

1 Read the online article about space tourism. Notice the boldfaced words.

SPACE TOURISM

Have you ever wanted to travel into space? Virgin Galactic, an American space exploration company, wants to take **commercial** passengers into space—for a price.

In April 2018, Virgin Galactic completed a successful test of a spacecraft to take six tourists into space. The spacecraft takes off from the ground like a plane and then goes almost straight up. After leaving Earth's **atmosphere**, the engines turn off. Outside of Earth's **gravity**, travelers experience weightlessness for several minutes. They also get an amazing view of Earth. Then the spaceplane descends 62 miles back to Earth. The cost is \$250,000 per person.

Another space exploration company, SpaceX, is planning an even bigger trip. They have two tourists who have paid millions of dollars to make a trip around the moon. The chance to see the **surface** of the moon would give travelers a view that only a few **astronauts** have seen.

Both Virgin Galactic and SpaceX have a similar **mission**—to give regular people an opportunity to experience space.



2 Complete the definitions. Write the correct letter in the blank.

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| 1. A seat on a commercial spaceflight is _____ . | a. a person who travels and works in space |
| 2. Earth's atmosphere is _____ . | b. a trip by a spacecraft to complete a specific task |
| 3. Gravity is _____ . | c. sold by a business to make money |
| 4. A mission is _____ . | d. the force that causes something to fall to the ground |
| 5. The surface is _____ . | e. the mixture of gases that surrounds Earth |
| 6. An astronaut is _____ . | |

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