

"First astronaut in the outer space" / Reading Test

Name: Level: Date:

Perceptive

(Picture-cued true/false sentence identification)

1.-Select T of True and F of False according to the text "How did we start visiting outer space?"



- A. The United States launched the first living thing into space. (T / F)
- B. The dog's name was Laika. (T / F)
- C. Laika was a street dog that became an astronaut. (T / F)
- D. The ship was called Rocket Launcher. (T / F)

Selective

(Multiple-choice cloze/vocabulary)

2.-Complete the following text based on to the text "How did we start visiting outer space?" with the correct option that fits it in the blank spaces.

In 1993, some Russian space program (1) revealed that Laika died soon after leaving the planet's atmosphere because of stress and (2) Many people in the world were in great (3) because of her death. Since then, her story has spread around the world and has inspired many (4), songs, and poems. Some of them say that Laika became a star in the sky.

- 1) A. Reporters
B. Scientists
C. Investigators
- 2) A. Overheating
B. Hungry
C. Fear
- 3) A. Happiness
B. Doubt
C. Sorrow
- 4) A. Tales

- B. Stories
- C. Souvenirs

Interactive
(C-test procedure)

3.- Read the text about “Space race” carefully and complete the words with the missing letters in order to complete the paragraph. Each word will have two or three letters as a guide to infer.

Space Race

It began in 1955 with the USA and USSR after 1) W_____ W__ II. It was the Cold War, which meant 2) com_____n in every area, including space. Soviets launched the first artificial 3) sat_____, Sputnik I in 1957, Sputnik II with the first living thing in space, and then 4) S_____ III. Even though the US was trying to send a rocket with a man to orbit the planet quickly, the Soviets had already done it in 1961, sending Yuri Gagarin, the first man to enter the Earth’s orbit.

1.

2.

3.

4.



Interactive

(Reading comprehension passage)

4.-Read the passage and select the correct option according to the line that the question request.

- (1) During the era of the space race between the USA and USSR, the Soviet Union launched the first living thing into space. It was a dog named Laika. The objective of the trip was to prove that space travel for humans was safe but technology hadn't advanced enough to bring ships back yet. Laika was a street dog that became and
- (5) astronaut because of her size and calmness. After some training, she was ready to go into space. Her ship called Sputnik 2 was launched on November 3, 1957. Laika was supposed to orbit the planet some days and the first reports from Russian space programs said so.

1. What is the topic of the passage?

- a) How did we start visiting outer space?
- b) The first pet in the moon.
- c) The successful ship Sputnik.
- d) The space race between USA and URSS.

2. The word "calmness" in line five could be replaced by

- a) Scared
- b) Not angry
- c) Happy
- d) Surprised

3. It can be inferred from the passage that the first living thing launched into space was a

- a) Cat
- b) Sheep
- c) Dog
- d) Monkey

4. In the line six, the pronoun "her" refers to

- a) The United States of America.
- b) The Sputnik 2.
- c) A dog named Laika.
- d) The Russian space programs.

Extensive
(Skimming tasks)

5. Read the following text, understand it and answer the following questions.

Laika

During the era of the space race between the USA and USSR, the Soviet Union launched the first living thing into space. It was a dog named Laika. The objective of the trip was to prove that space travel for humans was safe but technology hadn't advanced enough to bring ships back yet. Laika was a street dog that became an astronaut because of her size and calmness. After some training, she was ready to go into space. Her ship called Sputnik 2 was launched on November 3, 1957. Laika was supposed to orbit the planet some days and the first reports from Russian space programs said so. However, in 1993, some Russian space program scientists revealed that Laika died soon after leaving the planet's atmosphere because of stress and overheating. Many people in the world were in great sorrow because of her death. Since then, her story has spread around the world and has inspired many tales, songs, and poems. Some of them say that Laika became a star in the sky.

1. What is the main idea of this text?

2. What kind of writing is this [newspaper article, manual, novel, etc.]?

3. What type of writing is this [expository, technical, narrative, etc.]?

4. What do you think you will learn from the text?