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U.K. Army tests anti-drone radio-wave weapon

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THE ARTICLE

The British Army has successfully tested a new weapon to destroy drones. It has created a radio-wave weapon system that can knock swarms of drones out of the sky. Many armies around the world use drones to attack enemy soldiers, tanks, and cities. Drones are a very effective way of attacking enemies. They can cause a lot of damage. The British Army's new system uses high-frequency radio waves to destroy the computer chips that control drones. This causes the drones to crash or fly off-course. An Army spokesperson said the system could take out more than 100 drones almost instantly. He said it could give the Army a big advantage on the battlefield.

The U.K. government spent more than $53 million developing the anti-drone weapons system. The system is very cheap to operate. It costs just 18 cents to fire one shot at a swarm of drones. This is one-tenth of the price of a standard bullet used by the British Army. A spokesperson said it was important to find cheap and effective ways to defend British soldiers. He pointed to Russia's use of drones in its three-year war against Ukraine. The U.K. government said: "Drone swarms are increasingly seen in use in frontline combat in Ukraine. U.K. intelligence estimates that last year, Ukraine had to defend against attacks from more than 18,000 drones."

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WARM-UPS

1. DRONES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about drones. 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?

> army / weapon / drone / sky / soldier / tank / damage / system / computer chips / government / cheap / bullet / war / Ukraine / combat / intelligence / defend / attack

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

3. BAN: Students A **strongly** believe drones should be banned on battlefields; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ARMY ROLES: How dangerous are these army roles? Could you do this? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Danger	**Could You Do This?**
Frontline soldier		
Tank driver		
Army doctor		
Engineer		
Intelligence officer		
Vehicle mechanic		

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

6. DRONE USES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best drone uses at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Package deliveries
- Aerial photography
- Search and rescue
- Pollution monitoring

- Gaming
- Police surveillance
- Mapping
- Sport broadcasts

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	successfully	a.	To break something so it cannot be used.
2.	destroy	b.	A person or country that wants to fight you.
3.	attack (verb)	c.	Something that helps you do better than others.
4.	enemy	d.	To try to hurt someone or something.
5.	soldiers	e.	Very quickly; right away.
6.	instantly	f.	In a good way; doing something right.
7.	advantage	g.	People in the army who fight in wars.

Paragraph 2

8.	developing	h.	A group of parts that work together.
9.	system	i.	To use or make something work.
10.	operate	j.	Guess about number or size, not exact.
11.	bullet	k.	Working well; doing what it should do.
12.	effective	l.	A small piece of metal shot from a gun.
13.	war	m.	Making something new or better.
14.	estimate (verb)	n.	Fighting between countries or groups.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. British Army tests on an anti-drone weapon were successful.   **T / F**
2. Very few armies worldwide use drones.   **T / F**
3. The new anti-drone weapon uses low-frequency radio waves.   **T / F**
4. The new anti-drone weapon can bring down 100 drones on an instant.   **T / F**
5. The new anti-drone weapon cost over $50 million to develop.   **T / F**
6. An army bullet cost 10 times more than a shot from the new weapon.   **T / F**
7. The British Army is looking for cheaper ways to protect its soldiers.   **T / F**
8. More than 80,000 drones have hit Ukraine in the past three years.   **T / F**

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

1.	**tested**	a.	protect
2.	**destroy**	b.	straight away
3.	**effective**	c.	benefit
4.	**instantly**	d.	guesses
5.	**advantage**	e.	knock down
6.	**cheap**	f.	fighting
7.	**standard**	g.	inexpensive
8.	**defend**	h.	trialled
9.	**combat**	i.	usual
10.	**estimates**	j.	successful

