UNIT 10: REACHING FOR THE SKIES

🚀 **IELTS Speaking Part 2: Long Turn (Cue Card)**

Describe a place in space you would like to visit.

You should say:

- Where it is
- How you would go there
- What you would do there
- And explain why you would like to visit this place

at an altitude	**for the sense**	**from above**	**in orbit**	**mind-blowing**	**take in**

If I had the chance, I'd love to visit **the International Space Station (ISS)**. It's orbiting Earth **(1)**_____ of about 400 kilometers, so astronauts can see 16 sunrises and sunsets every day — which is absolutely **(2)**_____!

I'd go there on a commercial space flight, perhaps with SpaceX or another private company that offers **short stays** **(3)**_____. Once there, I'd like to experience **weightlessness**, look down at the Earth, and **(4)**_____ the breathtaking view of the continents and oceans.

I've always been fascinated by outer space and how fragile our planet looks **(5)**_____. Visiting the ISS would be **a dream come true** — not only for the adventure itself but also **(6)**_____ of **perspective** it would give me about life and the environment.

at its best	**common goal**	**float in**	**home in space**	**interconnected**
launching through	**orbital tourism**	**reminder of**	**research facility**	**surreal to see**

If I ever had the opportunity, I'd love to visit **the International Space Station**, which orbits about four hundred kilometres above the Earth's surface. It's a **(7)**_____ where astronauts from all over the world live and work together, and it's probably the closest thing humanity has to a **(8)**_____.

Ideally, I'd travel there on a **commercial space flight**, perhaps with SpaceX or another private company that offers **(9)**_____. The journey itself would be an incredible experience — **(10)**_____ the atmosphere and watching the Earth gradually shrink beneath me.

Once aboard the station, I'd love to **(11)**_____ **zero gravity**, look out of the observation window, and watch the sunrise over the curve of the Earth. It would be **(12)**_____ entire continents pass by in minutes and realise how fragile and **(13)**_____ our planet really is.

The main reason I'd want to visit the ISS is that it represents **human cooperation and innovation** **(14)**_____. Despite political and cultural differences, scientists from various nations have worked side by side to make it possible. Visiting it would not just be a personal dream come true but also a **(15)**_____ what humanity can achieve when we work towards a **(16)**_____.

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blow my mind	**call it home**	**captured my imagination**	**get over**	**venture into**
giant leap	**glued to the window**	**hop on a rocket**	**low gravity**	**make our way**
roam around	**set foot on**	**ticking something off**	**try my hand at**	

If I had the chance, I'd love to **(17)**_____ **Mars**. It's the planet that has always **(18)**_____, partly because it's the most Earth-like world in our solar system, and partly because of the idea that one day, humans might **(19)**_____.

Ideally, I'd **(20)**_____ with a private company like SpaceX or Blue Origin. I imagine the journey would be nerve-racking but absolutely thrilling. I'd probably spend most of the flight **(21)**_____, watching the stars drift by as we **(22)**_____ through the vastness of space.

Once I landed, I'd love to **(23)**_____ the Martian surface, take photos of the red landscape, and maybe even **(24)**_____ collecting rock samples — just to feel like a real astronaut for a moment. Experiencing **(25)**_____ and seeing the Sun from a different distance would be something I'd **never (26)**_____.

What really draws me to Mars is the spirit of **exploration and discovery** it represents. Humanity has always wanted to **push the boundaries** and **(27)**_____ **the unknown**, and Mars is the next **(28)**_____. Visiting it would be more than just **(29)**_____ **my bucket list** — it would be **a once-in-a-lifetime adventure** that would **(30)**_____ and **change the way I look at** life on Earth.

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