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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/220/2021_2022__E5_A4_A7_E5_AD_A6_E8_8B_B1_E8_c67_220044.htm TEXT It is humorous essay. But after reading it you will surely find that the author is most serious in writing it.

Is There Life on Earth? There was great excitement on the planet of Venus this week. For the first time Venusian scientists managed to land a satellite on the planet Earth, and it has been sending back signals as well as photographs ever since. The satellite was directed into an area known as Manhattan (named after the great Venusian astronomer Prof. Manhattan, who first discovered it with his telescope 20,000 light years ago). Because of excellent weather conditions and extremely strong signals, Venusian scientists were able to get valuable information as to the feasibility of a manned flying saucer landing on Earth. A press conference was held at the Venus Institute of Technology. "We have come to the conclusion, based on last week's satellite landing," Prof. Zog said, "that there is no life on Earth." "How do you know this?" the science reporter of the Venus Evening Star asked. "For one thing, Earth's surface in the area of Manhattan is composed of solid concrete and nothing can grow there. For another, the atmosphere is filled with carbon monoxide and other deadly gases and nobody could possibly breathe this air and survive." "What does this mean as far as our flying saucer program is concerned?" "We shall have to take our own oxygen with us, which means a much heavier flying saucer than we originally planned." "Are there any other hazards that you

discovered in your studies?" "Take a look at this photo. You see this dark black cloud hovering over the surface of Earth? We call this the Consolidated Edison Belt. We don't know what it is made of, but it could give us a lot of trouble and we shall have to make further tests before we send a Venus Being there." "Over here you will notice what seems to be a river, but the satellite findings indicate it is polluted and the water is unfit to drink. This means we shall have to carry our own water, which will add even greater weight to the saucer." "Sir, what are all those tiny black spots on the photographs?" "We're not certain. They seem to be metal particles that move along certain paths. They emit gases, make noise and keep crashing into each other. There are so many of these paths and so many metal particles that it is impossible to land a flying saucer without its being smashed by one." "What are those stalagmite projections sticking up?" "They're some type of granite formations that give off light at night. Prof. Glom has named them skyscrapers since they seem to be scraping the skies." "If all you say is true, won't this set back the flying saucer program several years?" "Yes, but we shall proceed as soon as the Grubstart gives us the added funds." "Prof. Zog, why are we spending billions and billions of zilches to land a flying saucer on Earth when there is no life there?" "Because if we Venusians can learn to breathe in an Earth atmosphere, then we can live anywhere." **NEW WORDS** humorous a. funny. that makes people laugh 幽默的 humor n. essay n. 散文, 随笔 excitement n. the state or quality of being excited planet n. large body in space that moves round a star esp. round the sun 行星 Venusian a. of or having to do with the planet Venus 金星的 n.

supposed Venus being 金星人satelliten. spacecraft that goes round the planet earth and sends back radio and television signals. heavenly body that goes round a plant (人造)卫星signaln. 信号; 暗号astronomern. person who studies the science of the sun, moon, stars and planets 天文学家 telescope n. instrument with special glasses used for seeing distant things extremely ad. very 极端, 非常extremea.feasibilityad. possibility of being carried or done 可行性feasible a.manned a. occupied by one or more persons 载人的saucern. 浅碟; 茶托flying saucern. 飞碟conferencen. meetingpress conferencen. meeting arranged by an important person to which news reporters are invited to listen to a statement or ask questions 记者招待会technologyn. 技术conclusionn. decision of opinion reached by reasoning 结论 conclude v.reporterv. person who gathers news for a newspaper, magazine, or radio or TV station 记者composevt. make up, form 组成, 构成concreten. building material made by mixing cement with sand, small stones and water 混凝土atmospheren. all the gasses round the earth. air in a place 大气; 空气carbonn. 碳monoxide n. 一氧化物deadlya. causing death. likely to cause death 致命的gas n. 气体survive vi. remain alive. continue to live or exist 活下来; 幸存vt. remain alive after. live longer than 经历...后还活着; 比...活得长survivaln.program n. plan of what it to be done 计划concern vt. be of importance or interest to. have an effect on 涉及, 关系到oxygen n. 氧, 氧气originallyad. formerly 起初, 原来original a.hazard n. dangerhovervi. stay in or near one place in the air 盘旋consolidateda. untied. combined 联合的consolidatevt.beltn. area

that has some special quality. zone (地) 带 indicate vt. show indication n. pollute vt. make (air, water, soil, etc.) dirty with manmade waste 污染 pollution n. unfit a. not good enough. not suitable particle n. 粒子; 微粒 emit vt. send out 散发, 射出 emission n. crash v. (cause to) break into pieces violently 坠落; 猛撞 smash v. (cause to) break into pieces violently (使) 碎裂 stalagmite n. 石笋 projection n. sth. that stands out from a surface 凸出物 type n. a particular kind, class or group 类型, 种类 granite n. hard grey stone used for building 花岗岩 formation n. sth. that is formed. way in which sth. is formed 形成 (物) skyscraper n. very tall building 摩天大楼 scrape vt. rub with sth. rough or sharp 刮, 擦 proceed vi. continue after having stopped (停顿后) 继续进行 fund n. sum of money set apart or available for a special purpose 资金; 基金 billion n. one thousand million zilch n. zero. nothing at all PHRASES & EXPRESSIONS (be) known as also publicly called. named 以... 闻名, 通常名叫 name after give the same name as 以... 名字命名 as to about, concerning 关于 base on / upon use as a basis or foundation for 以... 为基础, 把... 基于 for one thing ... (for another) in the first place... (in the second place) be composed of have as members or parts 由... 组成 as far as ... be concerned to the degree that it matters to 就... 而言 stick up stand upright. project 直立; 突出 give off emit. send out 发出; 散发出 set back delay the advance of development of 耽搁; 阻碍 PEOPLES NAMES Art Buchwald 阿特.布奇沃德 Venus 金星 Manhattan 曼哈顿 (纽约市中心) Zog 佐格 (姓氏) Edison 爱迪生 (姓氏) Glom 格洛姆 (姓氏) 100Test 下载频道开通, 各类考试题目直接下载。详细

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