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

1.	armies around the world use drones	a.	fly off-course
2.	Drones are a very effective way	b.	combat
3.	This causes the drones to crash or	c.	cheap to operate
4.	take out more than 100 drones	d.	the battlefield
5.	a big advantage on	e.	more than 18,000 drones
6.	The system is very	f.	of attacking enemies
7.	one-tenth of the price of a standard	g.	to attack enemy soldiers
8.	effective ways to defend	h.	bullet
9.	increasingly seen in use in frontline	i.	almost instantly
10.	defend against attacks from	j.	British soldiers

GAP FILL

The British Army has successfully tested a new weapon to (1) _____ drones. It has created a radio-wave weapon (2) _____ that can knock swarms of drones out of the sky. Many armies around the world use drones to attack (3) _____ soldiers, tanks, and cities. Drones are a very effective (4) _____ of attacking enemies. They can cause a lot of damage. The British Army's new system uses high-frequency radio waves to destroy the computer (5) _____ that control drones. This causes the drones to crash or fly off-(6) _____. An Army spokesperson said the system could (7) _____ out more than 100 drones almost instantly. He said it could give the Army a big (8) _____ on the battlefield.

way

course

destroy

advantage

enemy

take

system

chips

The U.K. government spent more than $53 million (9) _____ the anti-drone weapons system. The system is very (10) _____ to operate. It costs just 18 cents to fire one (11) _____ at a swarm of drones. This is one-tenth of the price of a standard bullet used by the British Army. A spokesperson said it was (12) _____ to find cheap and effective ways to (13) _____ British soldiers. He pointed to Russia's use of drones in its three-year war against Ukraine. The U.K. government said: "Drone swarms are (14) _____ seen in use in frontline combat in Ukraine. U.K. intelligence (15) _____ that last year, Ukraine had to defend (16) _____ attacks from more than 18,000 drones."

against

important

cheap

estimates

developing

increasingly

defend

shot

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1) The British Army has successfully tested a new weapon _____
    a. to destroy drone
    b. to destroys drones
    c. to destroy drones
    d. too destroy drones

2) a radio-wave weapon system that can knock swarms of drones _____
    a. out of the sky
    b. out of the sly
    c. out of the shy
    d. out of the spy

3) Many armies around the world use drones to attack enemy soldiers, _____
    a. tanks, and city
    b. tanks, end cities
    c. tank, and cities
    d. tanks, and cities

4) new system uses high-frequency radio waves to destroy _____
    a. the computer clips
    b. the computer fries
    c. the computer chaps
    d. the computer chips

5) He said it could give the Army a big advantage _____
    a. on the battles field
    b. on the battled field
    c. on the bottle field
    d. on the battlefield

6) The system is very _____
    a. cheap for operate
    b. cheap to operate
    c. cheap too operate
    d. cheap on operate

7) This is one-tenth of the price of _____
    a. a standard bullet
    b. a standard pallet
    c. a standard millet
    d. a standard mullet

8) it was important to find cheap and effective ways to _____
    a. defence British soldiers
    b. defense British soldiers
    c. defend British soldiers
    d. defends British soldiers

9) He pointed to Russia's use of drones in its three-year _____
    a. war again Ukraine
    b. war gains Ukraine
    c. war against Ukraine
    d. war gain Ukraine

10) Drone swarms are increasingly seen in use _____
    a. in hotline combat
    b. in inline combat
    c. in skyline combat
    d. in frontline combat

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

The British Army has successfully tested a new
(1) _____ drones. It has created a radio-wave
weapon system (2) _____ swarms of drones out of
the sky. Many armies around the world use drones to attack enemy soldiers,
(3) _____. Drones are a very effective way of
attacking enemies. They can cause a lot of damage. The British Army's new
system uses high-frequency radio waves to destroy the computer
(4) _____ drones. This causes the drones to crash
or fly off-course. An Army spokesperson said the system could
(5) _____ than 100 drones almost instantly. He said
it could give the Army a (6) _____ the battlefield.

