

7. NASA is considering sending astronauts in an Orion _____ to the surface of a near-Earth asteroid in 2025.
8. The last time astronauts did a _____ from an aerial outpost was in 1974, when Skylab was operating.
9. Astronauts train on _____ to prepare for the weightlessness experienced in space.
10. NASA's new _____ can withstand over 120°C, removes toxic gases and regulates temperature.



III. Complete the sentences with the words from the box. Modify the words if necessary.

cosmonaut	astronomy	habitable	astronauts	microgravity
rinseless	mission	altitude	maintenance	weightless

1. The astronauts became _____ on going into orbit round the earth.
2. When _____ go to space, they float due to the lack of gravity.
3. NASA intends to land its first manned _____ on Mars in 10 years' time.
4. After the Earth, Mars is the most _____ planet in our solar system.
5. _____ is the condition in which people or objects appear to be weightless.
6. The plane is now flying at a(n) _____ of 30,000 feet.
7. On April 12, 1961, Soviet _____ Yuri Alekseyevich Gagarin became the first human being to travel into space.
8. The space station requires routine _____ and safety checks on most days.
9. _____ is a natural science that studies celestial objects and phenomena.
10. Astronauts wash their hair with a _____ shampoo so they don't need to get their hair wet.

IV. Complete the sentences with the correct tense or form of the verbs in the box.

orbit	experience	launch	land	attach
float	cooperate	descend	recount	train

1. Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite, _____ into Earth orbit on 4 October 1957.
2. NASA prepares its astronauts for a microgravity environment by _____ them on parabolic flights.

3. A mysterious spacecraft _____ the Earth for the past 720 days.
4. It took less than an hour before the plane began _____ down to a small town.
5. Astronauts _____ around in space because there is no gravity in space.
6. Parabolic flights allow passengers _____ weightlessness without actually going to space.
7. Visiting astronauts can sleep anywhere in the ISS so long as they _____ themselves to something.
8. The former NASA astronaut _____ his experiences living and working aboard the International Space Station.
9. NASA's Curiosity rover _____ on Mars in 2012 with a mission to find out if Mars is suitable for life.
10. Nearly any technical problem can be solved when crew and ground controllers _____.

V. Choose the correct idioms to complete the sentences.

- Joe was _____ when he got a job with his dream company.
a. out of this world b. over the moon
c. once in a blue moon d. many moons ago
- _____ I go to the cinema, only when there's a film I really, really want to see.
a. Over the moon b. Out of this world
c. Once in a blue moon d. Many moons ago
- That's the coolest thing I've ever seen. It's really _____.
a. out of this world b. calling it a day c. the sky's the limit d. once in a blue moon
- He asked his dad to buy him a yacht as a birthday present. I think he was _____.
a. once in a blue moon b. out of this world
c. promising the moon d. asking for the moon
- You've heard the saying, "_____" It's meant to indicate that you can achieve anything if you want.
a. Reach for the stars. b. Come back down to earth.
c. The sky's the limit. d. Everything under the sun.
- He's living _____ if he thinks he's going to get £5000 for his old car.
a. out of this world b. on another planet c. under the sun d. over the moon
- She's very intelligent and knowledgeable. She can talk about everything _____.
a. over the moon b. out of this world c. on another planet d. under the sun
- I really _____ returning to work after my two-week holiday in Spain.
a. asked for the moon b. lived on another planet
c. came back down to earth d. was once in a blue moon
- We went to Paris _____, I'm sure it has changed a lot since then.
a. many moons ago b. once in a blue moon
c. over the moon d. under the sun

10. I doubt she'll actually become a famous actress - she just has _____.
a. out of this world b. the sky's the limit c. on another planet d. stars in her eyes

VI. Underline the correct form.

1. When Anne *opened* / *had opened* the door, she realized that somebody *broke* / *had broken* into.
2. He couldn't make a sandwich because *he forgot* / *had forgotten* to buy bread.
3. Clyde Tombaugh *discovered* / *had discovered* the planet Pluto in 1930.
4. By the time Julia *left* / *had left* the shop, she *spent* / *had spent* all her money on clothes.
5. I *didn't want* / *hadn't wanted* to see that film because I *saw* / *had seen* it twice.
6. Philip *tidied* / *had tidied* his bedroom before he *left* / *had left* for work.
7. When he *ainted* / *had ainted* the kitchen he *decided* / *had decided* to have a rest.
8. Alfred *had worked* / *worked* in a bank for five years before he was sent to Rome.
9. He doubted that he *saw* / *had seen* her somewhere before.
10. After he *had* / *had had* a good night's sleep, he *felt* / *had felt* much better.
11. In 1998, Glenn *attracted* / *had attracted* media attention when he *returned* / *had returned* to space aboard the space shuttle Discovery.
12. He *touched down* / *had touched down* in Kazakhstan at 11:26 pm, having completed 340 days in space.
13. *Did James already cooked* / *Had James already cooked* breakfast when you got up?
14. After arriving home, I *realized* / *had realised* I *didn't buy* / *hadn't bought* any milk.
15. It wasn't easy when I *lived* / *had lived* on the International Space Station for nearly a year.

