

Read the text and use the words on the right to form a word that fits in a gap:



After Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space in 1961, there was \_\_\_\_\_ in an American media source that female pilots in the USA were training to become astronauts. As a result, \_\_\_\_\_ for an all-female cosmonaut programme was gained from the Soviet \_\_\_\_\_, and in 1963 training began.

A textile \_\_\_\_\_, Valentina Tereshkova, was born 6<sup>th</sup> March 1937, had no \_\_\_\_\_ to fly into space. However, she was keen on skydiving, and her \_\_\_\_\_ in parachuting made her an \_\_\_\_\_ candidate for the Soviet space programme.

Her training included a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ challenging tests like centrifuge g-force tests and decompression tests. On 16<sup>th</sup> June 1963 Valentina Tereshkova reached outer space in her Vostok rocket. Although she experienced physical \_\_\_\_\_ for most of the \_\_\_\_\_, she orbited the Earth 48 times in just under 3 days.

After the first group of female cosmonauts was dissolved, Valentina Tereshkova stayed on at the Soviet space programme as

an \_\_\_\_\_. She retired from air force in the rank of INSTRUCT  
major general in 1997. She continued her \_\_\_\_\_ the SERVE  
country when in 2011 she was elected to the \_\_\_\_\_ NATION  
State Duma and was later re-elected for a second term in 2016.