**Unit 7 Listening**

**Audio script**

Every year, people send lots of useful things into space, such as space stations and satellites. However, there are lots of unwanted things in space too, such as parts of old rockets. We call these things space junk.

Since the 1950s, people have sent over 10,000 satellites into space. Many of these satellites are not working any more, but it is too expensive to bring them back to the Earth. Astronauts have also dropped things during their spacewalks, such as cameras, gloves and tool bags. All these things are making space a more dangerous place.

Most pieces of space junk are very small, but they can still cause big problems. Things in space are moving very, very fast. Just a small piece of space junk can break a spacecraft into pieces. If that happens, there will be even more space junk.

Scientists are very worried about space junk. If we don’t solve this problem soon, space missions will become very dangerous in the future. Countries around the world need to work together to find a solution.

**Answer key**

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☐ People have sent over 100,000 satellites into space.

☐ It is easy to bring space junk back to the Earth.

☑ Astronauts have left many things in space.

☑ Space junk is making space travel more dangerous.

☐ Scientists know how to solve this problem.

☑ We need to solve this problem soon.

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