

READING PART 4

Choose the word or phrase that best fits the blank space in the following passage.

On October 21, 1978, Australian pilot Frederick Valentich, age 20, took off from Melbourne and (1) _____ towards a small island. It was the young man's first solo night over water. It was a still, clear evening, and from his Cessna aircraft Valentich had a perfect (2) _____ of the sky above and the sea below.



Shortly after taking off, Valentich reported to flight controllers in Melbourne that he was being followed by a UFO. "It's a long shape," he reported, "with a green light, sort of metallic like, all shiny on the outside." A few minutes later, he told the controllers, "That strange aircraft is hovering on top of me again."

After that Valentich stopped talking. For the next fourteen seconds the traffic controllers heard a strange ringing sound. Then silence. Valentich and his plane never reached the island, and no (3) _____ of him or his aircraft was ever found.

Several (4) _____ of the public reported seeing strange phenomena in the sky over Melbourne that night. An amateur photographer produced a photo of (5) _____ looked like a large object surrounded by vapor.

A NASA scientist, Richard Haines, heard about the story and began an (6) _____. He analyzed Valentich's voice on tape and the strange sound heard at the end of the tape. But he concluded that it was "unidentifiable." He decided that there were four possible explanations for the mystery surrounding Valentich's disappearance: Valentich might have become confused and disoriented while flying his plane and finally crashed; he could have staged a deliberate hoax; he could have been the victim of a top-secret advanced weapons test; or he may have been captured by the occupants of a UFO.

1 Choose the word or phrase that best fits (1).

- A. traveled
- B. headed
- C. arrived
- D. reached

2 Choose the word or phrase that best fits (2).

- A. sight
- B. look
- C. view
- D. spectacle

3 Choose the word or phrase that best fits (3).

- A. mark
- B. trace
- C. trail

4 Choose the word or phrase that best fits (4).

- A. members
- B. beings
- C. sessions
- D. units

5 Choose the word or phrase that best fits (5).

- A. who
- B. what
- C. where
- D. which

6 Choose the word or phrase that best fits (6).

- A. investigation
- B. invitation
- C. invention
- D. instruction