

1 Read the online article about space tourism. Notice the boldfaced words.

## SPACE TOURISM

Have you ever wanted to travel into space? Virgin Galactic, an American space exploration company, wants to take **commercial** passengers into space—for a price.

In April 2018, Virgin Galactic completed a successful test of a spacecraft to take six tourists into space. The spacecraft takes off from the ground like a plane and then goes almost straight up. After leaving Earth's **atmosphere**, the engines turn off. Outside of Earth's **gravity**, travelers experience weightlessness for several minutes. They also get an amazing view of Earth. Then the spaceplane descends 62 miles back to Earth. The cost is \$250,000 per person.

Another space exploration company, SpaceX, is planning an even bigger trip. They have two tourists who have paid millions of dollars to make a trip around the moon. The chance to see the **surface** of the moon would give travelers a view that only a few **astronauts** have seen.

Both Virgin Galactic and SpaceX have a similar **mission**—to give regular people an opportunity to experience space.



**2 Complete the definitions. Write the correct letter in the blank.**

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| 1. A seat on a commercial spaceflight is _____ . | a. a person who travels and works in space               |
| 2. Earth's atmosphere is _____ .                 | b. a trip by a spacecraft to complete a specific task    |
| 3. Gravity is _____ .                            | c. sold by a business to make money                      |
| 4. A mission is _____ .                          | d. the force that causes something to fall to the ground |
| 5. The surface is _____ .                        | e. the mixture of gases that surrounds Earth             |
| 6. An astronaut is _____ .                       |  |

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