VII. Complete the sentences with the past simple, past progressive or past perfect form of the verbs in brackets.

1. Matt _____ (live) in Greece for two years before he _____ (move) to Italy.
2. The patient _____ (die) while the doctors _____ (perform) the operation.
3. I _____ (be) happy to see Matha because we _____ (not see) each other since last Christmas.
4. Mary _____ (clean) the windscreen when she _____ (notice) a crack in the glass.
5. By the time Alex _____ (finish) his studies, he _____ (be) in London for over eight years.
6. As I _____ (cross) the street, I _____ (catch) sight of an old friend of mine in a restaurant.
7. The hotel was full, so I _____ (be) glad that we _____ (book) in advance.
8. As soon as the people _____ (hear) the trumpet blast, they _____ (shout) a loud war cry.
9. What _____ (you/read) when I _____ (interrupt) you last night?
10. I _____ (want) to help with the washing up, but Sandra _____ (already/ do) it.
11. They _____ (watch) a film in the cinema so they _____ (not realise) it _____ (snow) outside.
12. First I _____ (tidy) the flat, then I _____ (sit) down and _____ (have) a cup of coffee.
13. _____ (you/ ever/ visit) London when you _____ (live) in England?

14. The neighbors _____ (call) the fire department when they _____ (see) the old house go up in flames.
15. Nobody _____ (come) to the meeting because Angela _____ (forget) to tell them about it.

VIII. Fill in the blank with/ without a relative pronoun.

1. Can you give me back the money _____ I lent you last month?
2. They complained about the wrong goods _____ were sent to them.
3. This is Susan _____ husband works in the sales department.
4. The advice _____ Sam gave me was quite senseless.
5. Monday is the day _____ bills have to be paid.
6. The secretary showed me the cabinet _____ important documents are filed.
7. Enter the address of the person _____ you want to forward the message to.
8. Elsa seemed like the kind of person to _____ happiness came almost naturally.
9. What is the name of the woman _____ used to read the news on Channel 9?
10. His refusal to tell her the truth is the reason _____ she is so angry with him.
11. Can you name the artist _____ famous painting is called 'The Girl with the Pearl Earring'?
12. 1969 was also the year in _____ the Venera 5 space probe landed on Venus.
13. Do you know the city _____ President Barack Obama was born?
14. Marie Curie is one of the scientists _____ I admire most.
15. Apollo 11 was the spaceflight _____ landed the first two people on the Moon.

IX. Combine the two sentences using defining relative clauses.

1. Can you show me the room? Meetings are held in that room.
→ Can you _____
2. What would you do with the scholarship? You were offered it this month.
→ What _____
3. I don't really like the woman. She is in charge of the Marketing Department.
→ I don't _____
4. I have never met the man. He gave me a lift this morning.
→ The man _____
5. Scientists are working with stem cells. Stem cells will revolutionize medicine.
→ Scientists _____
6. Most of the books are still popular today. I read them as a child.
→ Most of the books _____
7. We won't forget the day. We went to Justin Bieber's concert that day.
→ We _____

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8. The book is about Gagarin's flight to the space. Mr. Henry gave it to me.
→ The book _____
9. I want to introduce you to Mrs. Black. Her husband is a software engineer at Google, Inc.
→ I want _____
10. The Nation Air and Space Museum has been renovated. We visited it last year.
→ The Nation Air and Space Museum _____

X. Fill in each blank with a suitable preposition.

1. Virgin Galactic says hundreds of customers have signed _____ for a brief suborbital flight into space.
2. Most satellites observing the Earth fly _____ an altitude of 600 kilometers to 800 kilometers above ground.
3. Astronauts float _____ in space because there is no gravity in space.
4. Zero Gravity Corp, provides people _____ a once-in-a-lifetime experience of floating in microgravity _____ parabolic flights.
5. _____ April 12,1961, Yuri Gagarin became the first human to go _____ space.
6. Some meteorites are easy to overlook because they look _____ ordinary earth rocks.
7. A popular pastime while orbiting Earth is simply looking _____ the window.
8. On 31 May he carried _____ checks on the KiboJEM Robotic Manipulator System.
9. Nick was crazy _____ the universe after his visit to the Space Museum in Sweden.
10. Most people have wondered if there is life beyond Earth _____ space.

C. SPEAKING

I. Write questions to complete the conversations.

1. A: _____
B: The first woman to be In space is Valentina Tereshkova.
2. A: _____
B: Valentina Tereshkova was born in Maslennikovo, near Yaroslavl, Russia.
3. A: _____
B: She was only 26 when she made her one and only space flight.
4. A: _____
B: She was sent into space in the spacecraft Vostok 6.
5. A: _____
B: The spacecraft was launched on June 16,1963 .
6. A: _____
B: She orbited Earth 48 times in her space capsule, Vostok 6.
7. A: _____

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