2 (147) **Listen to a talk about Valentina Tereshkova. Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.**

1. Valentina Tereshkova joined a local flying club and became a talented parachutist while she was _____.
   A. working as a factory worker **B.** training to be a cosmonaut
2. Tereshkova and _____ other women were chosen for the Soviet space programme.
   A. three **B.** four
3. Tereshkova joined the Soviet Air Force and became _____ after completing her training and passing an examination.
   A. an Air Force officer **B.** the first female pilot
4. She travelled into space in Vostok 6 and successfully returned to Earth on _____.
   A. 16 June, 1963 **B.** 19 June, 1963
5. After the flight, Tereshkova received many awards, and _____.
   A. travelled in space again **B.** completed her university degree

Valentina Tereshkova was born in …… in Russia. She started working when she was 16. She also joined a local flying club and soon …….. a talented parachutist. Her talent for skydiving led her to the Soviet space programme. In 1962, while still a factory worker, she was accepted along with …….. other woman parachutists and a female pilot into the programme. Together, they began intensive training to become cosmonauts. Tereshkova joined the Soviet Air Force. She became an Air Force officer after completing her training and passing an …….. In 1963, at the age of ……., Tereshkova became the first woman to travel in …….. Her spacecraft Vostok 6 was guided by an automatic control system. She travelled into space in Vostok 6 on June 16, 1963 and …… returned to Earth three days later. After her historic space flight, Valentina Tereshkova received many awards, including the Hero of the Soviet Union and the Order of Lenin. She never flew in space again, and later became a test …….. and an instructor. She also completed a degree in …… sciences.

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