Space Food



One of the astronauts on Apollo 17, Eugene Cernan, was also in the earlier Gemini program.

The quality and variety of food for the Apollo astronauts were much better than for astronauts on previous missions. Hot water was available, so they could eat [1] both / several freeze-dried foods, and the food was tastier. The astronauts carried special "spoon bowls." [2] Several / All of the food stuck to the spoon, making eating seem similar to eating on Earth. [3] Both / Several peas and beans were served in sauce, so they didn't fly away. There was also more choice—100 food items including strawberry and peanut cubes, spaghetti, salmon salad, and 75 drinks. Variety is important because [4] both / most astronauts will get bored of the same menu choices. The astronauts liked [5] most of / several of the food items apart from freeze-dried ice cream. However, visitors can buy this in the NASA gift shop as "space food" and try it for themselves.

Specialists test [6] all / all of new foods for their smell. The smell of food is a big worry. In 1976, a terrible food smell caused one Soviet spacecraft to return to Earth before completing the mission!

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12 EXPAND Complete the sentences using the words and phrases in the box.

most	both	several	all of	all

1 On Apollo 11, _____ Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin walked on the moon.
2 When they go to the International Space Station, _____ astronauts can take personal possessions with them. The limit is 5 kilos.
3 In 1972, Apollo 16 astronaut Charles Duke took a photo of _____ his family and left it on the surface of the moon.
4 Although _____ astronauts are men, there are more female astronauts these days.
5 Going into space is dangerous. Over the years, _____ astronauts have died.

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