

Exercise 3

Read the first sentences. Then choose the correct answers to complete the definitions of the words in bold.

1. The Earth's **gravity** is much stronger than the moon's, meaning that an object would effectively be lighter if it was on the moon than it is when on Earth.

Gravity is the ability to fly slowly/the force that attracts things to each other.

2. **Meteoroids** are often referred to as 'shooting stars' when they burn up on entering the Earth's atmosphere.

Meteoroids are flying pieces of rock in space/other planets .

3. The Earth's **orbit** of the sun takes 365 and a quarter days.

Orbit is a circular journey in space around a central point/the distance from a point in space

4. Spacecraft returning to Earth re-enter the Earth's **atmosphere** at an altitude of approximately 120 km.

Atmosphere means the feeling or mood in a place/the layer of gases above the Earth's surface

5. Tim Peake is the British **astronaut** who in 2015–16 spent six months aboard the International Space Station.

The best definition of astronaut is a person who works and travels on a spacecraft/someone who has been to the moon .

6. The International Space Station is comprised of 15 separate **modules**, including five made by Russia.

A module is a place where a spacecraft takes off from the Earth/a unit of a spacecraft that can be detached