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**Today's Headlines:**

**Obama to visit Hiroshima but no apology**

**Canada wildfire aftermath**

**NASA discovers new planets**

**Transcript:**

The White House is saying President Obama will not apologise for the American atomic bomb attack on Hiroshima when he visits later this month. It will be **highly symbolic** – the first time a serving American president has been to the Japanese city since it was **obliterated** in August 1945.

Nearly a week after a massive wildfire first took hold in the Canadian province of Alberta, officials have had their first look at the damage **inflicted** on the city of Fort McMurray. Thousands of homes were burnt to the ground but authorities say the damage is far less than first feared. They're now working on producing a re-entry plan within two weeks.

NASA has discovered nearly 1300 new planets outside the Solar System. The **exoplanets** were found with the Kepler space telescope. NASA says the discovery increases the chance of finding at least one other planet like Earth that might support life.

**Words and phrases and definitions:**

**highly symbolic**

showing or representing something that is extremely important

**obliterated**

completely destroyed

**inflicted**

something unpleasant or harmful forced on someone or something

**exoplanets**

planets outside the Earth's Solar System

**Watch the video online:** <http://bbc.in/1SZnnVz>

### Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences. Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

### highly symbolic / obliterated / inflicted / exoplanets

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