The U.K. government spent more than $53 (7) _____
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effective (10) _____ British soldiers. He pointed to
Russia's use of drones in its three-year war against Ukraine. The U.K.
government said: "Drone swarms are increasingly
(11) _____ in frontline combat in Ukraine. U.K.
intelligence estimates that last year, Ukraine had to
(12) _____ from more than 18,000 drones."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Who does the article say uses drones?

2. What does the article say drones attack besides soldiers and cities?

3. What kind of radio waves does the anti-drone weapon use?

4. How many drones could the anti-drone weapon take out instantly?

5. Where might the anti-drone weapon be a big advantage?

6. How much did the anti-drone system cost to develop?

7. How much more expensive is a bullet than a shot from the new weapon?

8. What does the British Army hope to defend?

9. Where are drones increasingly being seen?

10. How many drones were used against Ukraine in the past three years?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

1) Who does the article say uses drones?
a) hobbyists
b) many armies
c) the police
d) football clubs

2) What does the article say drones attack besides soldiers and cities?
a) airports
b) nuclear power plants
c) airplanes
d) tanks

3) What kind of radio waves does the anti-drone weapon use?
a) low-frequency radio waves
b) shortwave
c) high-frequency radio waves
d) VHF

4) How many drones could the anti-drone weapon take out instantly?
a) more than 100
b) fewer than 100
c) roughly 100
d) exactly 100

5) Where might the anti-drone weapon be a big advantage?
a) in space
b) on the battlefield
c) in the air
d) the USA

6) How much did the anti-drone system cost to develop?
a) more than $53 million
b) exactly $53 million
c) less than $53 million
d) roughly $53 million

7) How much more expensive is a bullet than a shot from the new weapon?
a) 19 times
b) twice as expensive
c) ten times
d) a few times

8) What does the British Army hope to defend?
a) British soldiers
b) Britain
c) all soldiers
d) Ukrainian soldiers

9) Where are drones increasingly being seen?
a) at trade shows
b) on the Internet
c) in cities
d) in frontline combat

10) How many drones were used against Ukraine in the past three years?
a) fewer than 18,000
b) exactly 18,000
c) more than 18,000
d) about 18,000

ROLE PLAY

Role A – Package Delivery

You think package delivery is the best use of drones. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their uses. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): aerial photography, police surveillance or sport broadcasts.

Role B – Aerial Photography

You think aerial photography is the best use of drones. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their uses. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): package delivery, police surveillance or sport broadcasts.

Role C – Police Surveillance

You think police surveillance is the best use of drones. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their uses. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): aerial photography, package delivery or sport broadcasts.

Role D – Sport Broadcasts

You think sport broadcasts is the best use of drones. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their uses. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): aerial photography, police surveillance or package delivery.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for… the words 'weapon' and 'drone'.

weapon	drone

- 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:

• successfully	• 53
• knock	• 18
• cause	• price
• chips	• pointed
• 100	• seen
• big	• 18,000

DRONES SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about drones 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.

DRONES 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 'weapon'?

3. What do you know about drones?

4. What are the best uses of drones?

5. How useful are drones on battlefields?

6. How good is the army of your country?

7. Should drones be banned in warfare?

8. What do you think of the radio-wave anti-drone weapon?

9. How can we end today's wars?

10. What's the best way to stop wars in the future?

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DRONES 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 'drone'?

13. What do you think about what you read?

14. How might drones help your life?

15. Would you like to be a soldier?

16. Would you like to use a drone?

17. Why do countries go to war?

18. What wars has your country fought?

19. What will wars look like in 100 years from now?

20. What questions would you like to ask the British Army?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

<u>STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)</u>

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

<u>STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)</u>

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

The British Army has successfully (1) _____ a new weapon to destroy drones. It has created a radio-wave weapon system that can (2) _____ swarms of drones out of the sky. Many armies around the world use drones to attack enemy soldiers, tanks, and (3) _____. Drones are a very effective way of attacking enemies. They can cause a lot (4) _____ damage. The British Army's new system uses high-frequency radio waves to destroy the computer chips that control drones. This causes the drones (5) _____ crash or fly off-course. An Army spokesperson said the system could take out more than 100 drones almost instantly. He said it could (6) _____ the Army a big advantage on the battlefield.

