

Work with a dictionary and write the translation of the verbs below.

Example: to argue about - спорить о чем-либо

to laugh at - _____

to consist of - _____

to search for - _____

to appeal to - _____

to take part in - _____

to recover from - _____

to listen to - _____

to prepare for - _____

to worry about - _____

to cope with - _____

to adjust to - _____

to apologise for - _____

Read the story and complete the gaps with a correct preposition



If somebody told you they were building a lift to take people into space, you would probably laugh ¹ _____ the idea. But in fact, if you listen ² _____ scientists and engineers talking about the plan, you soon realise they are being completely serious.

The elevator would consist ³ _____ a carbon fibre ribbon 100,000 km long. One end would be in the ocean at the equator, and the other end would be in space.

At the moment, it takes months or years to prepare ⁴ _____ a trip into space by rocket. Space agencies have begun searching ⁵ _____ a better option – partly because they worry ⁶ _____ the cost of space missions. The idea of a space elevator appeals ⁷ _____ governments because it would be far cheaper than sending rockets into space. It would be slower, but that would give passengers more time to adjust ⁸ _____ the different conditions as they left the earth.

It may not be easy though: countries might argue ⁹ _____ the exact location of the elevator. But if the political leaders can cope ¹⁰ _____ these problems and manage to take part ¹¹ _____ the project together, it is certainly possible.

Science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke wrote a novel ¹² _____ the idea in 1979. He said in a speech that humans would build a space elevator ten years after they stopped laughing at the idea. Well, they've stopped laughing now.