UNIT 10: SPACE TRAVEL – CLOSER LOOK 1

Vocabulary

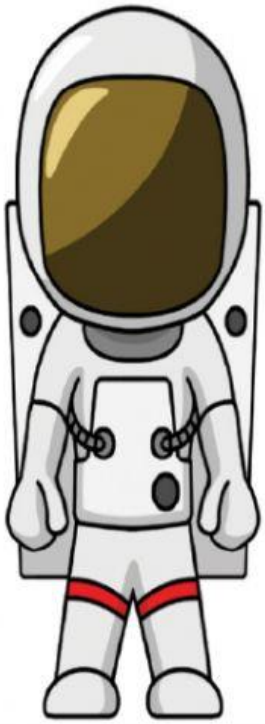
1 Fill the gaps with the verbs provided. Modify the verb if necessary.

land | orbit | train | experience | launch

1. It takes 365.256 days for Earth to _____ the Sun.
2. Have you ever _____ weightlessness?
3. The spacecraft was _____ last week.
4. In 2014 a robot named Philae, part of the Rosetta mission, successfully _____ on a comet.
5. Would you like to be _____ to become an astronaut?

Choose a word/phrase in the box to fill each blank.

a flight suit | spacewalks | operate | good health | parabolic flights



HOW ASTRONAUTS ARE TRAINED

Anyone can apply to train as an astronaut as long as they have a bachelor's degree in science, mathematics or engineering, experience as a jet pilot, and are in (1) _____. If they get accepted, there are several phases of training. The first phase requires them to pass a swimming test in (2) _____. They take (3) _____ that produce weightlessness. They also learn about various spaceship systems. In the second phase, they are trained to (4) _____ spacecraft systems and deal with emergencies. The training often takes place in a water tank laboratory so that trainees become familiar with crew activities in simulated microgravity in order to perform (5) _____.

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3 a Match these space-related idioms to their meanings.

1. over the moon	a. occasionally
2. once in a blue moon	b. almost without limit
3. out of this world	c. delighted
4. The sky's the limit.	d. amazing

b Now practise saying them with a partner.

A: How often do you play football?
B: Oh, once in a blue moon.

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