The U.K. government (7) _____ more than $53 million developing the anti-drone weapons system. The system is very cheap to operate. It costs just 18 cents to (8) _____ one shot at a swarm of drones. This is one-tenth of the price of a standard (9) _____ used by the British Army. A spokesperson said it was important to find cheap and effective ways to defend British soldiers. He (10) _____ to Russia's use of drones in its three-year war against Ukraine. The U.K. government said: "Drone swarms are increasingly (11) _____ in use in frontline combat in Ukraine. U.K. intelligence estimates that last year, Ukraine had to defend (12) _____ attacks from more than 18,000 drones."

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

1.	(a)	tested	(b)	tests	(c)	test	(d)	testing
2.	(a)	rock	(b)	lock	(c)	knock	(d)	block
3.	(a)	city	(b)	cityscape	(c)	citywide	(d)	cities
4.	(a)	on	(b)	at	(c)	to	(d)	of
5.	(a)	for	(b)	by	(c)	to	(d)	at
6.	(a)	win	(b)	give	(c)	beat	(d)	back
7.	(a)	spender	(b)	spent	(c)	spending	(d)	spendthrift
8.	(a)	heat	(b)	fire	(c)	burn	(d)	flame
9.	(a)	bullet point	(b)	bulleted	(c)	bullet	(d)	bullets
10.	(a)	drew	(b)	focused	(c)	angled	(d)	pointed
11.	(a)	seeing	(b)	sees	(c)	see	(d)	seen
12.	(a)	gained	(b)	gains	(c)	again	(d)	against

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1.   attack <u>nymee</u> soldiers

2.   Drones are a very <u>teefecfiv</u> way

3.   high-<u>eecnyuqrf</u> radio waves

4.   <u>setdroy</u> the computer chips

5.   take out more than 100 drones almost <u>tnatnisly</u>

6.   give the Army a big <u>aavtneadg</u>

Paragraph 2

7.   the anti-drone weapons <u>mstsye</u>

8.   a standard <u>lbulte</u> used by the British Army

9.   a <u>rmwsa</u> of drones

10. <u>endefd</u> British soldiers

11. in use in frontline <u>bctmao</u>

12. U.K. intelligence <u>ttsaemies</u>

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

(   )   chips that control drones. This causes the drones to crash or fly off-course. An Army

(   )   of damage. The British Army's new system uses high-frequency radio waves to destroy the computer

(   )   of drones. This is one-tenth of the price of a standard bullet used by the British Army. A spokesperson said it was important

(   )   seen in use in frontline combat in Ukraine. U.K. intelligence estimates that last

(   )   soldiers, tanks, and cities. Drones are a very effective way of attacking enemies. They can cause a lot

(   )   spokesperson said the system could take out more than 100 drones almost instantly. He said it could give

(   )   system. The system is very cheap to operate. It costs just 18 cents to fire one shot at a swarm

(   )   the Army a big advantage on the battlefield.

(**1**)   The British Army has successfully tested a new weapon to destroy drones. It has created a radio-

(   )   The U.K. government spent more than $53 million developing the anti-drone weapons

(   )   to find cheap and effective ways to defend British soldiers. He pointed to Russia's use of drones in its three-year

(   )   war against Ukraine. The U.K. government said: "Drone swarms are increasingly

(   )   wave weapon system that can knock swarms of drones out of the sky. Many armies around the world use drones to attack enemy

(   )   year, Ukraine had to defend against attacks from more than 18,000 drones."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

