

## A HOLE<sup>1</sup> IN THE SPACE STATION

At the beginning of September 2018:

**NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)** and the Russian **space agency** have to repair<sup>2</sup> a hole in the laboratory of the **ISS (International Space Station)**. The air is slowly leaving<sup>3</sup>. The people **on board** block the hole with glue<sup>4</sup> and repair the problem. Astronauts and other experts think that the hole in the space station is there **because of** a small stone<sup>5</sup>.



At the end of September 2018:

Reports<sup>6</sup> are now saying that a person created the hole. 'It looks like a shaking<sup>7</sup> hand. There are traces<sup>8</sup> of a drill<sup>9</sup>,' says Dmitry Rogozin, Director of the Russian space agency. Rogozin thinks that it is an accident<sup>10</sup> or **somebody's mistake**. Astronauts and experts **on the ground** are trying to find the hole. They are successful. The pressure is now all right and the astronauts on board can continue working.

The International Space Station is **in space** since 1998. It is 73 metres long, 109 metres wide and 20 metres high. There are 6 people in it.

**Vocabulary:**<sup>1</sup>díra|<sup>2</sup>opravit|<sup>3</sup>utíkat|<sup>4</sup>lepidlo|<sup>5</sup>kámen|<sup>6</sup>zprávy|<sup>7</sup>třesoucí|<sup>8</sup>stopy|<sup>9</sup>vrtačka|<sup>10</sup>nehoda

**Language notes:** NASA=národní úřad pro letectví a kosmonautiku|space agency=vesmírná agentura|ISS=Mezinárodní vesmírná stanice|on board=na palubě|because of=kvůli|somebody's mistake=něčí chyba|on the ground=na zemi|in space=ve vesmíru

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