

# UNIT 10: REACHING FOR THE SKIES

## 1. Would you like to travel into space? (Why / Why not?)

deeper appreciation      feel weightlessness      once-in-a-lifetime      when it comes to

Yes, I'd absolutely love the chance to travel into space. It would be a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ experience to see our planet from a completely new perspective and to (2) \_\_\_\_\_ — something I've only ever watched in documentaries. More than just the excitement, I believe it would give me a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of how fragile our planet is and inspire me to live more responsibly, especially (4) \_\_\_\_\_ protecting the environment.

in zero gravity      live more sustainably      once-in-a-lifetime      put things into perspective

Yes, I'd absolutely love the opportunity to travel into space. It would be a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ experience to see our planet from a whole new perspective and to float around (6) \_\_\_\_\_ — something I've only ever seen in documentaries. Beyond the excitement, I think it would really (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and remind me how fragile our planet is, which would definitely motivate me to (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

experience zero gravity      extraordinary experience      jump at the chance      vast universe

Absolutely, I'd (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to travel into space. It would be amazing to see the Earth from above and (10) \_\_\_\_\_ firsthand. I think it'd be both thrilling and humbling — thrilling because it's such an (11) \_\_\_\_\_, and humbling because you'd realize how tiny we are in the (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

chance      deepen      experience      in terms of      motivate      perspective

Yes, I would absolutely love the opportunity to travel into space. For me, it would be a once-in-a-lifetime (13) \_\_\_\_\_ to see our planet *from a completely different* (14) \_\_\_\_\_ and to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ weightlessness, which is something I've only ever seen in documentaries. *Beyond the thrill*, I think it would also (16) \_\_\_\_\_ my appreciation of Earth's fragility and (17) \_\_\_\_\_ me to live more responsibly (18) \_\_\_\_\_ protecting the environment.

## 2. What do you imagine it would be like?

breathtaking      everyday concepts      humbling      vastness

I imagine it would be both (19) \_\_\_\_\_ and overwhelming. Looking out of the spacecraft window and seeing the Earth as a small, blue sphere against the (20) \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe must be incredibly (21) \_\_\_\_\_. At the same time, I suppose it would feel surreal, almost like being in a science-fiction film, because (22) \_\_\_\_\_ *like gravity and time* would feel so different.

Gazing out of      Simultaneously      stepping straight into      tiny blue sphere

I imagine it would be both breathtaking and overwhelming. (23) \_\_\_\_\_ the spacecraft window and seeing the Earth as a (24) \_\_\_\_\_ against the vastness of space must be incredibly humbling. (25) \_\_\_\_\_, I suppose it would feel almost surreal — like (26) \_\_\_\_\_ a science-fiction movie — because even the most ordinary things, like gravity and time, would suddenly feel unfamiliar.

absolutely fascinating      grand scheme      such a distance      take my breath away

I imagine it would be (27) \_\_\_\_\_. Looking out the window and seeing the Earth from (28) \_\_\_\_\_ would probably (29) \_\_\_\_\_. I think it'd feel both exciting and humbling because you'd realise how tiny we are in the (30) \_\_\_\_\_ of things. It would definitely be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

### 3. What problems do you think you would experience in space?

adjusting to      confined to      designed for      physical risks

I think the most immediate problem would be (31) \_\_\_\_\_ weightlessness, because the human body isn't (32) \_\_\_\_\_ it and many people experience motion sickness. Another issue could be psychological — being (33) \_\_\_\_\_ a small space for an extended period might feel stressful or even claustrophobic. On top of that, there are obvious (34) \_\_\_\_\_, since space travel is still dangerous despite technological advances

immediate challenge      lead to      motion sickness      technological breakthroughs

I think the most (35) \_\_\_\_\_ would be adjusting to weightlessness, since the human body simply isn't designed for it and many astronauts experience (36) \_\_\_\_\_. Another difficulty could be psychological — being confined to a small cabin for an extended period might easily (37) \_\_\_\_\_ stress or even claustrophobia. On top of that, there are the obvious physical dangers, because despite all the (38) \_\_\_\_\_, space travel still carries serious risks.

disoriented      life-threatening      risk factor      zero gravity

Well, I suppose the first problem would be adapting to (39) \_\_\_\_\_ — the human body simply isn't built for that, so I'd probably feel dizzy or (40) \_\_\_\_\_ at first. I might also struggle mentally, because being stuck in a confined space for weeks or months could easily make me stressed or anxious. And of course, there's always the (41) \_\_\_\_\_, since even the smallest technical error in space could be (42) \_\_\_\_\_.

built to function      cooped up      element of danger

light-headed      mental strength      technical glitch

Well, I guess the biggest challenge would be getting used to zero gravity, because the human body just isn't (43) \_\_\_\_\_ in that kind of environment. I'd probably feel (44) \_\_\_\_\_ or disoriented at first. On top of that, being (45) \_\_\_\_\_ in a tiny spacecraft for weeks could really test my patience and (46) \_\_\_\_\_. And of course, there's always the (47) \_\_\_\_\_ — even a small (48) \_\_\_\_\_ out there could have serious or even life-threatening consequences.