1. The   tested   weapon   has   new   army   a   successfully   .

2. It   weapon   system   a   radio-wave   has   created   .

3. Knock   the   sky   drones   swarms   out   of   of   .

4. Radio   drones   that   chips   control   waves   destroy   computer   .

5. It   Army   the   give   big   could   a   advantage   .

6. The   to   operate   is   system   cheap   very   .

7. It   18   fire   cents   just   shot   to   one   costs   .

8. A   bullet   Army   standard   used   British   the   by   .

9. Cheap   ways   its   defend   soldiers   and   effective   to   .

10. Drone   increasingly   are   in   swarms   seen   use   .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

The British Army has successfully *tested / testing* a new weapon to destroy drones. It has created a radio-wave weapon system that can knock swarms of drones *out / up* of the sky. Many armies around the world *using / use* drones to attack enemy soldiers, tanks, and *city / cities*. Drones are a very effective *ways / way* of attacking enemies. They can cause a *lot / lots* of damage. The British Army's *new / newly* system uses high-frequency radio waves to destroy the computer *fries / chips* that control drones. This *causes / causing* the drones to crash or fly off-course. An Army spokesperson said the system could take out more than 100 drones almost *instantly / instant*. He said it could give the Army a big advantage on the battlefield.

The U.K. government *spending / spent* more than $53 million developing the anti-drone weapons system. The system is very cheap *to / for* operate. It costs just 18 cents to fire one *shoot / shot* at a swarm of drones. This is one-tenth of the price *to / of* a standard bullet used by the British Army. A spokesperson said it was *importance / important* to find cheap and effective ways *to / for* defend British soldiers. He pointed to Russia's use of drones in its three-year war *again / against* Ukraine. The U.K. government said: "Drone swarms are increasingly *seen / seeing* in use in frontline combat in Ukraine. U.K. intelligence estimates *that / what* last year, Ukraine had to *defense / defend* against attacks from more than 18,000 drones."

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

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

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Th_ Br_t_sh _rmy h_s s_cc_ssf_lly t_st_d _ n_w w__p_n t_ d_str_y dr_ns. _t h_s cr__t_d _ r_d__- w_v_ w__p_n syst_m th_t c_n kn_ck sw_rms _f dr_n_s __t _f th_ sky. M_ny _rm__s _r__nd th_ w_rld _s_ dr_n_s t_ _tt_ck _n_my s_ld__rs, t_nks, _nd c_t__s. Dr_n_s _r_ _ v_ry _ff_ct_v_ w_y _f _tt_ck_ng _n_m__s. Th_y c_n c__s_ _ l_t _f d_m_g_. Th_ Br_t_sh _rmy's n_w syst_m _s_s h_gh-fr_q__ncy r_d__ w_v_s t_ d_str_y th_ c_mp_t_r ch_ps th_t c_ntr_l dr_n_s. Th_s c__s_s th_ dr_n_s t_ cr_sh _r fly _ff- c__rs_. _n _rmy sp_k_sp_rs_n s__d th_ syst_m c__ld t_k_ __t m_r_ th_n 100 dr_n_s _lm_st _nst_ntly. H_ s__d _t c__ld g_v_ th_ _rmy _ b_g _dv_nt_g_ _n th_ b_ttl_f__ld.

Th_ _.K. g_v_rnm_nt sp_nt m_r_ th_n $53 m_ll__n d_v_l_p_ng th_ _nt_-dr_n_ w__p_ns syst_m. Th_ syst_m _s v_ry ch__p t_ _p_r_t_. _t c_sts j_st 18 c_nts t_ f_r_ _n_ sh_t _t _ sw_rm _f dr_n_s. Th_s _s _n_- t_nth _f th_ pr_c_ _f _ st_nd_rd b_ll_t _s_d by th_ Br_t_sh _rmy. _ sp_k_sp_rs_n s__d _t w_s _mp_rt_nt t_ f_nd ch__p _nd _ff_ct_v_ w_ys t_ d_f_nd Br_t_sh s_ld__rs. H_ p__nt_d t_ R_ss__'s _s_ _f dr_n_s _n _ts thr__-y__r w_r _g__nst _kr__n_. Th_ _.K. g_v_rnm_nt s__d: "Dr_n_ sw_rms _r_ _ncr__s_ngly s__n _n _s_ _n fr_ntl_n_ c_mb_t _n _kr__n_. _.K. _nt_ll_g_nc_ _st_m_t_s th_t l_st y__r, _kr__n_ h_d t_ d_f_nd _g__nst _tt_cks fr_m m_r_ th_n 18,000 dr_n_s."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

