

Read the text and use the words on the right to form a word that fits in a gap:



After Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space in 1961, there was _____ in an American media source that female pilots in the USA were training to become astronauts. As a result, _____ for an all-female cosmonaut programme was gained from the Soviet _____, and in 1963 training began.

A textile _____, Valentina Tereshkova, was born 6th March 1937, had no _____ to fly into space. However, she was keen on skydiving, and her _____ in parachuting made her an _____ candidate for the Soviet space programme.

Her training included a lot of _____ challenging tests like centrifuge g-force tests and decompression tests. On 16th June 1963 Valentina Tereshkova reached outer space in her Vostok rocket. Although she experienced physical _____ for most of the _____, she orbited the Earth 48 times in just under 3 days.

After the first group of female cosmonauts was dissolved, Valentina Tereshkova stayed on at the Soviet space programme as

an _____. She retired from air force in the rank of INSTRUCT
major general in 1997. She continued her _____ the SERVE
country when in 2011 she was elected to the _____ NATION
State Duma and was later re-elected for a second term in 2016.