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. — INFORM, APPROVE, GOVERN

A textile _____, Valentina Tereshkova, was born 6th 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. — WORK, INTEND, ACHIEVE, EXCEL

Her training included a lot of _____ challenging tests like centrifuge g-force tests and decompression tests. On 16th 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. — PHYSICAL, COMFORT, FLY

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

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

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