A. keep     | B. switch  | C. rely    | D. catch  |

Answered

- 1) C
- 2) C
- 3) A
- 4) D
- 5) A
- 6) C
- 7) B
- 8) A
- 9) B
- 10) C