the british army has successfully tested a new weapon to destroy drones it has created a radio wave weapon system that can knock swarms of drones out of the sky many armies around the world use drones to attack enemy soldiers tanks and cities drones are a very effective way of attacking enemies they can cause a lot of damage the british armys new system uses high frequency radio waves to destroy the computer chips that control drones this causes the drones to crash or fly off course an army spokesperson said the system could take out more than 100 drones almost instantly he said it could give the army a big advantage on the battlefield

the uk government spent more than 53 million developing the anti drone weapons system the system is very cheap to operate it costs just 18 cents to fire one shot at a swarm of drones this is one tenth of the price of a standard bullet used by the british army a spokesperson said it was important to find cheap and effective ways to defend british soldiers he pointed to russias use of drones in its three year war against ukraine the uk government said drone swarms are increasingly seen in use in frontline combat in ukraine uk intelligence estimates that last year ukraine had to defend against attacks from more than 18000 drones

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

TheBritishArmyhassuccessfullytestedanewweapontodestroydrones.Ithascreatedaradio-waveweaponsystemthatcanknockswarmsofdronesoutofthesky.Manyarmiesaroundtheworldusedronestoattackenemysoldiers,tanks,andcities.Dronesareaveryeffectivewayofattackingenemies.Theycancausealotofdamage.TheBritishArmy'snewsystemuseshigh-frequencyradiowavestodestroythecomputerchipsthatcontroldrones.Thiscausesthedronestocrashorflyoff-course.AnArmyspokespersonsaidthesystemcouldtakeoutmorethan100dronesalmostinstantly.HesaiditcouldgivetheArmyabigadvantageonthebattlefield.TheU.K.governmentspentmorethan$53milliondevelopingtheanti-droneweaponssystem.Thesystemisverycheaptooperate.Itcostsjust18centstofireoneshotataswarmofdrones.Thisisone-tenthofthepriceofastandardbulletusedbytheBritishArmy.AspokespersonsaiditwasimportanttofindcheapandeffectivewaystodefendBritishsoldiers.HepointedtoRussia'suseofdronesinitsthree-yearwaragainstUkraine.TheU.K.governmentsaid:"DroneswarmsareincreasinglyseeninuseinfrontlinecombatinUkraine.U.K.intelligenceestimatesthatlastyear,Ukrainehadtodefendagainstattacksfrommorethan18,000drones."

FREE WRITING

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

ACADEMIC WRITING

Drones should never be used by armies in wars. 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. DRONES: Make a poster about drones. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. BANNED: Write a magazine article about banning the use of drones for warfare. 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 drones. Ask him/her three questions about drones. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Many armies
2. Tanks
3. High-frequency radio waves
4. More than 100
5. On the battlefield
6. More than $53 million
7. Ten times
8. British soldiers
9. In frontline combat
10. More than 18,000

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. The army has successfully tested a new weapon.
2. It has created a radio-wave weapon system.
3. Knock swarms of drones out of the sky.
4. Radio waves destroy computer chips that control drones.
5. It could give the Army a big advantage.
6. The system is very cheap to operate.
7. It costs just 18 cents to fire one shot.
8. A standard bullet used by the British Army.
9. Cheap and effective ways to defend its soldiers.
10. Drone swarms are increasingly seen in use.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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