

Unit 5 Test | A

Reading

6 Read the article and choose the correct answer.

A space flight? What a prize!

It's 2050, and we've been exploring the space for almost a century now. Until just a few decades ago, only astronauts could make the journey into orbit but the last 30 years has also seen a huge growth in space tourism, with several space planes taking wealthy people on an expensive trip to the edge of Earth's atmosphere. But this year, two recent competition winners will become the youngest people ever to go on a space flight.

Jens Nilsen (17) from Norway and Likha Aranda (17) from the Philippines are the winners of the 2050 Space Scientist competition. Jens and Likha worked together with Melvin University researchers on a new computer programme that will make it easier for future space tourists to plan their trips. Many rich companies want to buy the technology, so it looks like going into space isn't the only prize for their historical achievement.

'I feel very fortunate', says Likha. 'If my astronomy professor hadn't told me about the competition, I'd never have known about it. And it was fantastic to work with Jens on this project. He's really talented and I can't wait to go on the space flight with real astronauts. I've seen a lot of them on TV. My family are a little worried, but unless something really terrible happens they are mainly pleased.'

'I wouldn't be here if it weren't for Likha', says Jens. 'We were an amazing team on the programme and I hope we work together more in the future. But for now, we just want to enjoy our preparation for the space flight – we're actually getting our space suits next week! I'm nervous, of course, but being a space tourist is usually only something you can do if you are rich, or an astronaut.'

The future looks bright for Jens and Likha. They both want to continue their studies after the space flight, but the income they'll receive from their computer programme means they won't need to worry about money for a while. Thanks to large companies, they'll be very comfortable. Who knows, if they keep working together and make even more advances in space travel, we'll all be able to take a space flight one day.

- 0 When does the writer say we started going to space?
 - a) around one hundred years ago
 - b) about thirty years ago
 - c) some decades ago
 - d) a few years ago
- 1 What does the writer say is happening in 2050?
 - a) There is a new competition between astronauts.
 - b) Astronauts are exploring the atmosphere.
 - c) Young people are going into space.
 - d) Rich people are buying space planes.
- 2 Why did Jens and Likha make a computer programme?
 - a) to sell it to companies
 - b) to enter a competition
 - c) to plan their space trip
 - d) to get into a university
- 3 How did Likha find out about the competition?
 - a) Jens told her.
 - b) Her family told her.
 - c) Her teacher told her.
 - d) An astronaut told her.
- 4 In the future, Jens wants to
 - a) become an astronaut.
 - b) continue working with Likha.
 - c) design a new type of space suit.
 - d) prepare space flights for tourists.
- 5 The writer suggests that everyone might go to space
 - a) if Jens and Likha continue their work.
 - b) if more people start to study space travel.
 - c) if companies make it less expensive to go.
 - d) if computer programmes become cheaper.

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Language Functions

7 Complete the dialogue with the words below. There is one extra word.

few minutes first last thing need to
now what seems easy what do

- A: Can you help me set up my new phone?
 B: Sure! ⁰ First, make sure it's charging.
 A: Of course. I plugged it in. Then,
¹ _____ I do?
 B: After a ² _____, you can switch it on.
 A: OK. It's on. ³ _____?
 B: Next, you ⁴ _____ choose a network.
 A: That ⁵ _____! Thanks for your help.
 B: No problem.